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DAYBREAK

The morning light is breaking,
The darkness disappears;
The sons of earth are waking
To penitential tears;
Each breeze that sweeps the ocean
Brings tidings from afar
Of nations in commotion,
Prepared for Zion's war.

See heathen nations bending
Before the God we love,
And thousand hearts ascending
In gratitude above;
While sinners now confessing,
The gospel shall obey,
And seek the Saviour's blessing,
A nation in a day.

Blest river of salvation,
Pursue thy onward way;
Flow thou to every nation,
Nor in thy richness stay;
Stay not till all the lowly
Triumphant reach their home;
Stay not till all the holy
Proclaim, "The Lord is come."

—S. F. Smith

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NOTICE

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LIVING THE SEPARATED LIFE

We find that the twelfth chapter of the Book of Romans is a very good lesson for us to study. We should read it carefully, and see if we are living up to its standard. Note the first verse:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God." We are to humble ourselves before the Lord and to be willing for him to use us as he sees fit. The second verse tells us that we are not to be conformed to this world. We are to be transformed by the renewing of our mind; that is, we are to turn from all evil things, and do service for the Lord. We should not have desires for worldly pleasures. Some people think that it is not a sin to go to picture shows, but did they ever read in the Scriptures where Jesus went to a theater? I do not want to go where Jesus would not go.

Remember, Jesus prayed for his

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disciples. He said, "Father, these are not of this world, even as I am not of the world." So, we must not be of the world, because we must follow Jesus, if we are to meet our Lord in heaven. Moreover, we are not to think of ourselves more highly than we should. We are to think in a sober manner. We must let love have the right of way in our hearts. Let us abhor all evil practices, and cling to the good. We are to be kindly toward everyone.

I often wonder if we pray enough, and do we pray as we should unto the Lord. I am afraid that some of us get too busy to pray. Remember, we are to bless those who persecute us. We are to bless and curse not. Let us be of the same mind, one toward another. We are taught that if our enemy hunger, we are to feed him. We must be overcomers of evil and do good toward everyone. Jesus said, "Follow me," and if we follow him, we

will not walk in darkness. He walked the straight and narrow way.

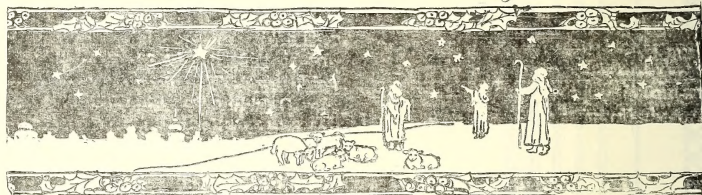
Christians are not to go off and do somethings which Christ said not for us to do. We are to be good always at home and elsewhere. True Christians cannot be good and happy in the church and then go back home and get cross and stir up strife and contention among the children. To do this is not becoming in a Christian. The Scripture tells us that we cannot serve two masters. We cannot serve God and mammon at the same time. Let us always remember that we are not what we should be without charity dwelling in our hearts.

Mrs. Mattie Smith
Vanceboro, N. C.

Beware the fury of a patient man.—Dryden.

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.—Santayana

The Shepherds and We



By Thomas Surtis Clark

The world was dark as shepherds made
their way
O'er desert wastes, beneath a guiding
star,
To seek a Child within a manger laid . . .
In search for Light, they traveled from
afar.

The Light of Life, that Child came down
from God!
How they rejoiced to look upon His face!
To their meek hearts there came a living
faith:
God spoke to them; they knew His love
and grace.

Oh, that we, too, might leave our spirit-
night
And find our way to Him who came to
tell
All mortal men of God's abounding love;
To teach good will and peace; to say,
"All's well!"

THE PROMISED SHILO

Matt. 2:1-15

Sermon by Rev. D. A. Windham

Among the passages in God's Word, to my mind, there is not a chapter or passage more surpassingly sublime than the first few verses we find in the second chapter of Matthew. Some of the greatest events of the world are here briefly touched upon. In this brief chapter an incident is related that changed the calendars of the world.

For this great incident, God was preparing Bethlehem for a period of around 1700 years. If we examine the history behind Bethlehem and the history behind the wise men I believe Christmas will have a different meaning than it ever had before.

In the first place, God gave Bethlehem a name that signifies the "House of Bread." Certainly, it is interesting to know that God attached to the name the word "bread," the staff of life, because it was to be the birthplace of Him who is the Bread of Life. Not only did God pay strict attention to the name of this little town that is sometimes called Bethlehem without giving any serious consideration to the great things God did concerning her; but God, in His wisdom and in His all wise purpose, put it into the heart of Jacob to take the mortal remains of Rachel, his wife, to the rolling plains around Bethlehem and deposit them there beneath the clods of the valley to make sacred the soil of one that was to come. When we consider the name of Rachel to mean a kind, gentle, female lamb, certainly God was preparing Bethlehem for the birthplace of Him who was to be the Lamb of God, who was to take the sins of the world away.

Then we move around a 1,000 years B. C. and there was an attractive maiden, a young widow, in other words who came from the land of Moab to the little village or town of Bethlehem and there for a while she gleaned in the field of Boaz. May we pause to consider the name of these two people. The young woman's name was Ruth and Ruth means Beauty. Certainly God was putting

the finishing touch to Bethlehem to be the birthplace of Him who was called the Rose of Sharon, the Lilly of the Valley, and One that when we see Him there would be no beauty that we should desire Him. Then, the name of Boaz is strength, and sometimes it is referred to as Plenty. After gleaning in the fields of Boaz, then from the town of Jerusalem we hear the silver tones of wedding bells.

It was here, my friends, that God took Beauty and Plenty and brought them together for the birthplace of One who was to be born, who owns the cattle of a thousand hills and even the hills upon which they graze, converging, my brother, on Him who should redeem the world.

Another wonderful incident happened just a few years after this. Approximately one thousand years before Christ, Samuel went to the home of Jesse and it was his purpose to anoint there a King of Israel. Samuel anointed David who stands today unparalleled among the Kings of the world that he might prepare Bethlehem for the first of Him who ultimately would be King of the Jews.

So we see, my friends, through the years God has been putting the finishing touches, so to speak, to the cradle that would rock Christianity for the birthplace of Him who would rule the nations even to the point when the time would come that the lion and lamb should lie down together and a little child should lead them.

Then, in the fullness of time, there were shepherds upon the rolling hills around Bethlehem who were keeping their flock by night. These shepherds, to be sure, were Jews. God chose the medium of speaking to these shepherds that he had used in speaking to the Jews throughout all of their history. When the night grew on and became cold and chilly, possibly as the second watch was rea-

dy to close his midnight vigil, behold the whole elements became as light as the noonday and an angel said, "Fear not, for I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people for unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." After the angel had delivered the wonderful message the heavens seemed to be filled with celestial angels singing "Peace on earth, good will toward men." When the angels had carried the message, when they had delivered it according to the counsel and commandments of God they departed and the shepherds went to Bethlehem and found it as the angels had said.

Remember, that He was first of all to come to His own, and His own was to receive Him not. The first message was to the Jews and eventually the Jews rejected Him.

While God was preparing Bethlehem and preparing His people to receive the message, at the same time for more than 1,700 years He was preparing a people who should come to the cradle of Christianity and pay homage to Him who was born King of the Jews. Even as early as in the time of Abraham, there was a nation in the East who was blending and lending their study to the movement of the stars in the heavenly bodies to the point where some of their discoveries are being used today and which our scientists use when they determine when we will have an eclipse of our sun or moon. In the years to come, God had these people trained and started a more intensive training when he allowed the Jew to spend 70 years among these Chaldeans in bondage. When they were taken in bondage into Chaldea they carried their Bibles. Even though they might have been in a strange land, yet they erected altars, built synagogues and kept the fires of prophecy burning at full blast. Among the number who went into Chaldea was the prophet, Daniel, and this prophet actually fixed the time

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

HOLIDAY DEATH TOLL

A news commentator announced, just after Christmas, "More than 500 were killed during the holiday season." The traffic fatalities were amazing. Just think of the lives that are snuffed out because of carelessness. No doubt that intoxication led to the majority of the deaths. But when a man or a woman gets under the wheel with a deranged mind, due to strong drink, he or she is careless. The pity of the whole thing is that often there are innocent persons knocked out by the drunken drivers. Many little children are killed because some hell-bound, ungodly, person is at the wheel under the power of strong drink. Not only are the persons in his car killed, or seriously injured, but often the car that the drunken driver runs into is destroyed and a number of good worthwhile citizens are killed and wounded. This is hurtful.

Then often when the drunken driver is caught by the law and hailed into court, some judge will say, "Six months suspended sentence, or \$50 fine and cost of the court." Such a judge ought not to be allowed to sit on the bench. A drunken man with an automobile is just as much a potential murderer as the man who goes out on a spree and takes a few wild shots at some person and takes the life of his fellowman.

But when the United States said: "Away with the eighteenth amendment," the United States endorsed drunkenness. And the District of Columbia became the leading liquor drinker of America. The United States put its O. K. on liquor drinking. Now our boys are being slaughtered by the thousands yonder in Korea and our government is still sending them beer to the front line trenches, or allowing it to be sent there by the damnable liquor advocates of

intoxicating liquors. If America does not repent and return to soberness and righteousness, we are doomed. America is going on the rocks.

"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn" (Prov. 29:2).

If America continues to drink, gamble, and live in every manner of sin we are headed for destruction. This is an awful indictment, but nevertheless it is true. People, with a few exceptions, care not for God nor righteousness. The Lord's Day, the Resurrection Day, the Day God sanctified at Pentecost with the sending of the Holy Ghost upon the believers in Christ, is desecrated by unnecessary labour and business, by sports in the rivers fishing, and in the forest hunting and the Sunday base ball and pugilistic fights, and elections, drunkenness, gambling and all manner of sinful activities. Yes, destruction is ahead!

GOD HAS A REMEDY

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humbly themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (II Chron. 7:14).

The United States has exalted herself and boasted of her superiority, her greatness, and boasted that she has "never been whipped," but it has been by the power of the righteousness of Almighty God that we have gained and maintained our freedom. But the United States can no longer boast of being a Christian America. This is a sinful nation. There are righteous people, of course. But the United States is money mad. Then, with the lust for wealth, comes in the pleasure god who is dealing out his deadly blows to the nation. And one of the most deadly enemies of our nation is a false religion—a religion minus Christ and His teachings. Paul describes it in the following.

THE APOSTASY PREDICTED

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own sel-

ves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (II Tim. 3:1-5).

"Perilous times!" Certainly it is a perilous time with our boys, being slaughtered by the thousands in Korea; "false accusers," ungodly heathen who care not for God nor man. But yet "We are lovers of self, boasters!" Certainly this is a picture of the last days. Yes, we are in the last days. "Blasphemers."! Not only in old Russia and her satellites blasphemers, but all the communists and their buddies here in America are blasphemers of God, along with many who claim to be religious. A religion without Christ and His shed-blood in a blasphemous religion. When the religion of any person is based upon that which is contrary to the teaching of the Lord Jesus, in His "Virgin birth, His atoning Blood," His literal resurrection, and His literal ascension, and His literal coming again, the propagation, of such a religion is blasphemy in action. A religion without Christ is a religion of Satan.

WHAT TO PREACH

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lust shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (II Tim. 4:1-4).

Sound doctrine, such as preached by the apostles and by our fathers, is scorned and belittled by many of the present century.

"Pure religion, and undefiled be-

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:- Department of Foreign Missions :-

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PIONEER MISSIONARY CONFERENCE A GREAT SUCCESS

In spite of extremely cold weather, hazardous roads and the rural "busy-ness" of this season, a number of Free Will Baptists met, with some visiting brethren, at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist church in Flat River for the first Missionary Conference ever to be held in the state of Missouri by Free Will Baptists.

Words fail us in attempting to describe the spirit of love and fellowship that prevailed. At every meeting there was expressed a deep interest in the promulgation of this glorious message of salvation to the whole world.

The Rev. Thomas Willey, Director of Missions in Cuba, was the principal speaker for the conference. Each message bore the imprint of brother Willey's deep passion for souls and his love for the people of Cuba.

The following is a brief summary of all that was done at this first Missions Conference in Missouri:

Friday Night:

The devotional service was conducted by the host pastor, Rev. Mark Lewis. There were several local churches represented, visiting brethren from the Central Western Association, and visitors from sister churches.

The Rev. Thomas Willey then spoke of the spiritual conditions in Cuba and of the power of God in transforming lives. The message was well received by the congregation with a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. After the message a film, "A Letter to Melitino," was shown by Rev. Kenneth Turner.

A Planning Committee was appointed by the Director, Rev. Lewis, and it consisted of the following members:

Rev. J. F. Miller, ch., Reverends

Harry Beatty, Harvey Hill, Ben Scott, F. C. Zinn.

Saturday Morning:

After the devotional service was concluded greetings from the National Promotional Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Raymond Riggs, was read. There followed an Open Forum of questions and answers about the Missions Fields. Rev. Willey conducted the Forum and read as a basis for his remarks.

2 Timothy 2:1-2. Rev. Willey also gave a short history of the progress of Missions in Cuba. In the past 7 years, we have grown from one lone missionary, Brother Willey, to five American Missionaries and forty-native pastors. We have seventy groups meeting regularly for worship. Not all of these groups are organized but they do meet regularly.

The eleven o'clock hour was devoted to another message from Rev. Willey who used John 4:4-13, as a text and for a subject, "The Foreign Missions Program Personified."

Business Hour:

Report of Planning Committee:

1. That a Committee of three persons be elected by this Conference or appointed by the State Director, to be the Missions Committee of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting. It is recommended that the State Director be given the power to appoint this committee. (This permission was granted.) Said committee to organize at their own discretion as follows: A Chairman and an assistant chairman whose duty it will be to propose and devise plans for the progress of Missions, and a Promotional Secretary-Treasurer, whose duty it will be to receive and disburse all funds received for missions. All funds to go through this committee. This committee is to be known as the Missions Committee of Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting.

2. That, each church is asked to adopt this recommendation at their next regular business meeting after Jan. 1, 1951, and declare to this committee what they will be able to give. It is strongly urged that each church adopt at last one missionary at \$75 per month, or a Native Pastor at \$30, or a native student at \$20 per month.

A. If any church would not be able to assume an entire responsibility asked for that they, with any other church who will, provide a part of the salary.

B. Should there be churches who prefer an outright offering to the committee and not support any given person on the field, the same will be sent to the National Board in the aggregate amount.

3. That we ask the Southwest Missouri Yearly Meeting to adopt this program and that they make this a part of their elective members.

4. That each Quarterly Meeting continue to devise their own program of support for Home Missions.

5. That whatever group adopted the support of a worker has a right to expect a report of their work at stated intervals.

6. Any church, who desires, extend an invitation to the State Director for help in organizing for their future support to missions.

(The above report was received in its entirety by a vote of those present.) The Missions Committee who were appointed are as follows:

Rev. F. C. Zinn, chairman

Rev. Harry Beatty, assistant chairman

Rev. Bob Hill, Promotional Secretary-Treasurer

(Address: 8905 Flavia Ave., Berkeley City, Mo.)

For further information, or literature, pertaining to these matters, write to the above address.)

The afternoon message was delivered by Rev. Willey who spoke on the subject: "The Darkest Hour in the History of the World." Rev. Willey used as a text, Mark 16:1.

An offering was received in the amount of \$61.25.

As was stated in the beginning of this article, words fail us in trying

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NATURE OF REGENERATION

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This subject is one of the highest importance. No subject needs to be studied with more earnest self-inspection, it is a matter of vital consequence to every one.

The Gospel minister, especially, needs to have a thorough experimental acquaintance with this doctrine. His great business is to seek the salvation of souls; but how can he teach others what he has no practical knowledge of himself? He is constantly laboring among sinners; he preaches to them, visits them at their homes, attends them in the chamber of sickness; he is called to labor in revivals, and to direct inquirers to the Saviour. How can he perform these duties without being a renewed man, without a deep experience of spiritual things? He should not only have such experience, but ability to explain the way of life, and to direct others therein.

There are two great sources of instruction on regeneration—the Bible, and experience. These should be impartially and faithfully appealed to; and they are sufficient. Theories unsupported by them are worthless.

We will first cite some of the Scriptural passages relating to this doctrine. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10). "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from your idols will I cleanse you."

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh" (Ezek. 36:25, 26). "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19). "You hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins" (Eph. 2:1). "He saved us by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5b). "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). Reference may also be made to the experience of Paul, the jailer, and the multitudes at Pentecost. The above and similar passages clearly teach the doctrine of regeneration, so that it cannot be denied without rejecting the authority of the Bible.

No doctrine of Scripture is better attested by experience. Multitudes in every age of the world, and in every circumstance in life, have testified to its reality from their own experience. To refuse assent to it, is to discard every rational source of evidence, and to become a univer-

sal skeptic. Yet, so depraved is the human heart that many remain in practical ignorance of this great subject.

It will be observed that the sacred writers generally employ figurative language to explain this doctrine. This method is not only in conformity to the ancient mode of representation, but it is adapted to this subject. The doctrine is one of a deep, spiritual, and mysterious nature. Hence figures must be used in describing it. And such figures are employed as the best adapted to exhibit the truth in a clear and impressive light.

Plain language is also intermingled, so that, when the subject is properly investigated, especially as illustrated by Christian experience, there need be no essential mistake respecting it.

Dr. Daniel Steel, in his Theological Compend, says: "This is that work of the Holy Spirit by which we experience a change of heart; the recovery upon the heart of the moral image of God." (Eph. 4:23, 24).

Regeneration is an intentional change, and may be variously indicated. It is a change in the governing purpose of the mind. This, in the unrenewed mind, is selfishness; in the new man it is benevolence. The former is controlled by a supreme regard to self; the latter exercises impartial love to all. He governs his conduct by motives of right, not of selfish expedience.

It is a change in the supreme object of affection. These objects among men are two—God and the world—and these are direct opposites and irreconcilable to each other. "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." The carnal mind is set on worldly objects, the spiritual mind is set on heavenly things. One makes a God of this world and has no rational object beyond the present life. The other uses this world, not abusing it, as auxiliary to a higher and eternal good.

Regeneration is a change in the moral disposition. The disposition of the wicked is to sin. In their reason and conscience they may approve right, but in their hearts they love the way of transgression, and their evil propensities have dominion over them. Their highest relish is for the pleasures of sin. The righteous, on the contrary, love holiness—they love God and duty. They love what they once hated, and are averse to those things in which they formerly took most delight. They retain the same constitutional facilities, but make a different use of them. Their thoughts and feelings flow in a new channel. They have new emotions, desires, aspiration, motives, and aims. Before, their moral disposition was sinful, now it is holy. "Old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

Millions of people call themselves Christians and think themselves on the road to heaven, when they are not, but are deceived; for they have never been born again, and Jesus himself declares, "Ex-

cept a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). How important, then, that experimental salvation be held before all men, so that they may know how to meet Bible conditions and receive a real conversion, this birth of the spirit, which endows the individual with everlasting life, happiness, and joy! What a shame, what a lasting disgrace to the fair name of Christianity, that multitudes of sin loving people should claim to be Christians simply because they have joined some church, or because they were in infancy subjected to a ceremonial rite called baptism! Yet this is a sad fact.

May God help to open the eyes of these blinded multitudes, who are rushing onward to an everlasting hell! Dear reader, if you are one of this number, I pray God to awaken you before it is too late; to write upon your soul as it were in letters of fire these words of our Lord, "Ye must be born again."

This experience of salvation taught in the new testament is not an imaginary something, but is a blessed reality. When presenting this subject the apostles always spoke with certainty. John affirmed: "We know that we have passed from death unto life" (I John 3:14). "We know that we are of God" (chap. 5:19). "We are of God . . . Every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God" (I John 4:6, 7).

Negatively, we are made conscious of this great change by the fact that all our sins are removed. It was the purpose of God "to give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins" (Luke 1:77). When the seeker is made deeply conscious of his sins, and comes to Jesus heavily burdened with the load of guilt, confesses and forsakes them according to the requirements of the Bible, and the good Lord graciously sweeps them all away by the power of his grace, and the sweet peace of heaven flows into the regenerated heart, no one is needed to inform him that he is saved, for he is the first one to realize it. The experience of freedom from sin and its guilt is now as real as was the fact of sin before. But this is not all. New feelings, new hopes, and new aspirations spring up in the soul, so that he is made to realize the truth of the scripture that says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God . . ." (2 Cor. 5:17, 18). Amen.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The King's Cross Roads choir will dedicate a 30 minutes program over WGTC, Sunday, January 7, at 3 p. m. to the fathers and mothers who have sons in the armed service.

This station is on 5,000 watts covering all of eastern North Carolina, and is 1590 on your dial.

D. A. Windham

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

CHRIST FOR ME

Christ came as God's most wonderful gift for me. This means that He was given for every person, individually, regardless of race, nationally, or the period of time in which one lives. For each human soul, Christ came as the supreme gift from heaven to bless every human heart. To his own people, the Hebrews, He came first to be their Messiah, and to point them the right way to eternal life. No one of his people had the right to disclaim Him. Christ came for the Gentiles, as well, to set them free from the bondage of sin. They sought to claim Him as their Lord and Master by the multitudes. Millions are still claiming Him as their personal Saviour.

Christ suffered in the spirit for me. He was God's supreme sacrifice from glory to pay the price of sin on the Cross for everyone. When He went about doing good unto the sick, the blind, the lame, the sorrowing, and the demon possessed individuals, He became tired in the flesh with long hours of service for those standing in need of love, sympathy, and physical comforts. When He looked upon sin and wretchedness in the hearts of the multitudes, He suffered in the spirit, in great anxiety for the lost. When He looked upon Jerusalem in great desire for the repentance of her people, He suffered and groaned in the spirit, and cried out, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem!" On the Cross of Calvary, Christ suffered for me! This means for everyone He there writhed in agony and pain, paying the price for sin for every person.

Christ died as the supreme offering for me. No one else could do that: it was for me—every human being in the world. His death was a personal matter for each human soul. And since He paid that price personally for each person, the responsible individual is obligated, because of his or her sins, to make amends for his or her transgressions against God's hold commandments by accepting the offered-up Christ as God's gift of love for the remission of sin. Christ was offered for me, because of my sins, therefore I receive this Gift gladly by surrendering my life to Him. This offering of Christ on the Cross applies to every sinner, and this sacrifice atones for the sin of every true believer—born again person—in the Lord Jesus as personal Saviour. It is a personal matter: Christ for me.

THE TOUCHY BOY

If you know a touchy boy, don't touch him. If you are not perfectly certain that you are not his sort yourself, make sure of it at once. If you have the least suspicion that you may be in the least bit "touchy," get rid of the touchiness without more ado. When we see it in others, we all agree that it is "horrid." What do others think if they see it in us, pray tell?

The hedgehog sort of a boy who is always bristling for fear of being hurt, and always shooting his quills at those who touch him, has very little time for pleasant things, because he is forever looking for himself in this unpleasant way, and his life is a burden, you may depend.

Be sensibly sensitive, but don't be touchy. There is no need of having a skin as thick as an elephant's in order to avoid being too thin-skinned. Be just right, and don't

Christ arose for me. He lives evermore for me, for the example of life supreme beyond this life of the flesh. He arose as proof of eternal life in the glory world for the saints of all time. Christ arose as the supreme power and authority over death and the grave. He came forth as the glorified Son of God to walk, talk and live among the people in the flesh, as before, for forty days on the earth. This coming forth, living, teaching, and communing with His own, all have a meaning for us—for each one for all time to come. His coming forth was directly personal to those who were closely associated with Him during the forty days. Yes, He arose that I might live the new life when this mortal body shall go back to earth from whence it came. He arose for me!

Christ is making intercession in glory for me. Through the Holy Spirit the Lord Jesus is interceding at the Throne of Grace for me. He is speaking to my heart words of consolation, assurance and hopefulness. He is, by God's Holy Spirit, directing, influencing and warning me day by day for the good of life here and the certainty of peace and happiness in the world to come. I must listen, I must obey, and I must rejoice in freely accepting his intercessions daily unto me. This means each child of God is to heed Christ's intercessions for him or her, and thereby receive the joyous benefits from His tender pleadings unto the human heart. His Holy Spirit is speaking to my conscience; my mental processes, over and over again, as life goes on day by day, that I may ever benefit from His great concern for me. It is personal, as He would have it be, for each human heart may be greatly benefitted by His intercessions as time goes on. There is a living reality, a spiritual relationship between God's Holy Spirit, and the human heart. Oh, how true it is! He is interceding for me. Surely, my heart has the right to rejoice, as long as I dwell in the love of Christ.

Summary: Christ for me in His Birth: the Gift of God's supreme love for all mankind. Christ for me in His sufferings in the flesh: His sacrifice on the Cross completed the price paid for my soul. Can I fully comprehend it? Oh, how worthy I should be! Christ arose for me: What rejoicing! What hope! What everlasting peace! Christ interceding for me: What blessed assurance! What consoling thought from day to day!

be looking for slights, nor resenting them continually. Stop thinking about yourself and little affronts, and "do something for somebody quick." This is the remedy for "touchiness," if anybody has it.—*Unknown.*

I would rather have men ask why I have no statue than why I have one.—*Marcus Cato*

PIONEER MISSIONARY CONFERENCE A GREAT SUCCESS

(continued from page five)

to describe the wonderful blessing which was ours to enjoy in this first Missions Conference. We are trusting the Lord for continued blessings as a result of our session and the plans that were made at that time.

The address of the Missouri Director of Missions is:

Rev. Mark Lewis
601 Beckley St.
Flat River, Mo.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards, reporting

NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION BOARD'S PRACTICE AND POLICY

It has been and is the practice and policy of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Mission Board:

I. TO PROMOTE—(1) To promote and have the general oversight of the State Home Mission work. (2) To promote the interest of Foreign Missions in the State.

II. TO RECEIVE—To receive funds from Conferences, Union Meetings, Churches, Sunday Schools, Leagues, Auxiliaries, and friends for Missions.

III. TO RECORD—To keep separate records such as: Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and designated funds.

IV. TO REMIT—To remit all allocated and ear-marked funds at the end of each calendar month. All Foreign Mission funds are remitted monthly.

V. TO RESERVE—To reserve a portion of the Home Mission fund. \$1,500.00 has been set up as a reserve fund and deposited with the Church Finance Association, Inc., on collateral and interest bearing security. All reserve funds are set aside from the Home Mission account.

VI. TO DISBURSE—(1) To disburse allocations approved by the Board for churches, Mission projects, and National Home Mission participation. Checks are issued each calendar month for assistance to the church or Mission project for Pas-

toral or Evangelistic service, and quarterly to National Home Mission Board.

(2) To disburse operation expense to the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Mission Board for board meetings, inquiries, applications, surveys, Secretary-Treasurer salary, supplies and equipment. This operation expense is paid out of the undesignated funds received for Missions.

VII. TO DIVIDE—(1) After the operating expense is taken out, the balance from the Mission Fund is divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions.

(2) Seventy-five percent of all Home Mission funds is being retained for State Mission work and twenty-five percent remitted to the National Home Mission Board.

VIII. TO PRAY—(1) It is our prayer and heart's desire as a Mission Board to serve the Free Will Baptist people of North Carolina according to the will of God.

(2) You are requested to pray that we, with God's help, may guide our Great Church in her effort to obey the Great Commission of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ when He said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (3) You are requested to give of your time, talent and money to make this possible.

Prayerfully submitted,
James Evans, Chairman
Rashie Kennedy, Member,
the Committee

IGLESIA BAPTISTA LIBRE DE CUBA SOME NEWS FROM MY FIELDS

By Osmundo Carrales

After my graduation I was appointed by the Workers Council as an explorer of new fields where some sugar mills are located. The labor there was arduous but glorious, and many were able to hear the message of salvation for the first time. These fields need fervent prayer and much

labor for they are infected with erroneous and diabolic doctrines.

While I was working in those places I also helped the local pastor in Vinales.

One Sunday at noontime the Spirit made me responsible to go through the streets of said town and give invitations for services and distribute tracts. Before going out to the street, I felt something that I had never felt many times before, that of embarrassment and fear to go out. I went back and knelt down and demanded the valor and encouragement that my soul was in need of in that moment to go out on the street. In the first street that I visited, a mother called me to pray for a girl who was seriously ill and God healed her. I continued to give out tracts and invite people to the service of that evening. I came to a cafe where there were a great group of men who were playing and using obscene and degrading words in both places. I interrupted the exciting and passionate game, putting a tract in the hands of every one and addressing to them a few words about God and His salvation. That night a man went to the service and called me into one of the inner rooms of the pastoral house and said: "Explain this tract to me," and added, "After you had been there in the cafe this afternoon and gave me this little piece of paper, I could not resist any more and I threw down the billiard cue (because he was playing on one of the tables), paid what corresponded to me, and suddenly I said to my companions, 'I am not playing any more,' and left there. And," he continued, "like a wounded bird I arrived at my home seeking medicine for my soul but did not find it."

This man had heard the Gospel some time before but it was that day when the Spirit worked in his soul and he surrendered himself to the Lord and today he feels happy and fortunate for having done it. By this event I am made to remember the encouraging promise of the Psalmist that we find in Psalm 126:5, 6: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall

doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

After working hard for some months in those fields before-mentioned, it was necessary that I assume the responsibility of the work in Puerta Esperanza and Playuelas, places where I had worked before. Here the work is marvelous, only we lack chapels, for in various places we are meeting in the homes. God is permitting us to build a chapel in Playuelas and we are having all we need for it, for which we thank God.

Here there are great and precious testimonies of people whom the Lord has saved and healed and there is an animated and happy atmosphere in the group of redeemed ones. And I feel happy and willing to labor to the utmost for the salvation of souls.

A MESSAGE FROM CUBA

(Note: This came too late for the Christmas issue.—Editor).

Our dear co-laborers:

"The happy Christmas comes once more,
The Heavenly Guest is at the door:
The blessed words the shepherds thrill,
The joyous tidings: Peace, goodwill!"

We are thinking of each one of you at this Christmas season and wishing that we might have time to personally write you. Since that is impossible, please accept this letter as a greeting from our hearts to yours, and know that we are praising God for you, your cooperation with us, and your love for the work. Your prayers and gifts during the year have enabled us to publish as never before the Glad Tidings of God's gift to the lost.

We have had a wonderful year in the work. Not that there have not been trials and real testings, dark valleys to pass through, and fires to try us, but God has been our stay and comfort through them all and we have come to know new grace in Him, and have found Him ever faithful.

We have had school going now

about two months and are praising Him for the precious group of students He has sent us. Each of them has come to know the Lord in a vital and real way. We have seen the power of the Word work miracles in their lives, transforming and building up. It has been our joy to see them as they come into the school, some hardly able to read, others uncouth and backward, having never had an opportunity to know the rich blessings that the Gospel brings; then see them go out princes by the grace of God. I am thinking of one precious boy we have now. If you could see the home from whence he comes you would be horrified to know that people could exist and live as they do. Yet through their extreme poverty they have come to know the Light of the glorious Gospel, and Christ has brought joy and peace to their once miserable hearts. The mother has been dead for years. The father is both father and mother to that large family. From the home Angel (his name) has come to us. Our student who works in that field led him to the Lord and then began to teach him to read and write. It seemed impossible, but Angel had received a vision of God and his heart was aflame—he was determined to learn for the glory of God. Out on the hillside many days and nights this boy wept out his heart to God. We do not have another boy in school that has so entirely given his life and his all in such an effort to prepare himself for the ministry. There is something unusual about him. He is learning fast and God's Spirit is upon him.

Oh, that there were space and time to tell you about each of them, their ringing testimony and their love for the cause of Christ. Over the fields we have opened new stations and the graduates of last year have done and are doing a splendid work. Our boy in the town of San Juan was used of the Lord to win a precious woman in a very rich family to Christ. Her husband and son forbade her to attend the services, but her testimony is so fervent that she constantly bubbling over with her "good news" to every one she meets. She has a Bi-

ble now, and Onelio tells us that, even though he is forbidden to visit her, the Holy Spirit is teaching her rich and deep truths from the Word.

Thus I could go on and on telling you of God's work in our midst, and of what your prayers and gifts are doing. We are facing a new year and as I write this letter men's hearts are failing them because of the things which are happening in our world. Should we look around our hearts would fail also, but thank God we have a glorious hope—that of His soon appearing. There are many 'Angels' yet to be won. Pray with us as never before that the Gospel might be hastened in Cuba.

"But even through the noisy strife
of life's unrest and pain
There comes the deathless message,
the echoing refrain,
Of peace and love abiding, and the
Star still lights the way
Of every heart that worships—and
keeps His Christmas Day."

Yours to serve, in the bonds of His love,

Mabel and Thomas Willey

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI HOLDS MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS
Promotional Secretary-Treasurer

Rev. Mark Lewis has set the pace as Missions Director in Missouri by going to work first in his local association. His church served as host to a recent Missionary Conference in which Rev. Thomas Willey was the principal speaker. Plans were made to increase the interest in Foreign Missions. Bro. Lewis states that if the program succeeds he hopes to present it to the other associations in his state.

We think it is a fine idea and the more men actively engaged in this important work the better.

The following portions were taken from his letter.

Our plans were laid as follows: "There was a committee of three elected to become the Foreign Missions Committee of the South East Missouri Yearly Meeting, namely: Rev. F. C. Zinn, chairman; Rev. Harry Beatty, Assistant Chairman; Rev. Robert Hill, Promotional Secretary-Treasurer. It will be the duty of this committee to promote the interest in general. Rev. Robert Hill, as Promotional Secretary-Treasurer, is to receive and disburse all

funds for the Yearly Meeting. His address is 8905 Flavia Ave., Berkeley City, Mo. Bob is a fine boy, and has a great interest in the work.

Each church in the association is to commit themselves to this committee in their first business meeting after the first of the year, as to what they will be willing and able to do for the cause. Then it is the business of the committee to KEEP them doing it, and urge them to do more. It was strongly recommended that each church, so far as possible, adopt a missionary, a native worker, or a Cuban student. Or if they don't want to personalize their giving, then simply make an outright offering—MONTHLY—to the committee. In other words, we made an attempt to make our giving constant, and consistent; and to enlarge it!

All money is to come through this committee, and all names of the adopted persons are to be pooled with them; and they are to deal with the Foreign Missions Board with a full report to our state Treasurer."

Quota for Missouri, \$8,000.00; Paid, \$2,984.97; Balance, \$5,015.03.

MISSION ITINERALE

By J. C. GRIFFIN

January 2—Shiloh
January 3—Free Union, Beaufort Co.
January 4—Belhaven
January 6—Sidney
January 8—Trinity
January 9—Union Chapel, Washington Co.
January 10—Piney Grove, Washington Co.
January 11—Mt. Olive, Washington Co.
January 12—Corinth, Martin Co.
January 15—Mt. Tabor, Washington Co.
January 16—Gum Neck
January 17—Free Union (Tyrrell)
January 18—Malachi's Chapel
January 19—Sound Side
January 22—Zion, Washington Co.
January 23—Elizabeth City
January 24—Hickory Chapel, Hertford Co.
January 25—Union Chapel, Beaufort Co.
January 26—Palmetto Chapel, Craven Co.
January 27—Ruth's Chapel, Craven Co.
January 29—New Haven, Craven Co.
January 30—Sts. Delight, Craven Co.
January 31—Bridgeton, Craven Co.
February 1—Macedonia, Craven Co.
February 2—Juniper Chapel, Craven Co.
February 5—Gethsemane, Craven Co.
February 6—Core Creek, Craven Co.
February 7—Wintergreen, Craven Co.
February 8—Mosley's Creek, Craven Co.
February 9—Pilgrim's Home, Jones Co.
February 12—Friendship, Jones Co.
February 13—Whaley's Chapel, Jones Co.
February 14—Smith's New Home
February 15—Deep Run, Lenoir Co.
February 16—Gray Branch, Lenoir Co.

On motion the Board authorize the publication of the itinerary for the showing of

the film, "A Letter to Melittino," under the direction of Rev. J. C. Griffin, and that we inform our people that at this time this Board has not authorized anyone else to solicit, or to work in any of the churches in North Carolina in the behalf of Missions. This action does not interfere with the authority and operation of the Foreign Mission Director, Rev. Rashie Kennedy.

By the N. C. State Mission Board

FROM THE FIELD

Dear Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Promotional Secy.-Treasurer
of Foreign Missions

Inclosed you will find an offering for Foreign Missions from the C. H. Zellmer family. Praying His work will continue to grow.

The Zellmers,
Freeman, Mo.

The offering was \$100.00
Rev. Raymond Riggs

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Dear Friend:

As a representative of our church I am sending \$13.06 from the Farmersville Free Will Baptist Church.

We fully believe in Foreign Missions. We have picked the first Sunday of every month to take a collection for the Foreign Mission.

Your letter was turned over to me by our pastor, Rev. Fred Morler, of Lindsay, California.

Yours truly,
Ann Brown
Sub. Secy. of the Free
Will Baptist League

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Dear Bro. Riggs:

I am very happy to be able to mail this check for \$2,155.76. This represents \$46.00 for Mrs. Stevens fund; also earmarked for Cuba \$207.73; the balance for the general F. M. fund. The pledges made by Bro. Kennedy and myself are in this check, so if you have a record of these pledges, you can check them off. Also in this check is a donation from Bro. Levi Hill for \$100.00, also the same amount from his home church which is Hull Road. Trinity church also sends \$115.00. The State Woman's Auxiliary Convention donates \$615.01.

Things are looking better, don't you think? I fear December will be rather lean; yet it should be one of the very best.

With the very sincerest regards, I am,
In His service,
J. W. Alford

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Dear Rev. Riggs:

This is our offering to the missionaries on the foreign field. Inclosed you will find a money order for \$5.00. It is from the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia.

We only wish that it could be more.

We are a new organization and we hope to do better in the future. We are glad

that we can do this little bit in the furtherance of God's work on the foreign field.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Howard Shi,
Secretary-Treasurer
Woman's Auxiliary

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Dear Bro. in Christ:

Inclosed will be a small donation to be used in Foreign Mission work. It is just a poor widows mite, but I pray God's blessings to go with this \$5.00 five dollars.

Sincerely,
Mrs. E. T. Phillips,
Tarboro, N. C.

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Dear Friend:

Was just sitting here reading one of the Free Will Baptist papers. And I sure do enjoy reading them. Was reading where someone wrote: "Are We going to forget Christmas and about giving a gift to our Lord?" It seems as though most people think of everything else first. I'm so glad this morning that I love him with all my soul above everything else. I belong to a little country church called Mt. Hope Free Will Baptist. In my early life the Lord wanted me to go work for him but I put it off. I married and have had 8 children, two of them are deceased. I have prayed for the Lord to show me a way to repay for not going when I was called since I have my family to look after, and it seems that helping out in Foreign Mission service is one way, and the other is to be a true follower for him wherever I go. So I'm sending \$5.00 in this letter to you. We pay into the church but it seems like I should pay more to Foreign Missions.

Mary Sizemore,
Wheelersburg, Ohio

FEBRUARY FOURTH, 1951, FOREIGN MISSION SUNDAY

At the National meeting last year, the Conference voted to make Sunday, February 4, 1951, Foreign Mission Sunday. Thus we are complying by advertising such and trusting that every church in our connection will remember our Foreign Mission program on that date. First of all in prayer, and perhaps, a Missionary Message or program and an offering.

Posters will be sent to every preacher that we have on our mailing list which may be used for that day or any other Sunday, merely by pasting a white strip of paper over the date and inserting another date. It will serve as a reminder to pray for our missionaries.

If our pastors will set the example by using and promoting the "Penny a Meal" plan, I'm sure that soon our deficit will be met and a reserve built up to send more missionaries.

It would be a fine gesture if every one would start the "Penny a Meal" plan now, and, on "Foreign Mission Sunday," let ev-

ery one bring their Penny a Meal offering to their respective church, or else send it to this office. If our laymen are "informed," then they will "perform." More "Penny a Meal" stickers can be had upon request.

Sincerely yours,
Rev. Raymond Riggs
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

THE PROMISED SHILO

(Continued from page 3)

of the Saviour's advent into the world.

It was believed and prevalent throughout the East that when a person, a great person, was born there would appear a star in the heavens. From these Jews, the Persian philosophers had learned there was going to be a great King born in Judea who was one day to rule the world. From these prophecies of Daniel, they realized the time was almost at hand.

One night, when these men were watching the elements God revealed to them His great purpose. There appeared in the western horizon a great star, the result of Him who guides the stars upon the way. With three of His fingers He was pushing three of our planets in the direction of Judea. In their language they were to tell these Persians that in the City of David a King had been born. For years, I have believed that when King David used these beautiful words "and the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth forth His handiwork," he saw more than we see when we look into the starry heavens. The hand of inspiration also showed the philosophers that these planets were on their way and one day would arrive at Bethlehem not a month late but would roll in on time to declare to humanity that He who was King of the Jews had been born. These Persian philosophers started the journey, because to them the language of God had spoken in terms they could understand, and to pay homage to the new born King. They arrived at Jerusalem and inquired of Him from the wrong person. Just like people do today when they stop sometime at a moral life or an empty barren church membership to find

Him who is King of the Jews and sometimes inquire of a person who is not "dead and whose life is not hid with Christ in God." They never find Him under conditions of this kind. They were directed to Bethlehem. When they came to the house where Mary and the young child lay the stars of heaven had filled their mission and continued on in their orbits. These men fully understood it and came to Bethlehem, found the young child, knelt at his cradle. How early the Gentiles began to gather to Shilo in response to a prophecy of Jacob. Not only did they follow the King to His cradle but they opened their treasuries and presented unto Him gifts; one gave gold that would be given to a King; one gave Frankincense that would be given to His Divinity; one gave Myrrh pointing to His passion and death. I want to call your attention to this one fact: those men gave their best.

This is the story, my friends. Here is your part and here is mine. We don't have a treasury that is filled with gold we can dip into and give to the Lord. Thanks be unto His Name I can dip as deeply into my treasury of love as the wise men and I can love Him with my whole heart, soul, mind and strength. I cannot dip into the treasury that the other wise men did and give the costly perfume he presented to the Christ. This Frankincense that points to His Divinity; but, I can dip into my treasury of service and I can render service to Him as loyal as any wise man who came from the East. I cannot dip into my treasury and take that costly embalming material, Myrrh, and present to Him; but, my friends, I can go into entire consecration as deeply as the wise men. I can present Him my body, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto Him which is my reasonable service. I can do that as well as the wise men. These wise men came to Bethlehem seemingly out of nowhere. They filled their mission, performed their task and played their part, then vanished as mysteriously as they came. Your soul and mine came upon the stage of action from somewhere we know not where. One day we are going

out of this world and God is going to give our souls and spirits freedom and we will go out as mysteriously as we came in.

But, Jesus who watches and keeps a constant vigil over our safety will see to it that when we leave this when we leave this world we will have a better place and another place to which we can go.

In closing, my friends, I am passing on to you the beautiful words of the poet:

"I think when I read that sweet story of old. When Jesus was here among men; how He called little children like lambs to His fold. I would liked to have been with Him then. I wish that His hands had been placed on my head; that His arms had been thrown around me and that I might have seen His kind look when He said, let the little ones come unto Me. Yet, still to His footstool in prayer I may go, and ask for a share of His love, and if I earnestly seek Him below I shall see Him above."

LIQUOR COST TOPS DAIRY PRODUCTS

More money is being spent for alcoholic beverages than for all the milk and dairy products consumed in the United States, the Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church charged in Washington, D. C.

The board said that latest Department of Commerce statistics show that alcoholic beverages are being consumed at the rate of \$8,550,000,000 a year.

For every dollar spent on food, 16 cents are spent on alcoholic beverages, the board said. Offering other comparisons, drawn from official statistical sources, it said that total expenditures for automobiles and parts, \$10.1 billion, stand only a little higher than the \$8.5 billion bill for liquor. Total expenditures for gas and oil are only half as high—\$4.5 billion.

Other figures compiled by the board with the bill for liquor are these:

Milk and dairy products . . .	\$8,000,000,000
Education	\$6,600,000,000
Motion pictures	\$1,350,000,000
Jewelry	\$1,273,000,000
Church contributions . . .	\$1,511,000,000
Tobacco	\$4,275,000,000
Toys	\$ 800,000,000
Musical instruments . . .	\$ 192,000,000

Genius is one per-cent inspiration and ninety-nine per-cent perspiration.

Trifles make perfection, but perfection itself is no trifle.—Michelangelo



A DAY OF ACTIVITY

(Lesson for January 14)

LESSON: Mark 1:21-39

GOLDEN TEXT: Matthew 9:35

I. The Heart of the Lesson

Introduction

There is little doubt but that the scriptures selected for this lesson give us a typical day from the life of the Lord Jesus. The record concerns events which occurred on "the sabbath day" (v. 21).

First of all, we shall want to discover something of the varied ministry of our Lord, but we should not forget that there is a second matter which should occupy our attention; namely, that which God would have us do in the use of our time. When the Lord gives His children gifts—whatever the particular talent—they should be used in the power of the Spirit of God to the glory of the Son of God.—Moody Monthly.

1. The Lord Teaching

Let us now consider the events more in detail. On that notable Sabbath Jesus went into the Jewish synagogue and taught. We are told that the people were astonished at his teaching. They had reason to be, for what he said, and his way of saying it, were more impressive than anything they had ever heard before. His teaching was vital, fresh, independent, and uttered with a ring of authority. It was vastly different from the dry, traditional interpretations of the scribes, who spent much time quoting from earlier rabbis. Verily there is a difference between a discourse in which one spends his time quoting other supposed authorities and an address in which one "speaks from the shoulder" and tells things that he knows. A. T. Robertson remarked that in his originality, outlook, and freshness of statement,

"Jesus was like a breeze from the hills."—Arnold's Commentary

2. The Lord Visiting

We should not lose sight of the fact that part of our Lord's ministry was in visiting. In this instance, He went to the house of Simon and Andrew. We know, of course, that He undoubtedly had in mind the particular need for healing that was involved. However, that does not take away from the fact that He did go to the house of these two brothers. There is a real ministry to be carried on as we go into the homes, for there we meet persons in their need, and there frequently we are able to talk with them about matters that otherwise we would have no opportunity to discuss.—Moody Monthly.

3. The Lord Healing

One striking characteristic of the cures wrought by Jesus was that they were instantaneous. There was no period of convalescence. When Jesus went home with Peter after the notable service in the synagogue, he found Peter's mother-in-law very sick with a fever. Luke says it was a great fever. But high fevers were no more of a problem to Jesus than low ones. He took her by the hand and lifted her up, and at once she arose and assisted in preparing the meal for all, including the visitors who had arrived. Remarkable indeed!

But that evening much more that is remarkable occurs. Look! Here the people come from every direction, bringing those who are sick and demon possessed! It seemed as though "all the city was gathered together at the door." It was a situation that would have caused the heart of any modern doctor to sink. But Jesus was not perturbed. He did not need to take time to diagnose the cases. He healed every sick person in that throng, as Matthew and Luke expressly declare, and "cast out the spirits with a word" (Matt. 8:16 AS-V). It is little wonder that after that the known presence of Jesus in Capernaum was a signal for the assembling of a throng.—Arnold's Commentary

4. The Lord Praying

Here undoubtedly we have a great secret as to the resourcefulness, the plentiful supply of physical, mental and spiritual power which should characterize us. It says that "a great while before day, He rose up and went out, and departed into a desert place, and there prayed." It is right and proper that when the people of God met together they should unite their hearts in prayer. But there is also a tremendous need for personal, individual, private prayer.

I like the plain, practical advice given by the late Thomas S. Smith, for many years a trustee of the Institute, when he used to say, "Dr. Torrey impressed on me the need to get up in the morning and have an hour or more for God's Word and prayer. The time for prayer is in the morning; not after the day has been spent and we have made all our mistakes, but early in the morning when the day is beginning." Not for one moment would we, nor would Mr. Smith if he were with us, argue against prayer in the evening. But the point is that we should have a time early in the day when we have our fellowship with God, when we hear Him speak to us, and when we pour out our souls to Him. Our Lord certainly sets an example that we should follow in His steps (I Pet. 2:21).—Moody Monthly.

(We are sure our quarterlies for the first quarter of 1951 will contain the usual helpful comments on these important lessons from Mark's gospel. Earnest prayer and hard study will bring rich blessings.)

NOTE OF THANKS

May we take this means to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to each one who was so kind and helpful to us, during our recent bereavement, occasioned by the accidental death of our son on the night of December 14th.

May God richly bless every one that in word or deed rendered any service, and also those who gave, or sent flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sutton
Long Ridge F. W. B. Church,
Route 1, Box 143,
Mt. Olive, N. C.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE HIGHLAND PARK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

FOR MONTHS OF SEPT., OCT., NOV., 1950	
Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1950	\$3,163.90
<i>Receipts</i>	
Septemehr	\$2,092.04
October	3,493.33
November	2,277.80
Total	\$7,863.17
Grand Total	\$11,027.07

<i>Disbursements</i>	
Postage	\$ 7.00
Pastoral Duties	1,420.00
Royal Roak Broadcast-	
ing Co.	747.50
Detroit Edison Co.	42.57
Tracts	19.45
Clerk and Treasurer	225.00
Victor Paint Co.	198.23
Office Supplies	53.65
Literature	132.54
Michigan Bell Tele-	
phone Co.	77.40
Church Bulletins	14.63
Michigan Consolidated	
Gas Co.	13.87
Church Mortgage	702.63
Caretaker	300.00
Caretaker Supplies	.71
F. W. B. Bible College	225.00
F. W. B. Bible College	
(by the League)	15.00
Wolverine Association	
tithe	384.00
Natl. League Board	
(by League)	16.20
Pop and Ice Cream for	
Junior Dept. of Sun-	
day School	6.20
Paid on Furnace	950.00
Evangelistic services	326.29
Puro Filter Corp.	22.50
Water Department	2.36
Parkhurst Florist	14.00
Parkhurst Florist	
(by League)	10.00
Flannelgraph Boards	
and Esels	41.16
Sunday School Env.	17.00
Revival Circulars	24.00
Paid for lot adjoining	
church property	1,500.00
Stickers for Hymn	
Books	11.00
Master Addresser	46.37
Use of Bus	15.00
Membership Certifi-	
cates	4.11
Plumbing parts	33.84
Tithing Envelopes for	
1951	24.50
Stationery	43.00
Interest on note	90.00
Tables for Nursery	
and Primary Dept.	83.50
Fence Repair	25.00

Cuban Student—	
(League)	45.00
Cuban Student—	
(Prayer Band)	50.00
Foreign Missions—	
(Woman's Aux.)	112.95
Foreign Missions—	
(Church)	740.50
Total Disbursements	8,833.66
Balance December 1, 1950	\$ 2,193.41
Respectfully submitted,	
Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan, <i>Treas.</i>	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE HIGHLAND PARK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

New members	17
Dismissed by letter	1
Deceased	2
Baptized	4
Conversions	31
Resident members	347
Non-Resident members	22
Total membership	369
Respectfully submitted,	
Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan, <i>Clerk</i>	

EVANGELIST COOK HOLDS GOOD MEETING AT EAST SIDE CHURCH, PENSACOLA, FLA.

Reverend I. O. Cook, from Altha, Florida, came to East Side F. W. B. Church, Pensacola, Florida, and conducted a revival meeting for us. It continued from Sunday night, November 19 through Friday night, November 24. Many of the people were revived in spirit, and three converts were added to the roll of our church.

The Woman's auxiliary of our church was revived greatly by the good messages which Brother Cook brought to the congregation from God's holy word. The Lord is so good to us that I cannot understand why some people continue on in sin day after day. I do not see why they do not listen to the wooing of the Spirit of God. They surely better wake up to the realization of their lost condition. They should be about their Father's business, trying to do all they can for the cause of Christ in the world. I feel that the time is very short before the coming of the Lord Jesus.

We must realize the fact that we do not really have any time of our own, for all of it belongs to God. The very breath that we breath belongs to God. Every ounce of strength that we have belongs to him. He can take our strength and our lives when he desires, for we have no limit on either. Let us be, therefore, careful and ready to meet Jesus in peace, when he calls for us to go from this life into the great eternity. Christ has said that if we will turn unto him he will draw us unto himself, and cleanse us from our sins.

There are many mothers and fathers who need to turn unto Jesus and be saved before it shall be too late for them. Think of our precious sons who are giving their lives for the sake of our country to keep it free to worship our God according to the dictates of our conscience. Parents need to walk in the light of the gospel, and lead their children to follow Jesus.

Our revival meeting certainly has proved a blessing to our church and community. We are hoping to have Brother Cook with us again to hold for us another revival meeting sometime in the very near future.

Mrs. Daisy M. Williams,
144 Aragon Court
Pensacola, Florida

ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to inform the Free Will Baptist people of North Carolina that Brother Hubert Burruss, Saratoga, N. C., has been licensed by the Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church to preach the gospel. Brother Burruss is a clean cut Christian gentleman and a good preacher. He will be glad to fill appointments for any of our ministers, or supply for any church that may not have a pastor. His address is Hubert Burruss, Saratoga, N. C., P. O. Box 54.

Rev. R. W. Allman, Gen. Del.
Saratoga, North Carolina

NOTES AND QUOTES

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fore God and the Lord Jesus Christ" is not accepted by any of the cults that deny so much of the Bible or by those who added something to the teachings of the Lord Jesus and made books that have to be read along with the Bible and are actually thought more of by those who embrace such false doctrines than the Bible and are actually thought more of by those who embrace such false doctrines than the Bible in that they are "new revelations" as they claim. "The Bible is all right as far as it is translated rightly" they say, but when you get down to the fact of their teaching, "they are the only pebbles on the beach." There is no one who knows how to translate but them, and what they do not like is never "translated right." Watch and know that God says that these things are the signs of "the last days."

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor
MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

801 Pollock Street
New Bern, N. C.

State Woman's Auxiliary Convention Organized in Florida

I want to thank you very much for the splendid announcements you ran in the paper concerning an organization meeting of a State Woman's Auxiliary Convention in Florida.

By way of report on the results of our efforts I wish to say that we were blessed with grand response. We had nine delegates, twenty-five visitors from four districts, and the Field Secretary from Georgia, Mrs. C. J. Harvey. The atmosphere of the meeting was one of prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Many faithful F. W. B. women have worked and prayed tirelessly for years to unite and organize our women. We are few in number, widely scattered, poorly versed in the subject of leadership but devout in purpose. We solicit the prayers of FWB women in all other States.

The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. C. H. Pelt, Tallahassee, Florida.

1 Vice-President—Mrs. Ernest Owen, Chipley, Florida.

2 Vice-President—Mrs. Robert Williams, Pensacola.

3 Vice-President—Mrs. J. T. Sullivan, Marianna.

4 Vice-President—Mrs. Herman Grubbs, Perry.

5 Vice-President—Mrs. M. Donaldson, Pensacola.

Rec. Secy.—Mrs. Ada Holly, Blountstown.

Field Secy.—Mrs. A. B. Cook, Bonifay.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Chester Pelt
708 W. St. Augustine
Tallahassee, Florida

GOODSPRING AUXILIARY HOLDS MEETING

The Woman's Auxiliary of Goodspring Church met in the church December 13 with 15 members present. The morning session was spent in mission study led by Mrs. Irvin McMahan.

Mrs. Charles Ford conducted the afternoon program, "Advancing with Christ through Benevolent Activities."

Following the business period a Christmas party was enjoyed by everyone present.

—Reporter

STEWARDS OF THE STEWARDSHIP PLAN

Mrs. Damon C. Dodd
433 E. Bend Drive
Nashville, Tennessee

One of the outstanding needs of the Free Will Baptist Denomination is that her people recognize their responsibility as stewards of God. Each phase of our National Associational program depends on every Free Will Baptist becoming a good steward; for, unless we are honest before God in the discharge of our Christian obligations, we cannot expect the blessings of God to rest upon our efforts in the realm of religious pursuits.

Stewardship, in its deeper meaning, is the willing giving of time, talents, and money to the Lord. It is the consecration of life and life's possessions to be used of the Lord in the advancements of the cause of righteousness. This kind of stewardship involves two principles; that God is the Sovereign owner of all things, and that man is a steward and must give an account for all that is entrusted to him. As Stewards of God, we must present our lives to Him in consecrated service. None of our acts of service are acceptable unless we have first offered our life.

Realizing the relationship of the steward to the Master, the W. N. A. C. has set down in her plan of work a list of things which, if followed, will enable every woman in the ranks of the Free Will Baptist Denomination to be a good Steward.

First, the women believe the Bible teaches that the Tithe is the minimum in giving.

Second, the W. N. A. C. voted to continue to urge our people to give to the "Thousand Co-Laborer Band." This plan includes all objectives promoted and supported by the National Association of Free Will Baptists to which the W. N. A. C. is an auxiliary. One-third of every Co-Laborer Band dollar is kept in the W. N. A. C. Treasury and two-thirds is sent monthly to the treasurer of the Boards of the National Association for distribution to Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Bible College, and to Superannuation.

Then, too, the Convention highly recommends that each local auxiliary sponsor in her church a special Church Night Stewardship program. A very fine list of books has been prepared and printed in the Year Book.

The W. N. A. C. also sponsors a Stewardship Declaration contest which is held dur-

ing the annual convention. Each state is urged to enter a contestant. For complete information get in touch with the third-vice president of your state.

These Stewardship plans will be unsuccessful unless the third-vice president of each local auxiliary does her part. To be a good Steward of the Stewardship plans, we must put the plan into operation. Let "action" be our watchword.

HOLLY SPRINGS AUXILIARY HOLDS GOOD MEETING—KENLY, ROUTE TWO

The Woman's auxiliary of Holly Springs held its monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. Pet Aycock on Thursday night, December 8, 1950. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Jonas Hinton, and a few minutes of silent prayer was held, being closed by Mrs. Harvey Hinnant.

The Scripture reading for the meeting was read by Colene Holland. The program for December was: "Advancing with Christ through Benevolent Activities." Those taking part on the program were Mrs. Henritta Aycock, Mrs. Effie Renfrow and Mrs. Linie Price. After the program was over, the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. The roll was called and the dues were collected. There was \$95 taken in at this meeting. It was agreed that we send \$6 to the Co-Labor Band; \$10 to the orphanage; \$10 to go for superannuation, and \$3 to Cragmont. We agreed to buy our pastor a Christmas gift, little Victor Radford a gift, who is confined to his home with a broken leg.

At the close of the business, Mrs. Aycock served nice refreshments to 24 members who were present for this meeting. The closing prayer was offered by Mrs. Raymond Weaver. Then came the exchanging of Christmas gifts, which was enjoyed very much by all present. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Henrietta Aycock. Visitors are welcome to attend our meetings.

Mrs. Hinton, Reporter

LOCAL AUXILIARIES MAKING SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO DISABLED MINISTERS

The following local auxiliaries took part in giving Superannuation Christmas donations for North Carolina disabled ministers:

Cabin Church, Duplin County; Mt. Zion Church, Onslow County; Whaley's Chapel, Jones County; Smith's New Home, Lenoir county; White Hill, Beaufort County; Pear-sall's Chapel, Duplin County; Christian Chapel, Lenoir County; Mosely's Creek, Craven County; Deep Run, Lenoir County; Sandy Plain, Duplin County.

List of Ministers Receiving Checks

J. W. Russell, Beaufort, N. C.; H. Pipkin, Mt. Olive, N. C.; L. J. Potter, Snead's Fer-

ry, N. C.; Duffy Tolar, Chocowinity, N. C.; R. C. Kennedy, Beulaville, N. C.
The total amount received and paid out was \$47.50.

Mrs. Walter Rhodes, 6th Vice-President
Eastern District, Beulaville, N. C.

UNIVERSAL PEACE

From the very dawn of civilization, some men have possessed an inherent hysteria to dominate their fellows. The pages of sacred and profane history record the terrible atrocities of War, which often has drenched the World with the blood of innocent men, women and children. From time immemorial, other men have devised all kinds of methods to try to stop war even to the ridiculous extent of fighting wars to end war.

Good Will policies, peace tribunals, treaties and diplomacy are most necessary and tremendously important, but insufficient.

In a pinch treaties are torn up as scraps of paper, diplomacy is inadequate and delegates walk out of the League of Nations with the slightest provocation.

Some men's hearts must be changed. The people of the World must either accept God or war. Which? I am sure bombs can and may destroy the World. I am just as certain that prayer is mightier than bombs.

At this moment laden with the gravest possibilities and responsibilities, I modestly offer the following solution.

J. Herman Canady
Kinston, N. C.

The sole purpose of this movement is to help save the World spiritually and physically. If you are willing to join with me and other people all over the World, cut out this pledge, sign it and keep it.

I do solemnly promise:

First: I will be a better member of the religious organization to which I belong.

Second: If not a member, I will join some religious group immediately.

Third: I will pray daily for one year that lasting peace will come to all

Name _____
J. Herman Canady

ANNUAL MEETING CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Inc.

The annual meeting of the Church Finance Association, Inc., of North Carolina, will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 1951, at 10:30 A. M., with the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Wayne County, near Pikeville, N. C.

All members are being notified, through the mails, of this meeting. If you are a member, and fail to receive your notice, you should represent. Please take notice hereby of the meeting. It is very necessary that we have a majority of the members represented. Visitors will be welcomed.

M. L. Johnson,
Secretary-Treasurer

BEYOND THE VALLEY

People should spend wisely, and with good purposes the time that God has allotted to them, for they know not the time when God shall call them from the stage of action into the great eternity. God the Creator of all things can give or withhold from them all things, both small and great.

The same Creator who brings the first flush of spring to the country side, who plants the violets beside the brook, and who guides the birds in their returning flight, can guide your footstep day by day. He is now beside you, as you trudge across the sands of time where many have walked before, and where untold numbers will walk in the days that are yet to come.

Dear God, my earnest plea to thee is that you will help me to walk in that straight way with unflinching steps. May I have a conscience that is clean. May I have a heart that is pure and unafraid. May I have the knowledge of thy presence day by day. Keep me, Father, as I travel this way, and may I ever be mindful of the things that tend to lead astray, and be able to shun all evil that lieth in my pathway. May those who walk this way after me be led in the way that leads to righteousness and peace.

Lord, grant to me, I pray, to be able to roll aside any obstructing stones that might be a stumbling block in my pathway. My brother who may come this way, may he follow in the straight way of peace and happiness. May he not be discouraged because of difficulties, and obstructions in his way, but may he be able to overcome them, and find encouragement in following thee.

Father, let me, when I have passed the summit of the hill, and start down the steep incline, even then let me, Lord, not to look sadly back on the things that are slipping behind. Let me not be alarmed at the lateness of the evening, neither let me be

afraid of the dark valley below, or of the dark silent river of death before me. But by faith they are made as of no account before thee, and then I shall be able to see on the other side of this present world. There will be gardens filled with beautiful flowers and among the trees I shall hear the birds singing sweet music to my ear.

Albert Ezell
Searcy, Ark., Box 268

St. Paul's Church, Elizabeth City, Reports Progress

We are indeed very grateful to our blessed Saviour for the great blessings that he has bestowed on our church for the past three months. We feel we were very fortunate in securing our pastor, the Rev. Charles W. Brown from Rockingham, N. C. Brother Brown began his pastoral work here on September 8. He has done wonderful work since he has been here with us.

There were eleven who made confession to faith in these 3 months, 9 of them united with our church. The Sunday School has increased from 18 to 65. There has also been a League organized during this time with approximately 45 members.

The Ladies Auxiliary is doing splendid work now and they are planning to do even better in the future. At the present they are having a Billboard made which will cost around \$45.00.

The church has installed gas heaters in the Sunday School Rooms and we are planning in the near future to install a gas heater to heat the main Auditorium. We are participating in buying a bus for conveying people to the church.

If the Lord wills we are planning for the year of 1951 to lead many souls to Christ. We are asking our readers to remember us in prayer that God will bless our work in Elizabeth City.

Rev. Charles W. Brown, Pastor
Miss Shirley Spruill, Church Editor

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

This is the title of the new Free Will Baptist Program, beginning Sunday, over WGBR, Jesup.

The Program is scheduled for 9:30 A. M., sponsored by Ebenezer and Glennville Free Will Baptist Churches of Ga., and we invite you to listen. Also any comment or suggestion that you may have will be appreciated.

Remember: Sunday, December 24, 1950—9:30 A. M., WGBR, Jesup—1370 on your dial.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

WHAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE?

ADELAIDE L. HALE

The late afternoon sun was doing its best to shine and to keep the air warm until the boys and girls of Shadesville could get home from school. It was late winter, and the air was still quite cold. Today was an especially cold day, and the sun was trying to help.

As the sun looked down upon the little town, he could see several little girls who walked along toward the pretty bungalows on the east side of town. These little girls were well-dressed in warm, gayly-colored snowsuits, and they chattered and laughed as they walked along. They weren't paying any heed to anyone else. A group of boys followed not too far behind them, and they, too, were comfortably dressed.

While these children walked toward the wealthier part of town, another group, somewhat more poorly clad, started toward the south—down toward the railroad tracks to what some people called the slums. Among others in this group were Joe Spivalsky, the little Italian boy, Jim Warner, whose dad was known as "Whisky" because he got drunk so often, and Ned Lewis, whose father was the city garbage collector. Many of the children at Shadesville School looked down upon these boys because of their poor circumstances. One of those who made them feel the difference most was Jack Tuttle.

Jack Tuttle was a bad boy. Oh, he did not live in the slums, or on the other side of the tracks; in fact, his father had a nice barber shop right down on Main Street, and their family lived in a clean house far from the tracks! But Jack was a bully. He snatched little boys' caps and threw them into tall trees; he pushed helpless girls into mud puddles; he delighted in tearing up homework papers before children could pass them in to the teacher. Why, only today, as he sat behind Maria Spivalsky, Joe's sister, he had pulled her long braids until she had nearly cried. That started all the trouble.

When Maria turned around and asked Jack to please stop pulling her hair, Miss Murdock saw her talking and scolded her, then told her she must stay in after school. Maria's girlish heart was nearly broken. She was Italian, and the other girls did not play with her because of that. Now, after the dreadful scolding she had received, they never would ask her to play with them. Worst of all, she adored Miss Murdock, and she did so want to be good so that maybe some day her teacher would

smile at her as she did at the rich little girls.

When school had been dismissed, all left except Maria. Miss Murdock took her daily report up to the principal's office. While she was gone, Maria tried hard to read, but the tears kept coming and she could scarcely see to read. When she did, all she saw was the look of disapproval Miss Murdock had had in her eyes when she scolded her. How miserable was poor Maria!

After a long, long time, Miss Murdock came back. She must have been anxious to go home because she already had her hat and coat on. How pretty she looked! Maria wondered if the angels did not look like her schoolteacher.

What do you suppose the teacher did when she came into the room? She walked right back and sat down on the desk in front of Maria. Maria was frightened, but she need not have been. Miss Murdock said to her in a kind voice, "Maria, I've never seen you talk in school until today. You always begin to study as soon as you come in. What were you talking to Jack Tuttle about this afternoon?" So kind was the voice, that Maria just told her teacher what had happened. Jack had pulled her braids so hard, and she had turned to ask him not to do that any more.

Miss Murdock put her arm around poor little Maria and asked her to forgive her for having made her stay after school. She had not known that Jack teased Maria so she promised to change Jack's seat tomorrow. Then she let the little girl go home.

Maria sang and skipped as she left the school. She was so happy because Miss Murdock liked her and understood that she had not meant to be bad. As she skipped along in the alley behind the lumber yard, she heard a strange sound. It sounded like someone crying for help and moaning in great pain. She stopped skipping and listened more carefully. She looked into the millyard and a strange sight met her eyes. There was Jack Tuttle lying between two high piles of lumber with his feet caught under some heavy beams. Maria quite forgot how Jack had mistreated her, and she tried and tried to move the heavy beams, but she was too small, and the beams were too heavy for her to lift.

The sun had long since gone down, and it was so cold in the lumber yard. Quick as she could, Maria took off her ragged little coat and threw it over Jack; then she ran to get someone to help Jack out of his trouble. How ashamed Jack felt! Maria was soon back with a man who easily and quickly lifted the beams and helped Jack to his feet.

Jack tried to think of something to say to thank Maria, but all he could say was, "Maria, why did you help me when I was so mean at school today?"

Maria smiled as she answered, "Jack, Jesus Christ lives in my heart. He can't stand to see people suffer and be in pain. I couldn't help myself. I just had to help you. You ought to learn to know Jesus, too, Jack."

With that answer, the poor, thinly-clad little Italian girl left the lumber yard and with a song in her heart went home to the little shack across the tracks in the slums. —*The Evangelical Friend.*

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R. B. Spencer, Secretary-Editor

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Ring Out, Wild Bells

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Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night:
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out the old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—Alfred Tennyson

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THE CHALLENGE OF MISSIONS

(NOTE: In teaching the course on "Missions" as found in Unit VII of the Student's Manual as prescribed by Evangelical Teacher Training Association, I was very much impressed with Lesson 11. Following is the chapter in full as prepared by Harold B. Street, former Missionary to Ethiopia.—REV. RAYMOND RIGGS.)

"A 'CHALLENGE' has been defined as 'a summons to a fight or duel; an invitation to participate in a contest.' And, as such, the Church of Jesus Christ is being called in stentorian tones by both the contingents of evil and righteousness to marshal her forces, enter the conflict, and snatch victory out of the clutches of peevish inifference and corpulent lethargy.

I. THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE OPEN DOOR

Present world conditions demand immediate and aggressive action. Commerce and science have outrun Christianity in reaching the dark places of the world, and with ready transportation by land, water, and air, distances have been cut to but a small fraction of what they were a decade or two ago. There are few countries to which the missionary might wish to go today, where he cannot purchase supplies to satisfy most of his needs within the borders of his country. With the speeding up of commerce there has come a new urgency to utilize all available agencies for the speeding up of the gospel light.

Missions have made a glorious advance in this century, until there are relatively few countries that have not an open door; but it is high time that the Church sent forth her battalions to enter these doors, lest they be closed, as is true of Japan, parts of China, and most Italian colonies. Paganism is manifestly losing ground. Idols and superstitions are being put away. Age-old customs of barbarity and depravity are falling before the bombardment of Christianity. Even Mohammedanism is tottering in many parts of the world. Caste and slavery are fast being abolished. Women are being elevated to a place of equality with men. This is no hour for the Church to rest back in complacent satisfaction of having entered these fields. She must go in and fully occupy and bring the giants of evil into complete subjection.

The rising power of dictators challenges every thinking Christian. They have shown themselves to be uniformly antago-

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God's Unanswerable Question

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Many years ago a Welsh minister, a man of God, beginning his sermon, leaned over the pulpit and said with a solemn air: "Friends, I have a question to ask. I cannot answer it. You cannot answer it. If an angel from heaven were here he could not answer it." The question is, Heb. 2:3 "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" This is another one of God's unanswerable questions to make us realize the importance of Salvation.

A car is speeding down the road at the speed of about 70 to 75 miles per hour. In just a few seconds it rounds a curve, and ahead of it the driver sees a red light swinging faintly back and forth, about 200 yards in front of him. There is a frantic effort at applying the brakes, and the vehicle comes to a screeching stop! The man gets out of the car and runs up the highway where he finds a car turned over in the middle of the road, and around it there are broken and bleeding bodies of the persons involved in the accident. What a terrible thing it would have been for that man to have hit those poor unfortunate people traveling at such a tremendous speed. Yes, it certainly would have been a tragedy, but someone had acted, somebody had set up a blockade to prevent such a catastrophe.

Is any man better than God? Although "It has been appointed unto men once to die and after this the judgment," God has always provided a means of escape if a man would only accept it, and act upon God's offer. All of us deserve nothing better than Hell. But there is no need for any to ever be lost. Ample provision has been made. I Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." There are numerous warnings along the road of life to prevent this eternal destruction to all who are not deaf, who are not blind, who are

not neglectful to the warnings of God.

The first warning God has set in the way as a blockade to keep men out of hell, is his Word, the Holy scripture. Over and over, on almost every page of the Bible God gives warnings to disobedient man. He said to Israel, "Return ye, return ye, for why will you die, O Israel." And Israel persisted in sin, and to spurn God's favor; to become so repulsive and degraded that God called her a backsliding heifer, but he continued to warn her, "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel."

Then secondly God sent his Son into the world to stand in the gap between you, the devil, and hell. Behold him as he died there on calvary's brow. Look! if you will. Watch him there, out yonder on the cross with earth and heaven and hell as witnesses, in agony unknown He bleeds His life away in terrible throes. He exhausts His soul as His soul is made an "Offering for Sin." And while the sun in the heavens refuses to look on that dread scene, the Son bleeds from His hands, from his feet, where the nails went, from the brow where the thorns are, from the side where the spear went. This is what God did for you when he sent his only begotten Son into the world to keep you out of Hell! And he's done more.

He sent the Holy Spirit into the world to stay until he sees fit to call the church home. And while he is here, he is here for no other purpose than to convict you of your sin. Jesus said of him. "And when he is come, (that is the Holy Ghost) he will reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment." The Holy Spirit's coming in the world then is to personally seek you out and tell you of your sin, and lead you to Christ Jesus, if you will yield yourself to him. Maybe, you're saying, I don't feel like accepting Christ to-

day. Listen friend, do you know that you are a sinner, do you ever lay down at night and sleep seems to flee, and you feel condemned for the way you have lived through the day? That is the Holy Spirit dealing with you. You had better not turn him away; you had better take him at his word, and take the Lord Jesus as your Saviour. For the Lord has said, "My spirit will not always strive with man." Don't say that you have never felt like you ought to be saved. You make God a liar, when you do, for the Word says in Titus 2:12,13, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."

As little as you make think of it, God has sent and ordained the church to be a blockade in your way, to keep you out of hell. The church is directly responsible for all the modern civilization you enjoy today. Whoever heard of schools for both the rich and the poor until there was such a thing as the church? Who's responsible for major colleges and universities in our land today? The church, and you know it. Who's responsible for the best architecture in your cities that so beautifully decorate the city or the country side in the place where you live? Who has spent millions of dollars in erecting hospitals in your cities and towns, you're forced to admit, for the largest part, it's the church. Who plays the most important part in keeping the nation free from crime and violence? the law enforcement? Yes. But who stops crime at its roots. The church that teaches your boys and girls and my boy the principles of Jesus Christ, and how to be saved from sin. And the voice of the church cries out today the words of Jesus "Come unto me all ye ends of the earth and be ye saved, for I am God and there is none else . . ."

I ask you in the face of all these truths, "How can we escape, if we

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

GOD AND SCIENCE

I am not a scientist, but I have learned that true science never crosses its wires, neither does God conflict Himself. In all of the works of God there is perfect co-operation. Paul speaks of a "science falsely so called." So whenever science crosses the Word of God, I know that I should watch the advocate of such "science," because the time is here when false prophets cry here and cry there, as the Lord Jesus said they would do. I will quote the whole verse of Scripture as Paul gave it to Timothy. This admonition to Timothy was: "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane babblings and opposition of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith . . ." (I Tim. 6:20, 21).

So there is a false science and the apostle knew both God and science, therefore the young preacher was warned to be on his guard and not let the babblings and opposition throw him off his guard. We need to be careful as to what kind of science we accept. A science that would, in any way, contradict the inspired word of God, as given to us in the holy Scriptures, will not be accepted by us who really believe in and know the Lord Jesus Christ in the pardon and forgiveness of sin. Dr. William Ward Ayer says in his book, "What Goes On Here!" "Be it known that man cannot scientifically deny the reality of a personal God, because God remains the same regardless of the denial. God is not a concept of the human mind. The knowledge of God is a revelation and an experience. If revelation is denied and experience ignored, no amount of scientific knowledge can suffice to make God known to the human heart. The God of the universe, the God of Moses, the God of Jesus Christ can never be personally known by an application of cold scientific law. Neither does our God need special defence because of today's evil world-conditions." Then Dr. Ayer goes on to say: "We have not come to the end of this story. God is thoroughly capable of justifying His existence, His goodness, love and universal purpose without aid of the latest discoveries in physics. Even the law of universal relativity, if there be truth in it, finds no application here."

However, all this is but the expression of the workings of the mystery of iniquity. These attacks are but little importance to the Christian. They are merely pimples

that tell of poison in the blood. Then Dr. Ayer quotes second Corinthians which says, "For of such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness: whose end shall be according to their works." (2 Corinthians 11:13, 14).

This scripture here makes it plain that lawlessness has its foundation in false religions and is at work in what is called the church. There are many false religions that look good from the outside, but when you discover the inward parts, they contradict the Word of God.

What we want to emphasize is this: any religion, it matters not from whence, or through whom it comes; call it anything you may to make it sound religion is of Satan if Christ is not the Foundation. May we notice some of these.

SALVATION BY WORKS

There are those who call themselves Christians who are depending on works for their salvation. They quote many scriptures, often by taking them out of their proper settings, and placing their own interpretation thereon, to make it appear to prove their claim. They often use the second chapter of James where they make it appear that we are justified by works only.

"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?" (James 2:14). Why do they not get the verses that precede this verse and get the subject. James says in the tenth verse, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." So if a man says his faith is in works, he must keep the whole law, a thing which Paul says cannot be done. "What doth it profit, my brethren?" If you have faith you must know that faith by your works. It is not the works, but the faith that produces that work. In the eighteenth verse we read, "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." James is saying that the only way that we can prove our faith is by our works. We are known by our works, not saved by them. Jesus says, "The tree is known by the fruit." So people do not have to judge us, when they see what kind of a life we live. They know. Some of these "salvation by works" Christians are very true to their works around the churches and very poor demonstrators of their works when dealing with their fellowship. Sometimes they observe sacred rights and privileges in worship and loosely use "God's name in vain, even near the church door." Some will even get out early and go to what they call worship on the Lord's day

and get drunk before night, or go out fishing or hunting, or off to some place of sin and spend the day in sinful living. Some deny themselves of meats and make other sacrifices trying to be saved by works. Some try to keep the law, thus placing themselves under the curse of the law, for it is assured that instead of being saved by the law we are condemned by the law. The eighth verse of this second chapter of James says, "If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well." The Pharisees claimed to keep the law and hated others. I have seen people who are trying to keep the law, and in their hearts there is hatred, instead of love for their neighbor. Let us hear Paul on the question of Law. "For the law of the Spirit of Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son, in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh; That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Rom. 8:2-4). May we quote Paul again, "Be ware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power" (Col. 2:8-10). Here, it is Christ, not Law. Not works but grace. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

THE LAW OF ORDINANCES BLOTTED OUT

"And ye being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses: Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross . . ." "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or drink, nor in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: which are a shadow of good things to come; but the body is of Christ" (Eph. 2:14, 16, 17). "For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God." (Hebrews 7:18, 19).

"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins, and their iniquities will I remember no more. In that he saith a new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away" (Heb.

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Reporting Our Visit--Services Held in Churches

Dear Co-Workers:

New Year's Greetings in the Name of Our Wonderful Saviour!

The time has gone by so rapidly since we wrote from Cedar Island that we can hardly realize how fast things are moving in this world. We spent two nights down there with those beloved ones. It was indeed a dear visit, as we pastored their church for them two years. The two services which we held we feel were a great blessing to all. We were sorry that Brother Windham, the present pastor, could not be with us.

Some of the churches which we have visited have pastors too far away and they could not be with us. Some places we visited we did not know who their pastors were until we arrived at the church. But we tried to write to each one after making our visit.

We went to Sea Level, and had a precious service there, and spent the night in the home of Brother and Sister Gene Gaskill. They have been faithful members through the years in their church. The next stop which we made was at Stacy where Brother Jackson is pastoring. We experienced a glorious spiritual meeting there with those dear people. It was our privilege to spend the night with Brother and Sister Romone Gaskins. They are some more of God's chosen ones. They were very dear to us. Several years ago when Brother Alford was pastor of the church we were privileged to hold their revival meeting, and it was a glorious meeting with a number of souls saved and the church greatly revived in the Spirit of the Lord.

Our next stop was at the church of Davis, N. C., where we lived for two years, and pastored the church. It was indeed a wonderful privilege to hold three services for those people. Each service was very spiritual and sweet. Brother Jackson is also the pastor of Davis Church. We certainly did enjoy the splendid fellowship with him and his good wife. We held a Sunday afternoon service on Hark-

er's Island with the Pilgrim Holiness Church where we had a number of friends. This was a precious service.

On Monday our stop was the Betty F. W. B. Church. It is another one of Brother Jackson's churches. That night was very cold, but God gave us a wonderful outpouring of His Holy Spirit which made the service real. The next stop was with our Beaufort church where Brother Leon Styron is pastoring. He is also pastor at Sea Level. He gave to us a warm reception. We held two splendid services at this church. They were night services. It had been our privilege to conduct two revival meetings in Beaufort some years ago, and the people are very dear unto us. Our next visit was to Russell's Creek Church. This is one of Brother Stilly's churches. While there we had a wonderful service, and a young mother accepted Christ as her personal Saviour. She is now ready for baptism. This too was very dear to us, for we had experienced a great revival with this church several years ago, and saw a great many saved. While there we visited several sick people.

The next day we went down to Edwards Chapel, another one of Brother Stilly's churches. The service which we held at this church was indeed a very precious one. It was a spiritual uplift to everyone present for the meeting. Upon leaving this church we visited Morehead City Church with Brother Smith and his good church people. We enjoyed a wonderful time in the Lord while visiting with these good people. Two precious souls came forward for prayer. One was converted, and the other dedicated her life to the Master. We have held three revival meetings at this church in the past with splendid results. We do feel that Brother Smith will have a fruitful ministry in Morehead City. The church people love him, and no doubt they will all be greatly blessed.

This is as far as we will go this week with our reports. We will take

up where we are leaving off next time. Pray for us that souls may be saved above everything. We have greatly enjoyed the fellowship with all of our dear ministers and their churches. We are encouraging all of our churches to do more for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Christian education, orphanage work, and for the retired ministers. We need to take care of every phase of our church work. We are rejoicing to find all of the churches that we have visited, together with their pastors, supporting our program. We have encouraged them, trying to leave the fire of "Missions and Evangelism" boosted in every church that we have visited.

Our entertainment in every home was simply wonderful. We did greatly rejoice to find most of our churches with new Sunday School rooms. Some have new parsonages. They show great pride in beautifying the house of God. Like Paul of old we greatly rejoiced to have this privilege of going back over the territory where we labored years ago. Again we say that the fellowship with our dear ministers has been very precious to our hearts. With Christian love and greetings for the success of the New Year, we close this report of our visits.

We are yours for Jesus,
H. W. and Lizzie McAdams

Money As a By-Product

The world has tried for centuries to run its affairs on the principle of "looking out for Number One," and has made a poor job of it.

Christ's program shifts the emphasis: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." Of course, "all these things shall be added unto you."

But that is not the main product of Christianity. The Kingdom is the great object and outcome. The Christian's well-being is in its inevitable by-product. So is it with the tithe. Obedience, here as elsewhere, produces blessing both spiritual and temporal.—Layman

We find in life exactly what we put into it.—Emerson

GOD'S UNANSWERABLE QUESTION

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neglect so great salvation?" I tell you that in these tragic days we are living in today it's either repent America, or suffer destruction and total inhibition by inhumane, heathenistic, anti-God, unholy, diabolical, Russian occupation. I am not an alarmist, but I do know that God will not tolerate or condone sin. Israel was warned by this same message. "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. Return ye, return ye, for why will you die O Israel?" She refused the message and suffered the consequent Babylonian captivity and occupation. Do you think for one minute that God will any more condone sin today than he did then? I repeat that it's either repent or perish. America has every right to call on God for protection when the nation as a whole is Christian. But we can't claim that assuredly today. When America comes back to God, then and then only can she claim the promise that God will fight her battles.

The Lord has presented you with a royal invitation. As a king he asks you to a wedding feast. As the father of our Lord Jesus Christ he invites you to the marriage supper of the Lamb. As a merciful and loving God he invites you. Listen to his plea today. "Ho everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." You would not turn the banker down if he wanted an appointment with you. If a business man wanted an appointment with you to discuss some business matters of profit to you, you would turn hand springs getting ready to meet him. If the president of the United States called you to Washington for a presidential citation, you would take the fastest plane for Washington. Wouldn't you? But what are you doing about the greatest invitation man has ever received? An invitation that involves not only time, but eternity, not only heaven, but hell also.

God doesn't intend for you to spurn his invitation. You recall that when the ones that were first invited to

the wedding feast as recorded in Matthew 22:1-14, didn't come that the Lord said to his servants "Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage." For they that were first bidden were not worthy.

Have you ever asked yourself the question, what made Jesus die on the cross for me and for the world? What caused him to suffer unnameable cursings from a crazy-mad mob; to be abused, to be spat upon, to be crowned with thorns, and finally the shuddering necessity of a world's sin rolled in upon his soul?" And he who knew no sin, God made to be sin for us, that we might be the righteousness of God in him!" Do you know that Jesus could have called twelve legions of angels to his rescue? But, no! He suffered there for you, that he might pay the price of your redemption. It isn't right to refuse him. Heb. 10:29 tells us that "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the spirit of grace?"

Perhaps you are thinking of taking Christ someday. Don't put it off. Please don't say, "Not today, but perhaps some other day." Beloved, you're gambling with your soul and the stakes are for eternity. The story is told, of an incident in New York City, of a man that was going to show his daring by climbing up the side of the Empire State building. They called him the human fly. He had suction cups on the soles of his shoes which he trusted would hold him securely to the building. Up and up he went, from story to story, and almost to the top, but something happened. He must have made the wrong move, or the suction cups must have come loose. And while the people, crowds of people, stand gazing up with open-mouthed amazement, his body comes hurtling to the cement below to be crushed into bloody mush. He had gambled with his life; he had played the chance and failed. But I say to you neglect is taking the

chance. Remember you're not just gambling with life, but with the dim, dark, dismal, desolate, realities of eternity. And "The soul that sinneth it shall die."

There were five wise virgins and five foolish ones. The five wise took oil with them besides the oil they carried in their lamps. The five foolish neglected to take extra oil. And meanwhile they all slumbered and slept. And at the midnight hour there came the call to make ready for the bridegroom. The five wise virgins arose and trimmed their lamps, but the five foolish virgins found that their lamps had gone out. They began to beg of the other five who had not been negligent in having extra oil to give to them, but they would not. But rather said, "Go to them that sell." The remainder is a sad story. They were left out and the Lord said, "Depart from me, I never knew you."

It's great to be a Christian. There is one thing certain, that neglect of salvation is needless. It is for the "whosoever will let him come." The story is told of some seamen whose ship had been blown out from under them in World War 1. They were left to the mercy of the ocean in a small boat. After a few days their provisions ran out, even all the water was gone. As the hours slowly drifted by with dull monotony, their throats and tongues began to swell and crack for lack of water. The hot sun parched them like a hot oven would roast a pig. Fever enveloped them, and they had all but given up hope, when a ship was sighted in the distance. As soon as it came within shouting distance, they began to shout . . . "give us water . . . give us water . . . we're dying of thirst!" And the report came back "Dip and drink." Of course they did not know, but they had drifted into the mouth of the great Amazon river; it was not salt water they were floating on, but fresh clean drinking water. And such is the grace of God supplied to you. You may not realize it, but it doesn't matter who you are, where you are, or what you've done, God's

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THE NEW YEAR

For the farmer it means looking ahead for new plans. He arranges early for ground breaking, for seed sowing, and cultivation of the new crop. He looks forward to the repairing of farm buildings, arranging for his tenants, getting his farm machinery in proper condition for daily use. He marks off the acres for the different things he is to grow on his farm this new year. He thinks over carefully in his mind how he is going to handle things as the days come and go. He aims to do a little better this year on his farms than he did last year. He is aggressive in his thinking and seeks to be progressive in all of his farm activities. He wants to make a success and to make money for the support of his family, the upkeep of his farms, and the laying away some cash for the "rainy day." Thus, he is kept busy during the year with his business of farming.

The merchant, at the beginning of this New Year, takes an inventory of his stock of goods, checks his books for losses and gains of the past year, and formulates his plans to run his business on a little better scale this year. If possible, he is expecting to do a better business than he did last year. He seeks to make purchases of his goods wisely and to sell on a broader scale than last year. He therefore plans to do a larger business than last year. He puts much hard thinking into his business, and he looks after it week by week as the days pass into months. He knows that he must do this, if he is to be successful, and to profit greatly from his time, efforts and investments. Yes, that is life for the business man. His failure or success depends very largely upon his planning of his business, his ability of appraising conditions of the country in general, and his foresight to see what the trend of business for him will most likely be during the year. Thus, with faith, courage, and determination, he proceeds with his business on a large scale for profit, business growth, and material expansion in his field of public service to his town or community. That is life to him.

For the church, the New Year holds out to its members new opportunities, new hopes, and new aspirations.

It gives time for new activities, greater church programs, material expansion, and the like. It offers opportunity, greater than ever, for the members and the pastor to make more real the spirit of Christ in their entire community than ever before. The pastor and people will have the privilege of taking an inventory of their church, its past year's achievements, its future prospects, and their making new resolves for the accomplishments of greater things for this New Year. With faith, sincere devotion to the Lord, and with a strong determination to evangelize for Christ the whole population within their district, they can go forward with zeal, new ambitions, and with great love in their hearts for lost souls, and achieve greater things for the Lord than ever before in the history of their church. This New Year stretches out before them opportunities without number for their success and God's glory.

In the field of Christian education, this New Year offers adequate time to every church for liberal giving, month after month, sums of money to the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. Such will be the opportunity for better equipping that institution for a greater service in the field of training men and women for the ministry, and religious teaching. In the field of missions, this year will give both pastor and the members opportunities for raising funds for our workers in Africa, Cuba, and India. As the clock ticks off the minutes, hours, days and months this year, let every church do its part by giving liberally to this most worthy cause.

No church, and no pastor can afford this year to neglect the cause of the disabled ministers of the denomination, the needy widows, and the orphans in our orphanages. These deserve the attention, love and care of every church and pastor. And it is through the channels of the church, Sunday School, Woman's auxiliary, and the Young People's League that money must be given to adequately support these causes. The New Year speaks out in clear language: "My time is yours; my opportunities are yours; my prevailing conditions are yours. Go forth and use all of them for your joy, for the good of others, and for the glory of God."

A BRAND NEW YEAR

Eleanor Hammond

A brand new year's a splendid thing
For one to use!
A year to fill with all the things
You wish to choose!

Let's see how many kindnesses
Will pack in here!
Perhaps then at the end we'll find

A well filled year!

Let's put in smiles of folks we know
And of our own,
So this will be as bright a year
As we have known!

Let's share our happiness and fun,
Make folks less sad!
We'll find our year a bit more full,
A bit more glad!

A new year is a splendid gift—

Now we begin it,
Let's stop and think awhile and choose
What we'll put in it!

—The Brethren Evangelist.

There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: when he can't afford it, and when he can.—Mark Twain

Middlesex Orphanage

NOVEMBER RECEIPTS FOR 1950

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing, but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

GENERAL FUND

Eastern

St. Johns Chapel	\$ 16.15
5th Sunday School Convention	25.00
Serecta	59.02
Carteret County Union	40.00
Northeast	8.61
Snow Hill	12.40
Roe	6.00
Bethlehem	5.00
Kinston	37.00
Gray Branch	35.00
Ephesus	38.21
5th Union	95.00
Friendship	54.26
White Oak Grove	49.58
Morehead City	51.57
Ruth's Chapel	32.89
3rd Union	45.00
St. Mary's	28.20
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	4.30
Lane's Chapel	12.50
Davis	4.56
Piney Grove, Beaufort County	45.00
Kinston	26.00
Wardens Grove	25.00
Palmetto Chapel	60.00
Trent	113.20
Cabin	14.00
Pilgrim's Rest	20.00
Reunion Chapel	9.00
Folkstone	11.00
Daileys Chapel	27.50
Wintergreen	10.00
Oak Grove	25.00
Brice's Creek	12.55
Grantsboro	27.42
Beulaville	46.75
Whaleys Chapel	10.06
Welcome Home	5.00
Moselev's Creek	18.80
Long Ridge	82.33
Beaufort	86.00
Edwards Chapel	4.00
Arapahoe	17.18
Pilgrim's Home	24.56
Rooty Branch	22.10
Rock of Zion	9.00
Verona	12.00
Juniper Chapel	30.00
New Bethlehem	78.06
Deep Run	3.55
Oriental	19.46
Bridgeton	10.00
Laniers Chapel	45.00
Christian Chapel	9.50
British Chapel	25.00
Woodington	51.00
Pearsalls Chapel	95.25
Bethel	12.00
White Hill	11.03
Dublin Grove	27.88
Core Creek	5.00
Sneads Ferry	54.01
Union Chapel	25.00
Gethsemane	155.00
Macedonia	
Total	\$2,085.45

Central

Daniels Chapel	\$ 52.54
Sts. Delight	8.00
Pleasant Hill	36.00
Harrells Chapel	22.00
Edgewood	57.96
2nd Union	85.80
Shiloh	10.09
Sweet Gum Grove	85.72
Aspin Grove	30.00
2nd Union (League Convention)	1.41
Dawsons Grove	9.00
4th Union Auxiliary Convention	44.85
Bethany	69.62
Rose of Sharon	40.80
Marlboro	81.35
Hull Road	413.50
Howell Swamp	38.00
Black Jack	84.01
Ayden	20.35
Mrs. Rebecca Mills	15.00
Elm Grove	59.05
Watery Branch	4.20
Saratoga	6.60
Piney Grove, Pitt County	34.00
Hugo	35.50
Greenville	165.95
Antioch	12.71
Little Creek	35.00
Reedy Branch	25.00
Walnut Creek	21.00
King's Cross Roads	62.57
Dilda's Grove	36.80
Gum Swamp	87.71
Free Union	38.81
Friendship	22.93
Grimsley	61.37
Spring Branch	10.00
Conference	200.00
Perkers Chapel	30.00
Winterville	45.50
Rose Hill	5.00
Total	\$2,255.41

Albemarle

Free Union	\$ 3.75
Corinth	10.00
Soundside	23.00
Sidney	27.20
Hickory Grove	38.45
Mt. Tabor	26.62
St. Paul	30.10
Little Creek	12.00
Gum Neck	10.00
Mt. Olive	8.00
Belhaven	37.25
Piney Grove, Beaufort County	14.00
Hickory Chapel	57.38
Total	\$297.75

Cape Fear

Powhatan	\$ 82.00
Lee's Chapel	33.16
Stevens Chapel	33.00
Daly's Chapel	21.15
Tee's Chapel	12.50
Yelverton's Grove	9.28
Wooten's Chapel	3.00
Roberts Grove	38.10
Bethel, Johnston County	76.26
Goldsboro	46.00
Hopewell	60.10
Caseys Chapel	122.05
Prospect	20.00
Riverside	20.00
Shady Grove	50.00
Pleasant Grove	54.80
Bethel, Lenoir County	10.00

Corinth	14.00
Total	\$705.40

Western

Marsh Swamp	\$ 11.00
1st Union	31.00
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	313.04
Elwood Lane	42.43
Shady Grove	11.10
Little Rock	29.45
New Sandy Hill	33.35
Friendship	45.00
Piney Grove	.60
Rains Cross Roads	146.15
Edgemont	29.00
Tippetts Chapel	2.01
Barnes Hill	69.70
Everetts Chapel	80.50
Fremont Chapel	14.40
Calvary	27.20
Mt. Zion, Wilson County	50.65
Selma	11.10
Milbourne	13.80
Union Chapel (Nash County)	28.90
Stoney Hill	25.55
Union Grove, Wayne County	69.46
Holly Springs	25.85
Sts. Delight	13.60
People's Chapel	90.00
Flood's Chapel	18.00
Mt. Zion, Nash County	60.00
Branch Chapel	48.43
Rock Springs	20.07
Pleasant Plain	100.00
Kings Chapel	5.00
Stancils Chapel	66.93
Sherron Acres	17.26
Spring Hill	50.00
Watson Grove	10.00
Wilson	159.86
White Oak Hill	18.15
Total	\$1,761.34

French Broad

Avery's Creek	\$ 16.54
Beaverdam	10.00
Old Fort	12.00
Horney Heights	50.00
Laureton Chapel	11.50
Homers Chapel	26.00
Canton	33.05
Mountain View	15.00
Dry Branch	15.00
Miss Ruth Cassidy	5.00
Fugate	8.00
Rays Chapel	11.50
Asheville	18.50
Sweeten Creek	16.15
Pisgah	8.75
Barnardsville	15.00
Rocky Branch	10.00
Walnut	6.00
Mt. Bethel	15.90
Burgins Chapel	4.00
Cedar Hill	22.00
Total	\$329.89

Western Yearly

Beaver Creek	\$ 10.00
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Toe River

McCourry Rock	\$ 10.00
Hunt Dale	2.00
Elk Mountain	4.50
Lewis Chapel	16.00
Lyons Chapel	7.00
Total	\$ 39.50

Jack's Creek

Liberty	\$ 73.68
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Piedmont

Convention	\$ 25.00
Mt. Holly	19.94
Mabel Avenue	53.22

E. Belmont	18.00
Ben Avenue	24.65
Goshen Grove	117.76
Cramerton	25.00
New Hope	32.00
Caroleen	14.00
Stanley	7.50
Aleo	74.83
Lowell	26.00
1st Marion	32.55
Arrington Heights	41.50
Ridgeway	18.00
Wayside	64.00
Westover	1.91
Mt. Zion	10.10
Total	\$605.96

Pee Dee

1st Union	\$ 19.64
Mt. Calvary	128.46
White Oak	111.00
Total	\$259.10

Rockfish

Pine Grove	\$ 26.00
Mt. Moriah	14.00
Hickory Grove	1.00
Sandy Grove	12.00
Total	\$ 53.00

Conference Uncertain

Mt. Ariel	\$ 5.20
Meadow View	5.00
Ernestville	1.00
Bethlehem	26.41
Piney Grove	7.00
Total	\$ 44.61

Miscellaneous

Parents and Relatives	\$ 47.40
Refunds	9.84
Janson Cotton Company	100.00
Rev. L. H. Griffith	5.00
Coupons	53.18
Young People's Friend Sub.	7.00
Farm cash sales	201.30
Lizzie W. Mold	1.00
Mrs. J. S. Jones	1.00
Billie Ann Spencer	2.00
Rev. I. W. Plyler	3.00
Rev. J. W. Alford	5.00
W. H. Applewhite	20.00
Mrs. Susan J. Smith	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Pike	50.00
J. E. Faulkner	18.60
Harris Street	1.00
J. W. Uzzell	100.00
C. E. Ferguson	12.15
Mrs. Jolin Ramsey	1.00
C. L. Hardy Horse & Mule Co.	5.00
Planters Warehouse, Farmville	25.00
Percy B. Holden	25.00
Rev. J. C. Moye	100.00
Middlesex Furniture Company	25.00
Mrs. R. W. White	3.00
W. C. Marshburn	5.00
B. H. Owens	5.00
Ann Bell	.40
Lonnie Lewis	25.00
Rev. C. J. Harris	25.00
Free Will Baptist Bible College	1.00
James McGuage	18.79
O. C. Holland	5.00
Rev. Romie Mitchell	58.06
Charlie Watkins	10.00
Mrs. A. D. Williams	5.00
Luke Nobles	5.00
Wilton Ray Wood	1.00
Etta Boykin	1.00
Miss Eloise Waring	5.00
Mrs. Ada Smith	5.00
Mrs. J. R. Batten	3.10
Ruth Toler	15.45
N. C. Auxiliary Convention	10.00
Dr. J. H. Harper	10.00

Dr. M. Hinnant	7.40
Total	\$1,043.67

CLOTHING FUND

<i>Cape Fear</i>	
Corinth Auxiliary	\$ 30.00
Auxiliary Convention	30.00
Total	\$ 60.00

Eastern

Mt. Zion Auxiliary	\$ 30.00
3rd Vocal Union	60.00
Total	\$ 90.00

Western

Wilson Auxiliary	\$ 10.90
Sherron Acres	30.00
Total	\$ 40.90

Albemarle

Hickory Grove Sunday School	\$ 35.00
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MUSIC FUND

Kinston Auxiliary (Eastern)	\$ 5.00
Greenville Auxiliary (Central)	5.00
Smithfield Ladies Bible Class (Cape Fear)	5.00
Total	\$ 15.00

ROOM FURNISHING

John Dixon Sunday School Class	
Black Jack (Central)	\$ 60.00

STOVE FUND

Wooten's Chapel Auxiliary (Cape Fear)	\$ 6.50
Little Creek Aux. (Central)	5.00
Total	\$ 11.50

SEWING MACHINE FUND

Little Creek Aux. (Central)	\$ 5.00
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BED SPREADS AND SHEETS

Little Creek Aux. (Central)	\$ 5.00
Hopewell Circle No. 1 (Cape Fear)	10.00
Malachi's Chapel Aux. (Albemarle)	5.00
N. C. Auxiliary Convention	5.00
Total	\$ 25.00

CHAPEL FUND

E. G. Holland Estate for Memorial Entrance	\$500.00
Moseley's Creek (Eastern)	10.00
Maury (Central)	1.00
Sunday School Conv. (Central)	15.44
Total	\$526.44

FUND TO REFURNISH GIRLS BLDG.

Grimsley Auxiliary (Central)	\$ 25.00
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ALBEMARLE COTTAGE

Sunday School Convention	\$386.81
Conference	44.55
Union Meeting	95.65
Free Union, Beaufort County	92.00
Shiloh (Central)	140.00
Total	\$759.01

TOTALS

General Fund	\$ 9,564.76
Stove Fund	11.50
Sewing Machine Fund	5.00
Bed Spreads and Sheet Fund	25.00
Chapel Fund	526.44
Girls Building Fund	25.00
Albemarle Cottage Fund	759.01
Clothing Fund	225.98

Music Fund	15.00
Room Furnishing Fund	60.00

Grand Total \$11,217.69

BUDGET RECEIPTS

Eastern Conference	\$ 4,406.11
Central Conference	3,660.23
Western Conference	4,698.61
Cape Fear Conference	1,383.63
French Broad Conference	497.49
Albemarle Conference	538.63
Rockfish Conference	169.70
Pee Dee Association	326.46
Jacks Creek Association	230.71
Piedmont Association	687.96
Toe River Association	39.50
Western Yearly Association	15.00
Total	\$16,654.03

DONATED COMMODITIES

Grover T. Lamm, Clothing	\$ 100.00
E. Belmont Auxiliary (Piedmont)	
H. H. Supplies, Food, Clothing	19.00
St. Johns Auxiliary (Cape Fear)	
Household Supplies	6.00
Judy Carol Circle (Albemarle)	
Household Supplies	122.46
Swannanoa (French Broad) Food	21.50
Marsh Swamp Aux. (Western)	
Food	19.80
Mabel Avenue Aux. (Piedmont)	
Household Supplies	6.45
Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Mercer, Farm Supplies	12.95
St. Mary's Grove Aux. (Cape Fear) Food, H. H. Supplies	59.75
Mrs. Appie Flannagan, H. H. Sup.	2.50
Mt. Holly Auxiliary (Piedmont)	
Household Supplies	16.95
Mrs. Robt. L. Moore, Clothing	6.75
Soundside Auxiliary (Albemarle)	
Household Supplies	2.50
Kinston Aux. (Eastern) Household Supplies	15.72
Howell Swamp (Central) Farm Supplies	81.60
Pine Level (Western) Farm Sup.	96.50
North Circle Aux., H. H. Supplies	15.00
Marlboro Church and Sunday School (Central) Farm Supplies	210.00
People's Chapel Auxiliary (Western) Food, Household Supplies	62.98
Antioch, Wayne County (Western) Food	30.00
New Sandy Hill (Western) Food	20.00
Greenville Young Woman's Circle, Household Supplies	7.85
N. C. Department of Agri., Food	20.00
Edgewood Auxiliary (Central) Household Supplies	15.00
Prospect Auxiliary (Cape Fear) Food	10.00
Rose Hill People's League (Central) Food	50.00
Saratoga (Central) Farm Supplies, Food	25.50
Holly Springs (Western) Food	
Farm Supplies	136.25
Branch Chapel (Western) Farm Supplies	192.15
Pleasant Plain (Western) Food, Farm Supplies	39.35
Rock Springs (Western) Food, Farm Supplies	12.00
Lee's Chapel (Cape Fear) Food	3.00
Black Jack Auxiliary (Central) Food, Household Supplies	25.35
Grimsley Auxiliary (Central) Food, Household Supplies	8.55
Union Grove, Wayne County (Western) Food, Farm Supplies, Clothing	139.55
Shiloh (Central) Food, Farm Sup.	107.30
Reedy Branch (Central) Food	1.00
A Friend, food	8.00
Piney Grove, Pitt County (Central) Clothing, Food	44.65

Wintergreen Auxiliary (Eastern)	
Household Supplies	5.00
Bridgeton (Eastern) Household Supplies	30.00
St. Delight, Household Supplies	17.50
British Chapel Auxiliary (Eastern) Household Supplies	12.28

Total Value -----\$1,838.67

WALTER MCD. CROOM, *Superintendent*

DISBURSEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, 1950

Salaries	\$ 2,567.96
Office Supplies	145.11
Telephone and Telegraph	68.19
Insurance (All)	305.25
Conference Expense (Inc. Board)	749.22
Financing and Publicity	688.17
Administrative Travel	275.98
Food	2,006.32

Clothing	2,468.59
Laundry	78.82
Household Supplies	316.89
Recreation	38.50
Travel relating care of children	39.78
Health Supplies	126.19
Education	511.28
Fuel, lights, etc.	1,644.60
Plant Replacement and Repair	1,243.67
Other Plant Expenses	30.00
Farm Supplies	1,409.07
Farm Replacement and Repair	518.75
Replacement of livestock	25.00
Farm Travel	18.98
Young People's Friend, printing and mailing	60.00
New Buildings (Church and Al- be-marle Cottage)	2,091.28
New Equipment	2,137.47
Additional Livestock	50.00
Capital loans and interest repaid	286.33

Total -----\$20,441.20

WALTER MCD. CROOM, *Superintendent*

THE CHALLENGE OF MISSIONS

(Continued from page two)

nistic, if not positively hostile, to the Gospel. God has been ignored or even outlawed. With the exaltation of man and his achievements has developed a new trend toward atheism. Salacious literature, communistic propaganda, a nauseating parade of the vile and obscene have followed in the wake of the missionary's success in teaching the native to read. Only the widespread circulation of the Word of God and other Christian literature can counteract these devastating forces of evil.

But probably the greatest challenge in the present day conditions is that which we find in the United States among conservative Christians. Growing out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century, when there was a widespread return to the Word of God and its cardinal teachings concerning salvation, was the Pietist Movement of the seventeenth century. Under Spenser and Francke there was a conviction that true piety must find expression in pious living, and pure doctrine must be evidenced by Christlike living. Out of this attitude, which became amazingly widespread, developed our modern missionary movement under William Carey.

During the past three or four decades the battle has raged between modernism and fundamentalism in this land. There has been a wholesome return to the Word of God as the infallible authority and guide in all doctrine and practical living, but conservatism has all too frequently been a fundamentalism only of the head and lip. There has not been a genuine fundamentalism of heart, attesting a right relationship to Jesus Christ. Many Christians have come to see and understand the deadening effect of such teaching, and there is now a definite recoil from doctrine that is all of the head, which never touches the heart nor fellowship in the compassion of the Lord Jesus Christ for poor, lost, needy souls. A true fundamentalism of heart must find expression somehow, and the

missionary enterprise is the most logical sphere in which to make such expression. The writer has found the majority of churches in which he has ministered during the past four years positively eager for a new sphere of activity, which they are finding, in many quarters, in a new or enlarged missionary program, which is always attended with the blessing of the Lord—blessing in the shape of increased finances, increased attendance, and increased number of souls saved. This all points to a new flow of men, money, and prayer for the mission field.

II. WHAT CONSTITUTES A CALL

The very difficulty of the task of missions calls for the best in youth and demands that he have a firm conviction of God's call. "But what constitutes a call to the foreign mission field?" We hear youth asking up and down the land, Someone has said, "The need, the knowledge of that need, and the ability to meet that need constitute a clear, definite call to the foreign mission field."

Much has already been written concerning the need. However, it is not alone the need, but the relative need. The man who has once heard the gospel the man who has never heard it at all. There is a need in all parts of the world, including the homeland, but who is there in the homeland that cannot hear a gospel message these days if he would. With a gospel message almost any hour of the day to be found on the radio, with gospel literature that can be obtained for little or nothing, and even a whole Bible for as little as twenty-five cents, and with more churches than schools in the land, where is there an individual that cannot learn the way of salvation if he really desires it. On the other hand, consider the tens of millions in distant lands who have not even once heard that there be a Jesus Christ who has died that men might have eternal life. At home there is one ordained minister, not taking into consideration the thousands of other Christian workers, for every 514 of our

population. On the foreign mission fields of the world there is one missionary for every 51,663, and in many parts of the world missionaries have a potential parish of 100,000 or more.

The Hon. Ion Keith-Falconer, a Scotch nobleman, who pioneered the cause of missions in Arabia, once said, "While vast continents are shrouded in almost utter darkness, and hundreds of millions suffer the horrors of heathenism or of Islam, the burden of proof lies upon you to show that the circumstances in which God has placed you were meant by Him to keep you out of the foreign mission field."

James Gilmour, that intrepid missionary to the Mongols, who imposed on himself unbelievable hardships and privations, wrote, "Even on the low ground of common sense, I seemed to be called to be a missionary. Is the kingdom a harvest field? Then I thought it reasonable that I should seek the work where the work was most abundant and the workers the fewest."

As to the qualifications of a missionary, or "the ability to meet that need," it should be stated at the outset that the qualifications vary with different mission societies and boards. In the earlier days, no society would give consideration to a candidate who had passed his thirtieth birthday, but now there are several societies who will take one up to forty years of age, provided other qualifications are average or better. The missionary candidate must bring to the work a strong, well body, ready to endure hardness. Most mission societies have several rigid physical examinations before accepting a candidate, believing that it is unfair to both the candidate and the work to allow him to go to a difficult mission field, from the standpoint of health, if there is any possibility that he will break down under it.

Among the denominational missions, quite uniformly, candidates are asked to have their college degree before being seriously considered, whereas among the "faith" missions a less severe educational standard is adhered to. In the latter societies, candidates are usually asked to have high school training plus Bible school or seminary, or its equivalent.

A missionary candidate must be possessed with a goodly portion of common sense, have ability to work with others, and have a naturally cheerful disposition, with a good appreciation of humor. Most of the larger and more responsible mission societies require that candidates spend a month or more in their mission home or conferences, that they may be observed to determine whether they truly have a "missionary temperament."

The most necessary qualification of a true missionary, however, is that he be deeply spiritual, with a real passion for lost souls, a conviction that Christ is the only remedy for a man's need, a practical knowledge of the Word of God, but with conservative doctrinal views, and such intimacy with Jesus Christ as to make prayer

his recourse in every difficulty and victory.

A veteran missionary, writing home a request for an associate, once said, "Send us a despoiser of difficulties who will not be discouraged under the most adverse circumstances, who will unite unflinching courage with consummate tact, know how to do impossible things and maintain a pertinacity that borders on stubbornness, with a suavity of manners that softens austerity."

The missionary not only must have a firm conviction of God's call, but he likewise has a right to expect God's seal upon that call. The candidate who has acted upon the call as "the need, the knowledge of that need, and the ability to meet that need," must finally have God's seal, that stamp of approval, which should be all he could ask when he finally faces difficulties and untoward circumstances in the future years.

There may be many tokens of God's approval, as a candidate looks forward to the mission field, but certainly, as an evidence that he is moving in God's directive will, he may expect (1) an unconditional acceptance by a responsible mission society, (2) God's abundant provision for every material need, and (3) that sweet inner peace and rest that is of the Holy Spirit. Of course, prerequisite to either the call or the seal of the call there must have been a love of the will of God and a deep-seated desire for it that is willing to pay any price necessary.

The difficulty of the task of missions not only challenges youth to have a firm conviction of God's call, but an implicit confidence in Him who has called him. He must be able to move forward in faith, with complete reliance upon Him who can enable one to chase a thousand, and put to flight ten thousand. He must know the God of Ephesians 3:20. He must be assured that it is God's work, and, in accordance with Philippians 2:13, it is God who will finally do the work. His essential place in this missionary enterprise is to be a "vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work" (II Tim. 2:21).

III. A GOOD PAYING INVESTMENT

Finally, the challenge of missions lies in the opportunity afforded for an investment with the largest possible return. Investments have a dwindling return these days, and the principle is increasingly insecure. A business man recently said, "I used to be able to invest any surplus funds at ten per cent, but now if we can find something secure in which to invest at two per cent, we think it is wonderful." Another business man said, "I am going to get my money out of my business just as quickly as I can and invest it all in God's work. It will be His responsibility then." Indeed, these are days, when as never before, the words of our Lord should be oft repeated: "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and

where thieves do not break through and steal" (Matt. 6:19).

A business man, always a generous donor to the enterprise of missions, concluded that he had listened to missionaries' stories long enough. He was going to investigate missions for himself. Accordingly, he took his pastor and son and went to Africa. There with a station wagon, he drove more than 14,000 miles through the Dark Continent, visited more than 100 mission stations, and took over 27,000 feet of motion picture film, just to assure himself that when he finally reached heaven he would not be embarrassed because of his gifts to missions. Since his return, his oft repeated word is, "I don't see how they make a dollar go so far."

At a recent summer Bible conference the writer taught a course in missions to a group of pastors representing several denominations. Between them they agreed that the minimum average cost of a soul in the average church of their acquaintance, over a period of twenty years, was \$1,500. In contrast to that, many mission stations, operating over a period of twenty to twenty-five years can report an average cost per soul of less than \$20.00, and some as low as \$6.47, after figuring every cost-building, missionaries' allowance, furlough expense, etc. Why is it that many Christians do not show the same common sense in making their investments for God as when investing in a business venture?

Not only does the enterprise of missions afford a wonderful opportunity for profitable investment of money, but more particularly of life. If it is a comfortable, easy-going life that the prospective Christian worker desires, the mission field is no place for him; but if, on the other hand, he is wanting to invest his life where it will probably count the most for eternity, he must give faithful consideration and careful investigation of the possibilities on the foreign mission field. As a matter of fact, unless he is willing to preach anywhere, he probably will preach nowhere (in union and power). Assuredly, God does not want everyone in the foreign mission field, but He just as certainly wants everyone willing to go to the foreign field. And, if there has never been wholehearted attempt to go to the foreign field, what evidence is there to submit to the world of a genuine willingness to go anywhere?

The writer recently conversed with a pastor of a church of less than 150 members. During almost forty years of his ministry he had had the joy of seeing nine of his young people go into full-time Christian service. Contrast that with the young man who less than twenty-five years ago went to the cannibals of the Tangale tribe in Nigeria, reduced the language to writing, and gave the infant church its start. Now on a Lord's day out there, from 1,600 to 1,800 will gather at the central church to worship our adorable Lord, and from that church there have gone forth 87 of their

own missionaries, pastors, and evangelists, each to have his own groups of believers, ranging from a score or two to several hundred.

The following paragraph written almost fifty years ago by that prince of missionary statesmen, Dr. A. T. Pierson, is quite pertinent to our day: "Every conceivable motive, therefore, urges us to undertake the last great crusade against the powers of darkness. The command of our ascended Lord, the voice of enlightened conscience, the impulse of the new nature, the leading of the providential pillar, the working of transforming grace, the grandeur of the opportunity, and the peril of delay—these converge like rays in one burning focus, urging us onward and forward to the outposts of civilization and the limits of human habitation with the Word of life . . . The last precept and promise of our Lord, which have inspired all true service and sacrifice, echo with new force and emphasis, louder and clearer, in the face of new openings and new victories. Blessed is he who, like Paul, is immediately obedient unto the heavenly visions."

MISSION ITINERALE

By J. C. GRIFFIN

January 12—Corinth, Martin Co.
January 15—Mt. Tabor, Washington Co.
January 16—Gum Neck
January 17—Free Union (Tyrrell)
January 18—Malachi's Chapel
January 19—Sound Side
January 22—Mt. Zion, Washington Co.
January 23—Elizabeth City
January 24—Hickory Chapel, Hertford Co.
January 25—Union Chapel, Beaufort Co.
January 26—Palmetto Chapel, Craven Co.
January 27—Ruth's Chapel, Craven Co.
January 29—New Haven, Craven Co.
January 30—Sts. Delight, Craven Co.
January 31—Bridgeton, Craven Co.
February 1—Macedonia, Craven Co.
February 2—Juniper Chapel, Craven Co.
February 5—Gethsemane, Craven Co.
February 6—Core Creek, Craven Co.
February 7—Wintergreen, Craven Co.
February 8—Mosley's Creek, Craven Co.
February 9—Pilgrim's Home, Jones Co.
February 12—Friendship, Jones Co.
February 13—Whaley's Chapel, Jones Co.
February 14—Smith's New Home
February 15—Deep Run, Lenoir Co.
February 16—Gray Branch, Lenoir Co.

On motion the Board authorize the publication of the itinerary for the showing of the film, "A Letter to Melittino," under the direction of Rev. J. C. Griffin, and that we inform our people that at this time this Board has not authorized anyone else to solicit, or to work in any of the churches in North Carolina in the behalf of Missions. This action does not interfere with the authority and operation of the Foreign Mission Director, Rev. Rashie Kennedy.

By the N. C. State Mission Board



JESUS MEETS GROWING HOSTILITY

(Lesson for January 21)

LESSON: Mark 1:40—3:12. Mark 2:1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT: Mark 2:17.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

Introduction

Our lesson title and topic point out the fact that not everything was smooth sailing for Jesus even at the time of his great popularity with the people as a whole. There were scribes and Pharisees who were on hand at times, not only to look and listen, but also to criticize. And if Christ was to exert the authority which he really had in a way helpful to the people, something which his critics could lay hold of was sure to crop out. What they could lay hold of was ground for criticism only on the false assumption that Jesus was merely a man.

The declaration of forgiveness which Christ uttered sounded strange to those present. Never had they heard anything like that before. The scribes were amazed and shocked. "Blasphemy!" they thought within themselves. "Who can forgive sins but God only?" The question was pertinent. Their theology was right. If Christ were not divine he would have been guilty of blasphemy, for he was assuming authority such as God alone possesses. But Jesus had an effective answer to the unspoken criticisms of those present. Wisely he had reserved the healing of the man until after his pardon had been pronounced, and now the reality of his healing would prove the reality of his forgiveness.

Consider other things in the larger lesson that aroused hostility: (1) the eating with publicans and sinners (2:15-17); (2) the failure of the disciples to fast (2:18-20), (3) pluck-

ing and eating grain on the Sabbath (2:23-28), (4) healing a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath (3:1-6). In the world today the tendency is decidedly toward undue looseness rather than strictness of Sabbath observance.—Arnold's Commentary.

1. The Palsied Man Healed—Note this truth: Christ could not have cured this disease—the result of sin—if he could not have removed the sin—the cause of this man's illness. This sin, whatever was this act that caused it, was a transgression of the law, and the physical effect produced upon the man's body was paralysis, permanent illness. Christ's ability to cure disease was a figure or sign of his supernatural power to pardon or remove the stain of sin from the human heart. The trouble with those scribes was this: they did not want to admit that Christ was the Son of God who had come to forgive sin. They saw that a miracle of healing had been performed for the cripple, but they would not accept the idea of the man's sin being forgiven by Christ. Some people today will admit that Christ is the Son of God, but they will not accept his pardon of their sins, because they remain separate and apart from him. Unless they seek Christ through penitence and faith, they remain in their sins.—Advanced Quarterly.

2. An Abundant Cure—If the man had remained in his bed after being commanded by Christ to rise up and walk no one would have believed in His power to heal diseases or forgive sins. The people had never seen anything like it before, and they were amazed and glorified God. The man was carried to Christ helplessly confined to a bed of affliction. He went away absolutely whole with no marks or scars of the disease left on him. It was complete restoration. When Jesus does a thing it is done full and complete. When He forgives the sins of a person they are entirely removed, and the same sins are never charged against the individual again, provided he continued to live as God would have him live. See Matthew 18:21-35.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Non-Genuine Repentance

A friend told me this tale, a few years ago, as we paced together the deck of a steamship on the Mediterranean, and talked of the things unseen. The chaplain of a prison, intimate with the narrator, had to deal with a man condemned to death. He found the man anxious, as he well might have—nay, he seemed more than anxious; convicted, spiritually alarmed. The chaplain's instructions all bore upon the power of the Redeemer to save to the uttermost; and it seemed as if the message were received, and the man were a believer. Meanwhile, behind the scenes, the chaplain had come to think that there was grounds for appeal from the death-sentence; he placed the matter before the proper authorities, and with success. On his next visit, very cautiously and by way of mere suggestions and surmises, he led the apparently resigned criminal towards the possibility of a commutation. What would he say, how would his repentance stand, if his life were granted him?

The answer soon came. Instantly the prisoner divined the position; asked a few decisive questions; then threw his Bible across the cell, and, civilly thanking the chaplain for his attentions, told him that he had no further need of him nor of his Book.—Bishop Moule.

The palsied man in our lesson was not like the condemned man. Instead he went away glorifying God.—Luke 5:18-25.

Strength of character is developed by the following traits: Honesty for the sake of truth and justice; Ambition for knowledge and understanding; Work for the joy of keeping busy and possessing things; Faith in self and others to achieve success; Patience in hardships and disappointments; and Love for Christian service with a devotion to be true to God.—R. P.

The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.—F. D. Roosevelt

MOLLY AND JOE DYER MAKE TWO-YEAR PERFECT S. S. RECORD

Sunday morning is a time that all church lovers look forward to with pleasure. As a church people, we should be continually thankful unto the heavenly Father for the privilege of attending church and Sunday School.



The above picture is of eleven year old Molly Faye Dyer of Northport, Alabama. She is a member of the First Free Will Baptist church of Northport. She has a two-year perfect attendance record at her Sunday School. We are thankful to the Lord that she has been blessed to make such a fine record in Sunday School, and she enjoys going each Sunday morning to study her Sunday School lesson.

NOTES AND QUOTES

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8:12, 13). Here again the old law vanishes away. "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect" (Hebrews 10:1). The only sacrifice that God wants is the life and worship of man. Amen.

You have no more right to consume happiness without producing it than to consume wealth without producing it.—G. B. Shaw



The second picture is of little seven year old Joe Barrett Dyer. Both are the children of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dyer of Northport. He has a two year perfect attendance record at Sunday School. He has been blessed with good health to attend without missing a Sunday during this time. Both of these children prepare their Sunday School lessons each week for their class, so that when they are asked questions by the teacher they can answer correctly. They arrange each Sunday morning to be on time for their class, and to be ready to answer their questions for the teacher. They get much joy from their Sunday School work, and being in class with their little friends.

They are better known as niece and nephew of Reverend Robert Crawford, pastor of Bryan F. W. B. Church, Bryan, Texas. If everyone would encourage their children, and the young people to attend church and Sunday School more, we believe that there would be more interest taken in church and Sunday School work. Most of all, let us as church people pray for them that they may take Jesus as their leader and personal Saviour.

Written by their Aunt,
Merle Dyer, Samantha, Ala.

The little black boy didn't mind being called "Midnight" by his little white playmates, but when another little black boy called him "Midnight," he indignantly exclaimed, "You's jes' about a quarter to twelve you'sef."—*Pathfinder*.

THE WHOLE HEART

The Psalmist said: "With my whole heart have I sought thee."—119:10. "I shall observe the law with my whole heart" (v. 34). "I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart" (v. 69).

True devotion to God is the manifestation of the Christian's whole heart unto the Lord. It means a full surrender of self to God day after day. It involves one's implicit faith and trust in God, and one's resignation to his holy will.

This yielded life to God means complete reliance upon Him for guidance, for daily strength and his wonderful blessings. It means a life filled with joy and contentment, and the blessed assurance that the heavenly Father will lead in the path of righteousness the yielded heart. It means that the sorrows and the disappointments of life will be borne more easily, for God will seek to cheer and to console broken hearts. Full dependence upon God was plainly manifested in his servant Job, when he had all his trials and disappointments.

At the beginning of this New Year, Christians would do well to ponder this question of full surrender, and resolve to live the "fully surrendered life" to God during 1951. Paul saw the need of it, and so did John the Revelator. Great saints of past decades profited by it. Present day saints can do the same.—Tom Oxenbury.

FOLLOWING JESUS ALL THE WAY

Ethel Daily
Mount Vernon, Ill.

The lights of this world shine brightly,
And our lives should never, never sway;
Our trials will fall by the wayside
If we'll follow Jesus day by day.

Oh, how often we are tempted on every hand,
And how well Satan knows where we're weak;
But if we will just to Jesus speak,
He will grant us the things we seek.

Let us leave off the worldly things
Those that are prone to lead us astray;
Then let us humble ourselves and pray,
"Lord direct us in the narrow way."

The road that's smooth and shiny is
Often followed by a mighty throng;
They see lots of fun and earthly pleasure
But those things are always wrong.

The straight road is rough and lonely,
The one which our Saviour trod;
But at the end is found heavenly treasures
And they are the true ones that lead us to God.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Esther Freed

Everyone in the Lane home was busy. The next day was New Year's Day and Grandmother Howe would be coming at five o'clock in the afternoon. You would have been excited too if you would have known Grandmother Howe. The Lane children thought there was nobody else just like grandmother Howe.

"Why," said Lucy, "I think Grandmother knows more stories than anyone else in this world."

As the children eagerly waiting for Grandmother, each was busy helping to get things ready. Mother was baking some delicious apple tarts and cookies. Lucy was peeling potatoes for the New Year's dinner. Nancy was seeing that the dining room was spick and span. Not a speck of dust would dare to be there for Grandmother to see. Even little Susie was busy helping to shine apples to eat the next day. My, what fun they had getting ready for Grandmother's visit.

Just as Mother and Lucy had finished washing the dishes, Grandmother arrived. It was hard to tell which was the happier, Grandmother or the children—for Grandmother loved the children as much as they loved her. Mother let the children and Grandmother talk for awhile. Then she insisted that Grandmother take a nap while she and the girls prepare supper. Of course Grandmother wanted to help, but Mrs. Lane knew she was tired and she knew, too, that she would not get to bed early that evening; so she finally persuaded her to rest a while.

Supper was soon ready. Grandmother felt refreshed from her short nap and was ready for an enjoyable evening with her children and grandchildren. After supper was eaten and the last dish washed, they all went into the living room to enjoy the evening. They were having such a nice time that all too soon the clock pointed to nine and Mother said that it was bedtime.

"But," said Lucy, "we can't go to bed before Grandmother tells us a story."

Father suggested that Grandmother take charge of their family devotion and maybe she would have a story to tell with it.

"O goody," cried the girls, clapping their hands and running for their Bibles. Father and Mother drew their chairs up close to Grandmother's rocker. Lucy and Nancy sat on a footstool at Grandmother's feet, while little Susie climbed on Grandmother's lap and soon was fast asleep.

"All right," said Grandmother, "I'm going to have this little meeting one in which all can help. First we will have some Bi-

ble reading and then I shall tell a story about myself when I was a girl just about Lucy's age."

Lucy was so excited she could hardly wait.

"First I think we shall have some Scripture verses and from them we shall choose a few words that will help to spell the word New Year. The first one is II Corinthians 5:17, the first part."

Father read it, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature."

"That's the part we want," said Grandmother. And on a sheet of paper, she wrote the letter "N" and beside it, New creature. "The next one we can all repeat together, John 3:16."

All repeated it and to her list, she added, Everlasting life.

Next Mother read Mark 14:38 "Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation."

Grandmother wrote the letter "W" and added, Watch and pray. Grandmother read Romans 6:13: "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God. We want the 'Y'—Yield yourselves unto God."

Hebrews 2:3 was read by all, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation."

"We will take the word escape for 'E,'" said Grandmother.

With Grandmother's help, Nancy read Luke 9:26: "For whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He shall come in His own glory."

"We shall add for the letter 'A'—Ashamed of Jesus. And last, we have the letter 'R'. I shall ask Lucy to read Ecclesiastes 12:

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

"Now this is what we have on our paper," said Grandmother as she held it up for all to see:

New creature
Everlasting life
Watch and pray

Yield yourselves unto God
Escape
Ashamed of Jesus
Remember now

"Now I shall tell you a little story about this lesson. It happened about fifty years ago, but I can remember it just as if it had happened tonight. We were having revival meetings at our church. The last meeting was on the day before New Year. Bro-

ther Jones, the minister, preached on this outline that I have given you this evening. He started at the bottom and went up the line. First he talked about remembering now. He told us that when we are young is the time to accept Jesus. Then he talked about how people are ashamed to accept Jesus, but he said that we can't escape the fire which burns forever if we refuse to accept Him. Then he asked us to yield our lives to God. He said, 'Just ask Jesus to forgive your sin and say, "Here, Jesus, is my life, I'll give it to you." Jesus will take you and forgive you just as your mother would.' He told us when we did that we would be happier than we ever were before in our lives. But he said that we need to watch and pray much after we give our heart to Him because Satan does not want us to become Christians. We must be faithful to Jesus and then we can have everlasting life. We shall have everlasting life if we are new creatures. If Jesus has come into our lives we are His.

"All this time I was sitting there listening to Brother Jones talking. It seemed just as if he must be speaking to me. But I know it was God that was speaking to me. But I wasn't ready to give Him my life. I was too young, I thought. The girls in school would laugh at me. No, I could not do that; not yet, anyway."

"The chorister selected the song, 'Is My Name Written There?' Very softly the congregation sang it, and I tried to help too, but I knew mine wasn't there and it almost made the tears come. Just before the last verse Brother Jones said, 'I know there are some young souls here who need Jesus. Won't you come while you're young? Are you ashamed of Jesus? If you are, He will be ashamed of you. Won't you give your life to Him now? You'll be a new person and you'll have everlasting life. Tomorrow starts a new year. Tonight your page is full of sin, but if you will give your life to Him now, He will erase every sin from that page and you will have a nice clean page for the New Year.'

"Oh, I saw my page all covered with black spots, and I did want a nice clean page. But what would my friend say? When they came to the last verse and chorus, they sang, 'Yes, my name's written there.' I knew mine wasn't there, but I decided that it was going to be there, and I stood and confessed my sins and asked Jesus to come into my heart. He did come in and gave me a peace and joy that I had never known before. The next day I started a New Year and a new life. That was really a happy New Year, and each New Year it seems I love Jesus just a little more. I thank Him for the day when I started a new year and a new life."

Grandmother finished her story and Lucy was a very quiet little girl as she went to bed. As she knelt beside her bed to pray all she could think of was, "Is my name written there?" So she crawled into bed

but she could not sleep. The thought that tomorrow was New Year's Day, and her page was full of black spots and her name was not written there, was continually on her mind. Finally she could stand it no longer. She slipped out of bed and tiptoed over to Grandmother's room. Quietly she called, "Grandmother."

"Yes, Lucy, what is it?"

"O, I can's sleep, I keep thinking of the story you told us tonight. I am just as old as you were, and I know my sheet is full of black marks, too, and my name is not written in heaven."

"Would you like to have it there?" asked Grandmother.

"Oh, I would, but I don't know how."

"All you need to do is kneel down right here by the bed and tell Jesus all about it."

Tears were streaming down Lucy's face as she knelt beside Grandmother's bed and

prayed, "Dear Jesus, forgive me for my sins, and I'll give You my life forever."

Grandmother quietly said, "Amen."

Just then the clock downstairs struck twelve.

"Listen," said Grandmother, "I hear the clock striking. That means it's a New Year and you have a new life. All your sins are washed away."

"Oh, I feel so happy now I know I can sleep. Thank you so much for that story tonight." She gave Grandmother another good-night kiss and went quietly back to bed, and was soon fast asleep.

On New Year's Day when Grandmother was ready to go home, both Lucy and Grandmother agreed that it was indeed a happy New Year.

"And," said Lucy, "I'll tell the story to my grandchildren when I'm old."—Words of Cheer.—Reprinted from *Juvenile Pleasure*.

His little chair is empty
His little voice is still;
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.

While we bow in humble submission
To the infinite Father's will;
Our hearts are deeply saddened
Because we miss our darling still.

But in the Father Garden of Heaven
Teddy is beckoning to us here below;
For the bud of life that blossoms
There in heaven has a radiant glow.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Phelps

GERVIS PHELPS

On December 20, 1950, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Phelps and took their son Gervis Phelps to his reward.

Gervis was born August 20, 1929, making his stay on earth 21 years and 4 months. He was operated on for a serious stomach disorder and lived only a short while.

He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Mt. Tabor. To know him was to love him. He will be greatly missed in his home, church and community as he had many friends.

His funeral was conducted at the home by the Rev. L. E. Ambrose, assisted by Rev. R. C. Ambrose, after which he was laid to rest in the family cemetery at home beneath a beautiful mound of flowers to await the resurrection morning.

He leaves to mourn their loss his brokenhearted parents, 2 sisters, Marion and Sarah Jane and one brother, Henry, Jr.

Weep not, dear loved ones,
God has felt your pain,
Your loss on earth
Is his eternal gain.

Written by a cousin,
Jordan Phelps

GOD'S UNANSWERABLE QUESTION

(Continued from page 6)

grace is sufficient to save you, and save you now.

Don't put off salvation, it is fatal: it is folly. The path up to the judgment seat is not a way of preparation; nor at his bar is it a place to prepare for eternity. It is no time to prepare for battle when the enemy is in the camp: No time to make ready to meet a foe when he has broken open your door. There is such a thing as putting off preparation until it is too late. A student may suffer the proper time for preparation for some profession to glide away until it is too late. A farmer may neglect to plow and sow until it is too late. A man on a rapid stream near a cataract may neglect to make efforts to reach the shore until it is too late. And so in religion, it is easy to put off salvation from childhood to youth, from youth to manhood, from manhood to old age, until it is too late! Beyond that interview with God, there is no preparation. Your eternity is not to be made up of a series of successive probations, where you may fail in one, and avail yourself of another. Neglect is enough to ruin a man. A man in business needn't commit forgery in order to ruin himself; all he has to do is neglect his business. A man who is lying on a bed of sickness need not cut his throat to destroy himself; he has only to neglect the means of restoration, and he will be ruined. Don't neglect your soul. It is fatal: It is folly. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

The difference between a prejudice and a conviction is that you can explain a conviction without getting mad.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Whereas, Our loving Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from this earth to her reward, our beloved sister, Fannie Mae Jones, we the members of Piney Grove Church, Pitt County, submit the following resolutions:

First, That we bow in humble submission to His Holy Will in calling the spirit of our sister home;

Second, That we extend to her family our deepest sympathy, and point them to God and the church, which she loved and served so well, for consolation and comfort in their bereavement;

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Mildred Humbles,
Irene Tyson,
Myrtie Ruth Tyson
Committee

IN MEMORIAM

This is written in loving memory of our darling baby Teddy Herman Phelps who departed this life on January 12, 1950.

A tiny bud blossomed in heaven
One year ago today;
When God called our little darling
And took his sweet soul away.

TEACHER'S HELPS, 1951

Superintendent's Guide50
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Tarbell's Teacher's Guide2.75
Arnold's Teacher's Guide1.75

REV. RUFFIN COATES' LIFE AND LABORS

By C. H. Coates and L. R. Ennis

William Ruffin Coates was born in Johnston County, North Carolina, near St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church on December 2, 1866. He was a very bright boy, and when he was a young man he took advantage of every educational opportunity in his reach, but was, as he often expressed it, a very sinful man until the Lord arrested him at the age of 28, and gloriously saved him by His power and grace.

Then, he united with St. Mary's Grove F. W. B. church of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, and was soon elected clerk of the church. A little later he was elected superintendent of the Sunday School. He led the singing and taught the Bible class for four years, at which time he was called to the Gospel Ministry. He was ordained on January 16, 1898. He served as pastor of churches in Johnston County, as follows: St. Mary's Grove, Bethel, Hopewell, Tee's Chapel, River Side, Johnston Union; in Harnett County; Prospect, Pleasant Grove; in Sampson County: Shady Grove, Oak Grove, St. Paul; in Wayne County: St. John's, Casey's Chapel; in Wilson County, Saratoga, Aspin Grove, People's Chapel; in Nash County: Flood's Chapel, Stony Hill.

In 1912 he was appointed a member of the Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference. He was moderator of the Conference for four years. He was a member of the Board of Trustees and the Free Will Baptist Orphanage when the institution was established in Middlesex, N. C. He served on the Board of Ordination of the Cape Fear Conference for 25 years, which is one of responsibility and trust.

In 1920, feeling the call to a broader field of service, he left his native State to do evangelistic work in the State of Georgia, taking with him a layman of note and great profit as a singer, Brother R. E. (Bob) Thomas. He held revival meetings in S. Georgia churches of the Original Faith as follows: Pleasant Hill, Neal's Chapel, Shady Grove and Oak Grove with great success.

When Rev. Coates was young in the ministry, he dedicated his life to God and His cause. He secured a History of the Free Will Baptists by Rev. I. D. Stewart, covering a period from 1780 to 1830. Using the information contained in this and several other histories of our church, he was well informed as to Doctrine and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists. In 1912, when what is known as the "Unknown Tongue Faction" undertook to dominate the church, Rev. Coates led the Conference to victory in several courts of the land by being well posted on the Doctrine and Practice of the Free Will Baptists from Queen Mary's reign in England to the time of this contest.

Rev. W. R. Coates, retired from the active ministry in 1936, due to ill health and old age, however, his mind was very active and his memory was excellent until the end of life. He passed away at his home in the city of Raleigh, N. C., September 11, 1950, at the age of 84, having suffered for more than two years with cancer of the stomach. He leaves his widow and three daughters and one son, also several grand children.

The Cape Fear Conference passed a resolution in its last session to dedicate the minutes of the 1950 session to the memory of Rev. W. R. Coates, and that Revs. L. R. Ennis and C. H. Coates, prepare the above for publication in the minutes.

The following poetic thought is requested by Sister Coates and the children:

I cannot say—and I will not say
That he is dead—he is just away!
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
He has wandered into another land
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there,
And you, O you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of there, as the love of here;
Think of him still as the same, I say,
He is not dead . . . he is just away.

This is by Sister Coates:
When I think of you, dear husband,
The things so good and true
It makes my heart long again for you,

For I know you are home at rest
Up above the angles blest,
And I know you have no pain or care
For all is glad and peaceful there.

Precious husband, dearest one
I can say to you, well done
Your fight is finished and on high
Your spirit brave will never die.

Husband, when I think of you
I think of all your goodness, too,
And the memories, O, how they cling
As tender joys they ever bring.

C. H. Coates and L. R. Ennis,
Committee

NOTE THIS, AND PROFIT IN THE FUTURE

We regret that several programs, announcements, special messages, and the like came to our office recently too late for the issues of the Baptist paper for which they were intended. We sincerely regret that this was the case and several of them had to be discarded, because to publish them in a late issue they would have been out of date.

We urge those mailing manuscripts and

notices to us for the Baptist paper to send them several days in advance of the date desired for them to be published in our church paper. By doing this you will avoid delay or disappointment in the matter. We always are pleased to serve the people through the columns of the Baptist paper on time and in an acceptable manner. You will enable us to do this if you will send your communications on time.—Editor.

The reason why birds can fly and we can's is simply that they have perfect faith, for to have faith is to have wings.

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When I have time so many things I'll do
To make life happier and more fair
For those whose lives are crowded now with care;
I'll help to lift them from their low despair

When I have time.

When I have time the friend I love so well
Shall know no more these weary, toiling days;
I'll lead her feet in pleasant paths always
And cheer her heart with words of sweetest
praise,

When I have time.

When you have time! The friend you hold so dear
May be beyond the reach of all your sweet intent;
May never know that you so kindly meant
To fill her life with sweet content

When you had time.

Now is the time! Ah, friend, no longer wait
To scatter loving smiles and words of cheer
To those around whose lives are now so dear;
They may not need you in the coming year—

Now is the time!

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Nothing on earth gives such spiritual power to a soul as suffering for Jesus, and with Jesus.—Rev. G. D. Watson.

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PROMOTING WITH THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

The closing days of 1950 sped into history with such dazzling momentum that it seemed as if the months merely bowed in, remained for a few hours, and passed into oblivion. Perhaps this way due to the multitude of demands which had piled up so mountain-high that the mere doing of them gave time a spectral-like character. However, the duties have been pleasant and the performing of them has afforded a genuine delight in the acts themselves and in the blessed results which followed.

The Nashville sun was hiding behind a thick layer of threatening clouds on that October morning when we set out for West Virginia where we were to conduct the second in a series of four Christian Worker's Institutes. However, as the journey progressed the dismal scene gave way to the brilliance of the Kentucky sunlight and we completed our trip the following day through the West Virginia mountains, surrounded on every hand by the gorgeous scenery which only the alpine regions of this section affords. The mountains themselves seemed to be dressed for a celebration. Trees were riotous with color and the lazy autumn sun gave an air of luxurious elegance to the country side as we drove along. This sun, shining on the distant heights through a light blue haze, bathed the hills with a pale luminescence that induced peace and rest, and one found himself wishing the entire world could catch the spirit of complete strength and assurance that was pictured in that autumnal and august atmosphere. Surely the Hand of God was predominant in the beautiful picture of His creative handiwork in this scene.

We arrived in Kilsyth, the site of the Institute, and began work the following Monday afternoon. The response was wonderful with 75 people enrolling for the work. A spirit of revival was present from the outset and on the very first night one young man, the assistant postmaster of the city, was saved. Forty-four students completed the course and were re-

warded with certificates. Four others were awarded diplomas, signifying that they had completed the four sessions and were graduates of the entire course. The last service was climaxed when a young lady, a registered nurse, came back to the Lord Jesus.

From here we went to Norfolk, Virginia, where we were to conduct a revival meeting. Rev. W. A. Hales, the Godly, congenial pastor of the group was ready, as was his congregation, and the revival started with a "bang." At the end of two weeks more than 100 decisions had been made and fifty-five people had united with the church. We left this people in a high state of rejoicing and went to Pocahontas, Arkansas, for another session of the Christian Workers' Institute.

This was the first Institute to be held in the state of Arkansas, and the response was more than gratifying. Much of the success of this first venture goes to the Pocahontas pastor and his wife, Huey and Allene Gower. Both of these fine people are graduates of our Free Will Baptist Bible College and their vision had fired the members of the church with an abounding enthusiasm about this Institute session. We enrolled 47 pupils and graduated 35 of them, at the same time issuing 36 certificates to Sunday School workers who completed the Pedagogy Unit of the prescribed E. T. T. A. course. Rev. J. Reford Wilson, a F. W. B. B. C. alumnus, assisted with the teaching in the Institute and did a very fine piece of work. We will return to this church in May for the second session. In the meanwhile, another session is to be held in Hector, Arkansas, and thanks to the efforts of Lannie Coffman and wife, who attended the Pocahontas Institute.

The next move was to Georgia for their state convention. This meeting was an inspiration, to say the least. The Georgia work is definitely on the move and the brethren there are instituting a "heads-up" program, pacing it with a well organized train-

ing course. Such men as H. L. Knighton, K. V. and S. T. Shutes, E. C. Morris, Clyde King, Bro. Little, C. J. Harvey, G. C. Cloud, Ernest Barker, J. D. Payne, Louis Moulton, and many others, just as devoted to the cause, are moving forward in an all-out effort in their state for the Denominational Program. I was privileged to present the entire National Program, and to bring one of the messages. Brother K. V. Shutes and I then drove at a "Jehu-like" pace to get in a distant radio station for a scheduled broadcast, but we made it in the nick of time.

By this time we were headed for S. C. and the state convention there, and we arrived for the opening day. The proceedings of this meeting were inspiring and a note of progress and harmony dominated the entire gathering. Louis Holliday, Seldon Bullard, Paul Ketteman, Paul Sheehan, Julius Vause, Miller Mellette and a number of the brethren are doing a great work in this section. I was especially impressed with the radio broadcast from Florence, S. C., under the leadership of Bro. Bullard as to the type of music, the ministry of preaching, and the high quality in general of the program. A weekend revival with the new church in Manning, of which Bro. Holliday is pastor, climaxed the days in South Carolina, and we rejoiced to see twenty souls come to the Lord.

Returning to Nashville, we took advantage of a few days at home; days which were filled with writing, preparing manuscripts, preparing membership and church files, etc. The following week we went to Canton, Illinois, to investigate a reported Free Will Baptist church which was out of connection with our work, and had appealed to us through Rev. C. F. Bowen, having obtained his address from one of the nation's weekly religious magazines. We found a beautiful country church, anxious to have fellowship with us. Steps are being taken to send workers to that community to help in this work of re-

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

The Mission Itinerary

As many of you saw, perhaps, our itinerary, as made out and published in the columns of the Baptist, takes us through the whole of January and up to the 16th of February; but, as we contemplate, we shall go even longer, providing the Lord wants us to continue and gives us physical strength to carry on in the field of Missions. I am happy to have this special privilege to make such a missionary journey. I am praying that those who have the opportunity to see and hear from Cuba through the picture, "A Letter from Melitino," will do so. It is a sound picture, well edited, and sounds extra good. I took the picture over to a "Film Service" man who is well acquainted with religious production in films, and here is what he said: "That is the best that I have every heard in a religious picture of any denomination." This man's denomination specializes in religious pictures, and shows them in their church services and other meetings.

This is a visualized Gospel message, which shows how the man of God, persistently carried the message of Christ into the field where a sinful man was ploughing a team of oxen; and, after persuasion, he left a track in the hands of the man who did not know Christ, but the work of the missionary was not in vain; it brought forth fruit. The Lord, thru Isaiah, said; "My word shall not return to me in void" (Is. 55:11). The word of God through Rev. Thomas Willey has brought forth wonderfully and gloriously. To see the picture, "A Letter to Melitino," is to see a part of that which God has done in Cuba.

What part have you had in the accomplishment in Cuba? This is a very pointed question, but each one will answer it some day, either to his

condemnation or to a glorious experience. "In as much as ye did it unto one of these, ye did it unto me," said Jesus.

If the Devil can use his pictures to damn souls, it is certain that God can use His pictures to save souls. This is one of the most logical ways in combatting the forces of evil: to out-do these forces with something that is good and wholesome. We are happy that the Foreign Mission Board has seen fit to give to the public a picture of the work in Cuba. This picture, as stated in the special literature, is inspiring. It is made by a specialist. We have had the privilege of showing this picture and we know of its effect on those who are lovers of revealed truth in picture.

Not Able to Keep up Regular Notes and Quotes

Perhaps for the next few months your scribe will not be able to keep Notes and Quotes in the Baptist each week, as the Missionary Itinerary will keep us busy. The time that I will not be taken by the Mission Board, our two churches, which are half-time each, will take. We preach at Ruth's Chapel, second and fourth Sundays and at Antioch on the first and third Sundays, however, we are not giving up Saturdays and Sundays to the Mission Itineraries, but have so arranged that we can get home on Friday night or early Saturday mornings, so as to give as much time as possible to our churches at home. Pray that God will give me strength to carry on in the work. It is the love that I have for our Foreign Mission work that urges me to this great work of testing my strength in the effort of aiding our brethren in Christ on the mission field.

Our Heartfelt Thanks

We want to thank you who have been so thoughtful of us during the days of 1950 Christmas season. Year after year our reception of Christmas cards have increased until they go into hundreds now. We can never express our appreciation of all these kind thoughts by writing, but this is one method that we are taking to let us know in a small measure that

we do thank God for your thoughtfulness. With many of these cards we are remembered in a special way, with special tokens of love. May God bless everyone for their manifestation of love.

Our Hopes to You

Here is wishing to each one who has been thoughtful of us, our best wishes for a glorious success in all laudable undertakings for 1951. May God bless you all.

We are facing a great crisis in world development. The forces of evil are at work to destroy the works of our Christ. The war that we are mixed up in today is not only a war between men and nations, but it is a war between God and the Devil. Satan through his forces—Communism and other "isms" that are contrary to the teachings of the Lord Jesus—are doing all things to damn as many as possible in these last days, therefore we will urge you with the apostle Peter: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

And "ism" that denies the "Virgin Birth" of the Lord Jesus, as taught by Scripture is of the Devil, and this Devil is walking, not only up and down the earth, but he is going right into many pulpits and there speaking out his lies against the Christ.

The doctrine, The Atonement by the Shedding of Blood, is denied by many modernists and religious bodies of this century. Religious teaching that denies "The eternal damnation of disbeliever, as well as the staunch unbeliever in Christ, is of the Devil, and he is at work in many places seeking whom he may devour.

This Devil walks right into homes, whenever he can, and the warnings as given by the apostle Paul is not heeded, consequently a soul, often a household, is lead into bondage. "For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts. Ever learning and never able to come to the

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A Message from Miss Barnard

January 2, 1951

The old year 1950 brought us the blessing of the Lord in India. Upwards of fifty persons have been saved and baptized. This is not a sensational number but a gratifying number to us. Still a good many more have accepted the Lord and are waiting for baptism. Outstanding is God's goodness in calling and sending out from our number two splendid young Indian Christians to be missionaries to their own people in our new and virgin field. And now a third one has gone from Kotagiri as a volunteer in the Purnea field. Perhaps nothing in our entire missionary experience has humbled us more than this act of the Holy Spirit in separating to Himself these three and thrusting them forth far afield as His witnesses. Indeed, if our denomination were sending out missionaries in the same proportion as our infant Indian Church, what power it would give to our cause in India and what a revival of blessing and power would be sweeping through our church at home! With souls being saved and others being set apart for service, surely we in India can look back upon the old year with praise.

Even in sorrow God has been very near to bless and bring gain out of loss. In a Christmas letter from an Indian co-worker recalling the past year, she writes, "During the year we have released you to return to your homeland, and we have released our beloved Kamala for heaven." Yes, death visited our ranks again and again but touched us most severely in taking Kamala (whose story I hope to tell in a later issue) from us. Nevertheless, as we were driven to our knees for help to meet the critical need the loss of such a faithful worker incurred, the Lord began to answer prayer by moving upon a young man for whom we had long been praying. This young man, Rajamanickam, has come out and made real his previous profession of Christ, acknowledging Him publicly and asking for bap-

tism. Then he volunteered to take Kamala's Sunday School class of boys which number 20 to 30, and I hear he is proving a great blessing. So, while Kamala's larger place or service is still unfilled, we rejoice in this newborn soul who has found the joy of the Lord, and in the help and blessing his zeal for service is bringing us. You can help wonderfully by praying for his own growth in grace and wisdom, courage and faithfulness in his service.

Many new doors of service have opened to our Mission in 1950. It has been the greatest year of all since the beginning in 1935. This is the first year Mr. and Mrs. Woolsey have been free for full-time work unhampered by language study, and as they have pushed out into "the regions beyond," the jungle villages of our districts, many have heard eagerly. Now a group in an entirely new village are asking for baptism. Besides, the ministry of healing the sick has brought untold opportunities for the spiritual ministry. Brother Woolsey's word pictures of his and Mrs. Woolsey's experiences in this phase of the work reminds one of passages from the New Testament.

Dan and Trula Cronk have completed their formal study of this first language and are finding such a white harvest of eager, hungry souls in the town of Kishanganj that they are having trouble making headway with Bengali, their second language. People are so keen to visit them that it is difficult to plan a schedule of work. But perhaps that is God's way, and the better way. For most of those who have been saved or blessed have come through the social contact in the home.

However, this is a very special prayer request right now, for a big mela (Fair) in which the Cronks are preparing for a great witness. They plan to have a booth in this Fair, if at all possible to do so, and to distribute tracts and Gospel portions and to preach to the thousands who come and go during that week. Trula

writes that a number of other missionaries plan to come to Kishanganj and help, so that all together perhaps they can cover most if not all of the languages represented there. I have not heard exact dates for this mela, but probably about the first week in February. If I hear in time I will gladly publish this information so that you may pray while the missionaries preach and witness. Meanwhile pray earnestly for the big task of planning and preparing for this affair. Why should we not definitely expect to rejoice in a harvest of souls gleaned from this big annual festival?

As we enter 1951 we are more keenly than ever aware of our need for a mission home. So far we have been wanderers, without a home. This does not mean a home for the missionaries, for that in itself is not a need. It is the need for a property to accommodate our entire work in Kotagiri. Even though our Secretary reports we are still in arrears with 1950 budget, I am not afraid to present this need to our people. Six months ago \$8,000 would have met this need. \$10,000 will do it now. We have only praise and commendation to offer to our dear people who have so nobly, and often sacrificially, given to this cause so near and dear to the heart of our Lord, and now as we face a new and greater year with its new and larger needs, your missionaries maintain their faith in your faithfulness and His. We go in your stead. You will not let us down.

Missionaries, too, are needed—do not forget! We need a couple to take over my station as soon as possible. The work has grown far too big for me and it seems necessary now to hand it over to some couple prepared to undertake it. Will you pray for this, and look for the young people of His choice?

Have you read the account of the denominational board that was born seven years ago and has to date sent out 217 missionaries to 11 countries?

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The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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BETHEL AUXILIARY HOLDS GOOD MEETING

Reported by Cor. Secy.

The Woman's auxiliary of Bethel Church, Whortonsville, North Carolina, held its December meeting in the home of Mrs. E. F. Hill, on Friday afternoon, December 15. This was our Christmas meeting. A very interesting program was rendered on the theme: "Advancing with Christ through Benevolent Activities." There were eleven members of the auxiliary who were present. We were also happy to have with us Brother and Sister McAdams, and Mrs. Brown from Texas.

Following the business period, the members had a contest on the subject: "Seven Reasons Why I Am an Auxiliary Member." Our guests consented to serve as judges. The competition was keen, but the judges finally decided on the winner, who was Mrs. Bertha Silverthorne. These are her reasons for being an auxiliary member:

First. I am a member of the Woman's auxiliary because of its organized efforts to promote the cause of Christ.

Second. It gives us information on missions, stewardship, and soul winning through study courses.

Third. With such information, it gives me inspiration.

Fourth. It increases our qualifications for service.

Fifth. It gives us spiritual and social fellowship with others.

Sixth. It gives us an opportunity to prove our love for Christ through this service. So, let us love and appreciate the true meaning of Christmas, and the sacrificial gift of the blessed Lord Jesus. Let us seek peace on earth, and good will toward all men.

This was a very spiritual and interesting meeting. Mrs. McAdams gave to us several good hints on ways to make our programs more interest-

ing. Truly, we feel that there is a great and noble work which is to be done for the Master through the auxiliaries. Our prayer is that every auxiliary in the denomination will work harder in 1951 than during last year. May they work harder than ever before for the advancement of God's kingdom on earth.

LITTLE ROCK AUXILIARY REPORTS GOOD MEETING

By Mrs. Guy Ferrell

The Woman's auxiliary of Little Rock F. W. B. Church, Lucama, N. C., held its monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. Orville Raper. The program was begun by the members singing, "Joy to the World." Prayer was offered by Mrs. M. L. Johnson. The theme for discussion was: "Advancing with Christ through Benevolent Activities." Mrs. Hubert Ferrell led in the discussions, with others taking part on the program, namely: Mesdames Groves Simpson, Everette Godwin, Orville Raper. At the close of the program the group sang, "Silent Night, Holy Night."

During the business period, it was reported that 116 quarts of food, valued at \$34.80, was carried to the orphanage at Middlesex. There were 849 coupons sent, and also a gift for our adopted child's Christmas present was sent.

Each member of the superannuated ministers was sent a Christmas card with \$1 enclosed in each. Cards were sent also to our missionaries. Following the business period we had a very inspiring Christmas program as follows:

"Little Town of Bethlehem"—By the group.

The Story of the Birth of Christ—(Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2:1-12).

Prayer offered by Mrs. Hubert Ferrell.
"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"—By the group.

The Message of Christmas Is Love—By Mrs. M. L. Johnson.

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"—By the group.

A Christmas Thought (A Poem)—By Mrs. Donald Scott.

The History of Santa Claus—By Miss Immette Raper.

"O, Come All Ye Faithful"—By the group.
Closing Prayer—By Mrs. Hubert Ferrell.
We had sixteen auxiliary members present for this meeting, and six visitors. Af-

ter refreshments were served, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Johnson were remembered with gifts from the auxiliary members.

HUGO WOMAN'S AUXILIARY YEARLY REPORT

Money raised, \$264.00; Bible chapters read, 9319; Sick visits made, 300; Flowers to sick, 50; Cards to sick, 115; Milk given to sick, 107 qts.; Trays and baskets of fruit sent to sick, 51; Cottage prayer meetings held, 4; Religious services conducted, 10; Mission Study Courses conducted, 2; Stewardship Study Courses conducted, 2;

Week of Prayer service held by auxiliary members with a Sunrise Service on Easter morning.

Money paid out for Auxiliary work: Orphanage, \$21.00; Superannuation, \$10.00; Missions, \$5.00; Cragmont, \$5.00; Bible College, \$5.00; Anna Phillips Loan Fund, \$20.00; For Mrs. Ballard's expense to Nat'l. Convention, \$5.00; Auxiliary Convention, \$15.00; Amount used in local church work, \$145.00.

We also had our first Vacation Bible School, although it was small. We feel that it was a blessing and we are planning another one in the spring.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Bertha Harris, Secy.

ATTENTION! LOCAL AND FIFTH VICE-PRESIDENTS

We are asking all District and local Fifth Vice-Presidents of North Carolina to please rally to our Orphanage program.

Without failure, please send linens, for they are needed! Also sheets and bedspreads are needed in numbers. Pillow cases are needed, too. So, please accept this call, and see that you pass the information on to our church people. When they come to realize these great needs at the orphanage, they will rally to this worthy cause, for they never let us down.

Do Your Part Now!

Auxiliary women, please mention this matter in your next meeting, and do your part to help supply these needs at our orphanage at once. We are depending on you to attend to this matter without delay.

The State Convention voted to remodel the Girls' building, but the funds are coming in very slowly. Please get behind this project now, and help us to reach our goal, so when we meet again we can rejoice, instead of having a feeling that we have been let down.

I would like to hear from each of the Fifth Vice-Presidents, therefore, I am asking you to write to me at once, so I can better serve you in your orphanage work. Who will be first? Keep me busy and I will keep others busy. My address is:

Mrs. H. L. Spivey, N. C. State Fifth Vice-President, Maury, N. C.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

THE OLD YEAR CLOSED WITH GOOD MEETINGS

It is indeed gratifying that, as the old year was drawing to a close, many good meetings were held in the name of the Master. Throughout the country Union (Quarterly) meetings—district meetings really they are—were held in the different states in our denomination. Also Sunday School conventions were held with great success.

We had the privilege to attend the Second Union meeting of the North Carolina Central Conference, which convened December 30, near Ayden, at Ormondville F. W. B. Church. The theme for the day was: Evangelism. The attendance was good, the speakers spoke with interest and enthusiasm, and the people rejoiced over the messages. The music for the day was excellent, with special numbers which were rendered to the joy of everyone present. The business matters of the union were transacted in a good manner, and everything pointed to a greater work for the New Year in the Second Union district.

On the Fifth Sunday, we also had the opportunity to attend the Sunday School convention of the district, and it was a splendid gathering. The church was packed full of Sunday School delegates from the various Sunday Schools of the district, many ministers were present, and the visitors from the surrounding churches helped to pack the house. It was a great day. All speakers spoke well, treating their phase of the theme for the day. The special music was rendered at intervals during the day to the heart's content of all present. The dinner at the noon hour was bounteous and greatly nourishing to all that participated.

It was a great occasion, and the convention is doing a great work for the Sunday Schools of the district. And what is said for this Sunday School convention can be said for dozens of other conventions in other states. Indeed, they are doing a great work for the cause of Christ in the world. Let no church or Sunday School neglect representing in their local Sunday School convention each time it meets on Fifth Sunday in this New Year. May no pastor neglect to emphasize before his congregation

the good of the Sunday School convention. May he, on the other hand, stress its importance in the midst of the churches of the district, and urge strong representation in that body each time it convenes to do work for the Lord.

FEBRUARY DRIVE FOR CRAGMONT FUNDS

In the recent Stockholders meeting of Cragmont Assembly it was agreed to make the month of February, 1951, the time for the drive for funds for Cragmont. Mrs. Gertrude Ballard was chosen as director of this drive, and she will launch the campaign immediately, asking each church, Sunday School, Young People's League and Woman's auxiliary in the State of North Carolina, to take part in this drive.

We feel that Cragmont Assembly is an essential phase of religious activities of the church people of the State, and therefore deserves the interest and concern of all the F. W. B. Churches within the bounds of the State. No church should feel that it has no part in this work, because the young people, as well as the older ones of the church, who attend assemblies at Cragmont each year, do receive great blessings for the time spent in the institutes conducted there each year. It is a place for Bible study, class work of a religious nature, social study for group work, and for recreation and fine Christian fellowship.

Let each interested church layman, each Sunday School, and the other church organizations make a special offering during the month of February for Cragmont. Let each share with the others in giving to help curtail the indebtedness of the Assembly. As many as three hundred persons attended assemblies at Cragmont last year, and were benefitted greatly from the study courses that were given by those in charge of the assemblies. The outlook for this summer at Cragmont is even greater for larger attendance upon the institute work which is to be conducted during June, July, and August. It is a privilege for all of the churches to take part in this drive for funds for Cragmont in February.

COWPER'S IDEAL PREACHER

Would I describe a preacher;
I would express him simple, grave, sincere;

In doctrine uncorrupt; in language plain,
And plain in manner; decent, solemn, chaste,

And natural in gesture; much impressed
Himself, as conscious of his awful charge,
And anxious mainly that the flock he feeds

May feel it too; affectionate in look,
And tender in address, as well becomes
A messenger of grace to guilty men.—
From Pastor's Bulletin.

When God enters your life, points out to you your duty, calls you to your mission, lays on you your burden, crowns you with suffering, He stands at your side and says to you, "Together you and I can."

—Lyman Abbott

The Holy Spirit comes in the moment the penitent sinner believes in Jesus, and drops in the life and heart the very life of the Father, and we are born into the family of God.—Rev. M. M. Bales.

Moral life belongs to all men, spiritual life belongs to all those who have become spiritual.—Rev. Isaiah Reid.

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The Free Will Baptist Story of 1950



By L. Everett
Ballard



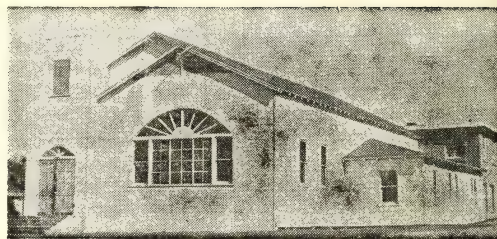
The Free Will Baptist story of the year 1950 contains much to gladden our hearts. A few things may bring a bit of sadness. While we seem to have made real progress in most departments of our denominational work, we have lagged behind in one or two at least. So we have for our reflection a story of both sunshine and shadow. In telling the story, we shall not dodge the shadows in seeking the sunny spots.

Great Year of Revivals

Perhaps the brightest spot in the story of the year is the record of revivals. Reports have come in of many good revivals in all the states. They have not been as sensational as were some of the revivals of former years, but these revivals have made deep and lasting impressions upon the life of the communities in which they have been held. Many precious souls have been saved, and baptised into the fellowship of our church. The spiritual atmosphere of many of the churches has been "warmed and sweetened" by these seasons of refreshing from Heaven. A deeper than usual solemnity has reigned over these revivals, caused no doubt by the sobering conditions that exist in our world. Disillusioned in their expectation of peace among the nations, many have sought for themselves the "peace that passeth understanding". God's people have possessed a deep conviction that preparation must be made for a time of trouble and perplexity which most all believe is coming upon the world.

A Year of Building

A good many new church buildings have been erected here and there over the country, and in many cases educational buildings and Sunday School rooms have been added to the physical plants of churches. It has also been a year of increasing interest in the purchase or erection of pastors' homes. We have heard of several houses being purchased and a number of parsonages especially erected for the purpose. Most of the pastor's homes are modern in design, and compare favorably with the homes of the church members. The year has seen also the beginning of something new in our denomination, that is so far as this writer knows. This is the furnishing of parsonages, or pastor's homes, by the congregation, so that pastors moving in will not have to buy, or move over long distances, as has been the case, their furniture. In some cases where homes have not been completely



Beautiful and servicable churches have been erected, or completed, in many parts of the country during 1950. Others are now under construction. Many have been remodeled to provide better facilities for S. S. and youth work.

furnished, such things as refrigeration units, oil circulators and kitchen ranges and cabinets have been provided by the congregation. All these things indicate an awakening people.

The year has been marked by educational activities of a commendable nature. A nice group of students have been in training in our Bible College during the year. The year has seen the addition of new courses in the College, making possible the graduation of students with degrees. It has also seen the launching of an expansion program, and the successful conclusion of the initial drive for funds for the program.

Looking away from the Bible College to local educational activities, we note that during the summer of 1950 more Daily Vacation Bible Schools were held in Free Will Baptist churches than during any previous year in history, as indicated by the material sold by our publishing house, and reports that have come in from the field. Also in many places Sunday School institutes have been held in which standard teachers' courses have been taught.

Mention should also be made of instruction given in connection with the various Summer Assemblies and Camps that have been held over the country. The Bible has been taught to all who attended Cragmont Assembly, our largest assembly in the

mountains of western North Carolina, which was operated through the entire season this year. The same has been true of assemblies and camps held for young people in Georgia, Oklahoma, Michigan, Texas, and other states. In most all cases, courses in Sunday School, F. W. B. L., and general church administration have also been given.

A Wonderful Nationwide Conference

The event during the year of outstanding interest to young people was, of course, the great Third Nationwide F. W. B. L. Conference, which was held with the Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia, in June. Young people from all over America came together for this great three day rally. The fellowship was wonderful, and the program most inspiring. Every member of the National League Board was present and had some part on the program. Leaders of all departments of the denominational work contributed their services in making the meeting a great medium of instruction and spiritual stimulation. Norfolk tried to outdo Tulsa and Nashville in providing the kind of entertainment that made the stay of our young people in the historic old southern city most enjoyable.

Far, Far to the West!

The National Association met during 1950 for the first time on the western coast.

Modern pastor's homes have been erected, or purchased, and some of them have been furnished.



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LOYAL CHAPEL NEWS

By Freda Price
Columbia, Tenn.

While the attendance naturally fell under what it had been in the years when the meeting was held in the east, where Free Will Baptists are more plentiful, the number who went to Richmond, California, for the meeting surprised even the most optimistic of the denominational leaders. California Free Will Baptists entertained the delegates and ministers most loyally, and those who were fortunate enough to go from the east found much inspiration from the contact with the western folk. Several outstanding moves were made by the 1950 national meeting in the interest of a greater church for the future.

Auxiliary and S. S. Conventions

The National Woman's Auxiliary Convention held a successful meeting at Richmond, California, just prior to the National Association meeting. Considering the distance most of the delegates had to travel, the attendance was most gratifying,

more tragic than they are. During the year we have lost one missionary from the work, and Miss Laura Belle Barnard, our India director, has returned home for a much needed rest, and the end of the year finds her in bad health, which may delay her return to the field. The most discouraging thing about the missionary program as we come to the end of the year is the fact that financially our National Missionary Treasury is badly "in the red." Offerings for missions have fallen far below the budget, while the needs have been increased. While we cannot account for the laxity of the people in giving to missions during 1950, we do not believe that it indicates that we have lost our missionary vision, and the rallying interest in the closing days of the year is certainly encouraging. Perhaps when all reports of December offerings are in, the picture will be a brighter one financially.

This morning a young boy was saved at Loyal Chapel. I began to think of all the young men and women who live only for the pleasures of this world. They do not stop to think of our Christ who died on Calvary for us, that we might have life and have it more abundantly. They are the people who will lead our country in the future. They are the ones who will teach their children and lead them along the same path that they themselves follow. We should be more concerned about our young people. We should strive to show them the pleasures of living for Christ. They do not know that the presence of the Lord is peace and joy. In all our prayers, we should not forget the youngsters who are molding and making their characters in the way they are taught? How are they taught? A few of them have Christian parents, but a big majority are facing their battles, shaping their lives with no help from their unconcerned parents, who are too busy seeking worldly pleasures to claim Christ in their own lives so that they might be able to rear their children in the love and admonition of the Lord. Let us pray.

We have so many things to pray about. Each Wednesday night Rev. Bloss has called his flock to come and pray together for our nation, our leaders, that they might return to Christ, because without Him, we shall have no victory in anything. He is our hope and our redeemer. Without Him at our side, our country is doomed. If you fellow Free Will Baptists, haven't called special prayer meetings for our nation, we urge you to do so before it is too late. Prayer changes things and God is the same God as He was in the olden days. He is always near and all we have to do is call upon Him.

Loyal Chapel isn't forgetting the orphans, the college and our foreign missionaries. They are all needy and Free Will Baptists as their means of support should always think greatly upon their needs. We listen to our pastor in regards to these works he quotes so often: "For I was an hungered and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick and in prison and ye visited me not." We must not be found guilty of these.

A last thought: "The fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much."

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

This is to advise that our new address is now 2805 Waverly Way, Norfolk, Va. (4).

Rev. W. A. Hales



Free Will Baptist Young People had wonderful fellowship at the Third Nationwide League Conference. Here a group eagerly "interview" Miss Laura Belle Barnard, Missionary to India.

and the meeting proved an inspiration to leaders of the women of our denomination.

East Tupelo, Mississippi, entertained the National Sunday School Convention in a most delightful manner. The convention was fairly well attended, and the interest in progressive Sunday School work good.

Missionary Discouragements

We will not say that the missionary program of our denomination has suffered a relapse during the year, but there have been some discouraging developments. However the program seems to have taken on some new life in the closing days of the year.

The present world conditions have been discouraging to missionary activity in general, and perhaps makes our reverses seem

Improved Literature

The year 1950 has seen considerable improvement in the publications printed for the denomination by the Free Will Baptist Press. More attractive covers are being put on the various quarterlies, and some changes have been made in the presentation of lessons and programs. The services of a new writer has been secured for the cards and quarterlies printed for the younger children. More pronounced changes are in the making for the future.

Bright Outlook

The outlook for the future is a bright one, and we predict that the new year 1951 will see much progress made by the denomination, both at home and abroad. Let us pray!

"LET'S PAY FOR CRAGMONT" DRIVE

February Fund Drive to be Directed by
Mrs. Gertrude Ballard

At the annual meeting of the stock-holders of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., owned and operated by the state-wide Free Will Baptist bodies of North Carolina at Black Mountain, which was held in Ayden, Jan. 10, 1951, Mrs. Gertrude Ballard of Greenville, director for the past three years of



Mrs. Gertrude Ballard

the Woman's Conference, was chosen as director for the special drive to be put on during February for funds with which to liquidate the indebtedness against the property.

Mrs. Ballard has announced that she intends to push the campaign with all her might, with the objective of raising as much money as possible toward paying off all debts of the institution. "I believe that North Carolina Free Will Baptists can clear Cragmont of all debts right away, so that this beautiful piece of property can be improved to meet the growing needs of the denomination in this state for retreats for inspiration, instruction, and recreation," says Mrs. Ballard.

Letters will go out soon to all churches, Sunday Schools, Woman's Auxiliaries, F. W. B. L's, and other organizations over the state asking for special offerings to be taken during February for the assembly fund. Cragmont is the special project for N. C. Free Will Baptists under the United Program of the State Convention. Last year the response was excellent upon the part of the churches, and all debt obligations then due were met. However it has been agreed that it will be to the advantage of the movement in every way to pay off the entire debt just as soon as possible, so that more buildings can be erected on the property to care for the various conferences and youth camps meeting there each summer.

Mrs. Ballard will welcome suggestions from all sources regarding the promotion of the campaign. Letters addressed to her at Box 86, Ayden, N. C., will reach her promptly. Attention is called to the fact that donations for Cragmont are not to be sent to Mrs. Ballard, however, but to Mr. Fountain Taylor, Treasurer, Richlands, N. C.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS

L. E. Ballard

Continuing our series of articles about the work of the Free Will Baptist Press, we propose to discuss briefly the question of our Sunday School literature.

There are some who think that we should discontinue the use of the International Sunday School Lessons, which have been the basis of our helps for many years, and use instead a graded series of lessons sponsored by the Evangelical Sunday School Convention. Most of the suggestions for change come from the larger city Sunday Schools. From correspondence and contacts we have had with many Sunday School leaders, it is certainly a question as to whether or not the majority of our people want the change. The Press has been committed to a willingness to make the change for sometime if and when it may be shown to be the wise move to make.

It is contended that the International Sunday School Committee is controlled by modernists. This point we do not propose to discuss, other than to admit that there is evidence that some of those on the committee do lean toward modernistic teachings.

There is, however, quite a bit of misunderstanding regarding the effect of the views of the modernists on the committee on our literature. Regardless of the personal faith of individuals connected with the committee, each editor of literature using the outlines is perfectly free to put his own, or his churches' interpretation upon the scriptures given. In fact, all that we receive here from the committee is a list of scripture

references, a memory verse, or golden text, and some brief suggestions concerning adaptation of the truths of the lesson to everyday life. The writer of this article has made a careful study of all the material sent us for the 1951 lessons, and fails to find one bit of doctrinal dogma in it which conflicts with our church doctrine. The nearest approach to doctrine we can find is in the helps for the February 18 lesson, and from the suggestions for that Sunday we quote: "A highly important event in Jesus' ministry was Peter's confession of Jesus as the Christ. Writers may show that any view of Jesus which fails to recognize his Messiahship and acknowledge His Lordship is inadequate . . . Stories of Jesus helping others may be told in this lesson to show how the disciples, watching and listening to Him, grew to a better understanding of Him and His ministry and that He was the Son of God." We are not giving these quotations to argue that the contention concerning the modernist teachings of the International Lesson Committee is an error, but to let our people know that we are not receiving through the committee modernist teaching, nor passing the same on knowingly. Some people seem to think that the lessons are prepared by the International Committee, and that therefore they are modernists. As a matter of fact the lesson material is written by Free Will Baptist writers, who use various commentaries for their instruction. We use and sell especially "Peloubet's Select Notes," which has the approval of several evangelical colleges and is edited by a man generally accepted as fundamental in doctrine—Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, D. D. Very definitely "Peloubet's Notes" upholds the divinity of Christ, His vicarious death and resurrection, and other fundamental doctrines held by our church.

As stated before, most of the advocates of a change to the Evangelical Grades Series of Lessons have appeared to be in the larger city Sunday Schools. They, of course, must be considered, but we would like to know also the opinion of the bulk of

our Free Will Baptist people everywhere, so we invite most cordially superintendents and teachers of all kinds of schools to write us their views. Some are advocating substituting the new lessons for the children's classes; others seem to think that it would be confusing to have two different courses of instruction in the same S. S. and that if the shift is made it should be made all the way through.

The Free Will Baptist Press sincerely wants to serve the best interest of all our people. Our publications are constantly growing in circulation. Some who have tried other publications have returned to the use of our literature. Others who have never used it have begun recently. Only yesterday we received an order for literature from a school that has used other publications since the school was organized twenty-five years ago.

We are not fighting other publishing houses, nor other types of Sunday School helps, but we do think our Free Will Baptist people should very earnestly and prayerfully consider all things before turning away from the only Free Will Baptist Sunday School publications we have in America. If we stick together we can in time make these publications fill the need of all our people. In the meantime, please judge our publications doctrinally by what is in them—not by what you may have been told is in some other organization which exercises no control whatsoever over the orthodoxy, or unorthodoxy, of the publications of the Free Will Baptist Press.

LET US JOIN HANDS

Let us join hands this New Year, and form a band of real church workers. Let us begin our work right by prayers, study of the Word, and co-operation in our religious activities. Let us take hold of the little tasks and as well as of the larger ones, and work loyally and patiently until the things we seek to do are really accomplished.

Let us have faith in ourselves as a group of Christian workers to do well what our hands find to do. May we put our whole heart in the work to improve the condition of our church, Sunday School, League, and the Woman's Auxiliary.—C. J. Carrol.

PROMOTING WITH THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

(Continued from page 3)

clamation.

The Christmas holidays at home proved to be opportune times. We had the privilege of bringing the Christmas message to the Nashville Pastor's Association and a resulting follow-up of the same message to one of the leading Methodist congregations in the city of Nashville. The remainder of the month was spent in completing the compilation of the manuscript for our Denominational Yearbook and Directory, and we were able to get this together and into the hands of the printers before we left again.

December 31 and we were gone again, this time to Norfolk, Virginia, for a Christian Workers' Institute at the Fairmount Park Church. It was a pleasure to be with Bro. Hales and his good people again, and we were pleasantly surprised with a sweet reception which had been planned for us at the home of one of the members. The feature was a huge cake which one of the members, a baker by trade, had made, decorated with the words, "Welcome to Norfolk Free Will Baptist Church, Rev. Dodd." We are making our home with our dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Capps, whom we have learned to love dearly as our very own. Early indications are that we are in for a blessed time together with a spirit of revival present in the Institute and many people attending the sessions.

Upon completion of this session we will move on to Chester, Pa., for some research in the Library of the Baptist Historical Society for historical information on our Free Will Baptist movement. Weather permitting, we will go on from there into New York where some of our unaffiliated Free Will Baptist Brethren desire a conference with us relative to the National Association and its work, with a possible view of uniting with us.

The months ahead are scheduled to capacity with activities designed to keep the work on the move. God is blessing in a most wonderful way

and His directive pattern is leading us into unprecedented opportunities for service and advancement. Please pray for us as we move along from place to place.

Yours for a greater National Association.

Damon C. Dodd, Promotional Secretary
3609 Richland Avenue,
Nashville 5, Tennessee

MISSION ITINERATE

By J. C. GRIFFIN

January 22—Mt. Zion, Washington Co.
January 23—Elizabeth City
January 24—Hickory Chapel, Hertford Co.
January 25—Union Chapel, Beaufort Co.
January 26—Palmetto Chapel, Craven Co.
January 27—Ruth's Chapel, Craven Co.
January 29—New Haven, Craven Co.
January 30—Sts. Delight, Craven Co.
January 31—Bridgeton, Craven Co.
February 1—Macedonia, Craven Co.
February 2—Juniper Chapel, Craven Co.
February 5—Gethsemane, Craven Co.
February 6—Core Creek, Craven Co.
February 7—Wintergreen, Craven Co.
February 8—Mosley's Creek, Craven Co.
February 9—Pilgrim's Home, Jones Co.
February 12—Friendship, Jones Co.
February 13—Whaley's Chapel, Jones Co.
February 14—Smith's New Home
February 15—Deep Run, Lenoir Co.
February 16—Gray Branch, Lenoir Co.

On motion the Board authorize the publication of the itinerary for the showing of the film, "A Letter to Melittino," under the direction of Rev. J. C. Griffin, and that we inform our people that at this time this Board has not authorized anyone else to solicit, or to work in any of the churches in North Carolina in the behalf of Missions. This action does not interfere with the authority and operation of the Foreign Mission Director, Rev. Rashie Kennedy.

By the N. C. State Mission Board

THE EDITOR WANTS

The editor wants to communicate with Free Will Baptist pastors, or churches in the following states: New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia. In view of this fact, we are asking those who read the Baptist paper, and who know of Free Will Baptist pastors, and their addresses, of all possible Free Will Baptist churches in those states, to please give names and addresses of said pastors on a postal card, and mail to the editor. He wants to mail to said pastors and churches sample copies of the Baptist paper, and also sample copies of our other publications.—Editor.



THE GREAT TEACHER

(Lesson for January 28)

LESSON: Mark 3:13—4:34. Mark 4:1, 2, 26-34.

GOLDEN TEXT: Mark 4:24.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

The emphasis, which is placed in the discussions of this lesson, is directly upon Christ the Master teacher. His method used in our Scripture Text for these comments is by the parable. The Daily Bible Readings listed for parallel reading consist of several striking parables which set forth wonderful teachings of Christ concerning the kingdom. These, when studied in conjunction with the Lesson Text, give additional enlightenment to the teachings of our Lord. The growth of the kingdom of God is set forth by use of parables by Christ to make it easier for a person to understand it. Diligent study of these scriptures and comments should enable those who study the lesson to derive great benefit from it—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. Such a multitude could not have gained entrance into any synagogue and outdoor teaching was the only practical way of bringing to them a religious message. (vs. 1).

2. Etymologically the word "parable" means something cast alongside of something else—that is, a comparison. There is always in parables some kind of comparison. But in common usage the word "parable" is limited to a special kind of comparison—a short invented story which is true to life, from which a spiritual lesson is drawn. A few comparisons called parables in the Gospels are so brief that they are really metaphors. The realm of God has many aspects, some one of which is illustrated by various of the parables Christ spoke. (vss. 2, 26).

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3. Jews reckoned each twenty-four hour day from sunset to sunset to sunset; hence the expression, "night and day," with night coming first. **grow up**—The seed represents gospel truth, and the ground, human hearts. The growth of the plant represents the Christian's advancing religious experience. As in the natural realm, there is a mysterious divine element working, producing spiritual growth. (vs. 27).

4. This was the smallest seed with which Christ's hearers were familiar. In the Jewish Talmud its size is used proverbially to express something that is very small. The mustard of Palestine often reaches a height of fifteen feet, and frequently is as high as a horse, constituting a large growth from small beginnings. Likewise the church was small at first, yet became great; whereas many man-made movements have started out with much promise and flare of trumpets, but have eventually declined and disappeared.—W. H. Thomson said that he saw mustard bushes alive with flocks of birds feeding on the seeds. The fact that birds can lodge in the branches helps to make plain the size of the bush.

Mark here refers to numerous parables which he did not record. Matthew and Luke give more, but probably many never were recorded. (vss. 31-33).—Arnold's Commentary

It is true that the church did grow from the very small seed planted in Palestine, and spread with marvelous rapidity, and it has become established as the greatest force in the world. It upholds the righteousness of God because it is the work of God through Christ His Son. No evil power can destroy it. But it should be noticed that Jesus speaks of fowls lodging in the shadow of this abnormally large plant. Let us remember also that fowls in the Scripture have an unclean significance. They may find shelter and rest under the tree, but they are not a part of it. Men of the nations become a part of the tree only as they are grafted as branches into the Vine (Christ).

From the time Christianity spread over the Roman Empire until this day, nations have undertaken to use

its branches and shadow for perches of safety. As in the case of the Romans, nations have, at various times, considered it so powerful that they deemed it wise to try to shelter in it rather than to oppose it. Men have accepted its power, but refuse its principles. This fact has brought pollution into the visible organization, and caused the church to lose its grip on the respect and confidence of the nations. The church has benefits for all men, but personal spiritual blessings for those only who become a part of it through Christ.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

6. Some fowls of the air are a blessing to the farmer and the orchards. Others are pests and nuisances. A friend of ours failed to get enough fruit from a cherry tree to make a single pie because of feathered thieves. In the parable of the sower, Jesus represents birds as doing the work of Satan in catching away the good seed that had been sown. The parable of the mustard seed does not teach that all people who join the church, or who make a profession of being Christians are really and truly saved.

FIRST F. W. B. CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE, FLA., SEEKING PASTOR

This is to let the people know that the First Free Will Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Florida, is without a pastor, and that we would be very glad to hear from some minister whom the Lord will lead to this small group of workers, and help us in serving the Master's cause.

We are not financially able to support a full-time pastor now, but we now have plans to move into a more central location where we can have a larger field from which to draw people to our services. We feel that we will be able then to work into full-time pastorate in a short while.

Any minister who is doctrinally sound in the F. W. B. doctrine, and who is filled with a desire to serve the Lord is asked to write to G. W. Cloud, Church Clerk, Box 6111, Jacksonville, Fla. We will be very glad to take up the matter with him for services.

We are praying that the Lord will answer our prayers, and put it on the heart of some good preacher to get in touch with us. Pray for us now, will you?

G. W. Cloud

Department of Foreign Missions

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

TESTIMONY OF RAMON GINIEBRA

Once again I wish to give my testimony of the things that my beloved Saviour has done in my life for the honor and glory of His name.

I will begin by telling you that when I was quite small I heard the Gospel preached for the first time. It was preached in a home that was near mine and I, together with some of my family, heard the preaching, and the seed sown remained for the future. I say for the future because for some time afterward they did not preach in that place, so we continued to live the same sinful life enchained by the enemy of our souls and at last falling into the terrible teaching of Spiritualism. But thank the Lord, who is so full of grace and love, that He visited us again, giving us a new opportunity of hearing the message of salvation for the second time, which very soon had its effect in my home, several being converted, among them my dear Mother and afterward I with some others who are serving the Lord together with me.



My conversion took place January 1, 1944 and I was of an age which was opportune to begin a missionary career, that of 20 years.

Not long after receiving the call of the Lord I entered the seminary where I have received much teaching and experiences that are being very profitable in the work that for this very thing it was necessary for me to learn them.

In my field of labor I have had the privilege of leading some souls to Christ and have a vision, by the grace of the Lord, to

be able to win many more.

I am hoping that all you brethren will aid me in prayer, that I may always overcome and be able to accomplish the sublime task that the angels would like to do and cannot, that of teaching the good news of salvation.

May the Lord bless to each life these words expressed in the love of Christ.

Ramon Giniebra

CUBAN STUDENTS NEED SUPPORT

Minimum Cost \$20.00 per Month

In this issue of the paper appears the name, picture, and testimony of one of our fine Cuban students, Ramon Giniebra. He is typical of the many other students in the Free Will Baptist Bible School in Cuba, who stand in need of prayer and financial support.

The minimum cost of supporting a Cuban Student is \$20.00 per month. It would be a fine gesture if churches, auxiliaries, leagues and Sunday schools would adopt one of these fine students and underwrite their expense. Some have already been assigned to certain groups for full support and in such cases we will send you a picture, name and testimony of your missionary student.

Remember, too, we have 28 full time Native workers in Cuba and the minimum cost of a full-time native worker is \$30.00 per month. To those who like to personalize your missionary gifts, why not adopt either a Cuban Student or Native worker. We will send picture and testimony and you may correspond with your missionary direct.

Please send all gifts and inquiries to the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park 3, Michigan.

The following students await prayer and financial adoption:

Ramon Giniebra, Asela Gonzalez, Esten-
ia, Garcia, Meryda Garcia, Elena Perez.
These have been adopted and assigned as follows:

Orlando Flores—Midway Church—Georgia,
\$20.00.

Gloria Freyre—Satilla League—Haze
l Hurst, Georgia, \$20.00.

Celia Izquierdo—Hickory Grove Church,
Haddam, Kansas, \$15.00

Pearsall Chapel Adult S. S. Class, Ken-
ansville, N. C. \$5.00.

Lolita Betancourt—Carteret Co. F. W. B.
Union, Beaufort, N. C., \$20.00

Ana Caridad Reyes—Kinston F. W. B.

Church Auxiliary, Kinston, N. C., \$20
Cuquita Moreno—Highland Park Woman's
Auxiliary, Highland Park, Mich., \$20
Mirtha Carril—Highland Park F. W. B.
League, \$20.00

Jesus Lima Betancourt, Highland Park
Prayer Band, \$20.00.

The Bear Point F. W. B. Church Wo-
man's Auxiliary of Illinois is also support-
ing a Cuban Student to the amount of \$15
per month. This church has been sending
this amount regularly for the past three
years.

Then, too, we appreciate so much the
churches who are assuming the support of
our Native workers in Cuba. The Cape
Fear F. W. B. Conference of Goldsboro,
N. C., and Rev. F. A. Rivenbark and his
fine church in Durham, N. C., are each sup-
porting a Cuban Native worker in the a-
mount of \$30.00 per month.

Others are planning on adopting either
a Cuban Student or Native Worker and
thus do something definite and regular for
the cause of Missions.

FROM THE FIELD

Rev. Raymond Riggs
Highland Park, Michigan

Dear Sir: Enclosed is check for one hun-
dred dollars that I am sending as my Christ-
mas gift to Foreign Missions.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Ivey Edgerton
Western Conference, N. C.

Cramerton, N. C.
December 26, 1950

Rev. Raymond Riggs

Dear Sir: The Mother Bible Class of the
Cramerton F. W. B. Church is sending an
offering of \$13.00 to Foreign Missions.
They decided to send what they were going
to spend for a Christmas present for each
other to the Foreign Missions, so this is
their Christmas present, hoping the Lord
will bless it in a mighty way.

Mrs. Robert Parris

West Frankfort, Ill.
December 27, 1950

Rev. Raymond Riggs
Promotional Secy.-Treas.
242 Victor Ave.
Highland Park, Michigan

Dear Sir:

With this letter you will find enclosed
the missionary offering for the fourth quar-
ter of 1950. This is for the use of the mis-
sionaries in the Foreign field, contributed
by the F. W. B. L. of Union Free Will Bap-
tist Church. May God go with you in the
advancement of this cause.

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"THE SHEPHERD WHO STAYED WITH THE SHEEP" IS PRESENTED TO LARGE AUDIENCES

During the Christmas holidays Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard and son "Jerry" presented the story of "The Shepherd Who Stayed with the Sheep" three times, each service being well attended.

The first presentation was at Deep Run Church on the evening of December 17. Here the stage had been well arranged to represent a hill outside the little town of Bethlehem. The lighting effect was good, and Mrs. Ballard was assisted in the singing of musical responses by the youth choir of the church, Mr. Ballard as the shepherd and Jerry as the lad of Bethlehem were so completely transformed by idealistic costuming that many of the people did not recognize them.

The second performance was given in the Community Chapel, Simpson, N. C., on the evening of December 19th. People of the community cooperated most wonderfully in arranging the stage and in assisting Mrs. Ballard with the music. Despite a real cold evening a large crowd was present for the program.

In the final presentation at Cabin Church, which was given on Christmas Eve, the stage setting was almost perfect. Here the musical accompaniments were sung by Mrs. Ballard and Rev. Sam Kennedy, a guest performer on the program.

Rev. Mr. Ballard, assisted by members of his family, plans also to reproduce this year on a larger scale than ever, the Easter drama, "The Saddest Disciple." The drama has already been scheduled for the second, third, and fourth Sunday evenings in March, and other requests are coming in. Mr. Ballard has announced that he will be glad to give the drama each evening during Holy Week if it is wanted by churches in the vicinity of Ayden. Requests for dates should be sent to him at Box 86, Ayden, N. C.—The Lighthouse.

The Holy Ghost is competent to renew the mind and heart of the unbeliever, and raise him from the dead.—Rev. Henry Varley.

A WORTHY CALL FROM CALIFORNIA

"A friend in need is a friend indeed."

Dear Christian friends:

We are trying, as best we know how, to walk in the very center of God's will at all times, and to do the work which He has called us to do, however, we find that there are some things which we cannot do without the help of others. We make this appeal, therefore, to our Brothers and Sisters in the Free Will Baptist movement, and we feel justified in doing so.

We are desperately in need of assistance here in this part of California. We are doing all that we possibly can to get a Free Will Baptist Church established here, but so far, we have been unable to secure a place, in which to worship, so we are seeking financial assistance.

Is it possible that there is a Saint of God somewhere who is able and willing to make us a loan? We hope and pray that there is such a person in our denomination who can help us now, when we need it so desperately. If we could borrow about \$1500 for a down payment, we feel certain that we could secure a place in one of the best localities here, and that our God would be glorified through the salvation of many precious souls.

We believe that there are great possibilities here for the Free Will Baptist church, if we can once get started. So, won't you please hear our cry, and come to our assistance? Certainly, it must be in the will of God that the Free Will Baptist have a church here in this vast territory. Will all of you who read this, just bow your heads where you are, and ask God to undertake in our behalf? "Prayer changes things." So, won't you please remember us when you pray? Thank you, and God bless you.

Yours in His service,
Rev. W. A. Carnett
808 First Ave.
El Cajon, California

If we would be a powerful people we must be a clean people.—God's Revivalist.

N. C. STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION INSTITUTE BOARD MEETING REPORT

Rev. R. P. Harris, Publicity Director

The Executive Board of the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention-Institute met in the city of Smithfield December 9 to attend to the semi-annual business of the organization. The meeting was called to order by the President of the Convention, Mr. R. T. Sasser of Wilson, N. C., who presided over the meeting. After a delicious meal of fried chicken and other good things to eat, special prayer was offered by most every member of the group for divine guidance in the great undertaking. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and items of business noted.

The first new item of business was that of electing the Rev. F. B. Cherry of Durham, N. C., to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. R. B. Crawford who recently moved to Bryan, Texas, to work with the Church. The office of Director of Records and reports was declared vacant and the Rev. Cherry was unanimously elected to the office.

At the time of the Board meeting no definite place had been decided upon. Since that time, however, at the suggestion of members of the board, our president, R. T. Sasser contacted the Orphanage at Middlesex and arrangements have been made for the 1951 session to be held there. The time of the convening of the Convention is on Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in April, 1951.

The program committee consisting of the president, secretary and publicity director will announce the program early in the year. The same general procedure will be followed this year as heretofore in the program schedule.

The Board recommends that the State Sunday School Convention-Institute employ a worker who will have the responsibility of teaching Sunday School Administration and other suitable courses at Cragmont Assembly, Inc., during the time allotted for such work by the Assembly. The suggested schedule calls for \$50.00 per month plus transportation from point of contact. It was suggested that \$125.00 be set aside to take care of this project.

The Rev. Rashie Kennedy, our Director of Field Secretary work, was designated as our representative to Cragmont Assembly, Inc., and shall serve with the Board of Directors of the Assembly in setting up the summer activities. Members of the Cragmont board of stockholders include Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Mr. Fountain Taylor, and Mr. R. T. Sasser.

A lengthy discussion of promotional activity involving the Field Secretary's work ensued, and a representative was appointed to meet with the various Union Meetings, December 30th, to place the work

before them if they had no Sunday School Convention. The board pledged its support in every way possible to the Convention and its far reaching program. It is suggested that all Union meeting districts organize a S. S. Convention if they do not have one. Members of the Board stand ready to assist in the work. Interested parties may contact Mr. R. T. Sasser, 207 W. Broad St., Wilson, N. C., for information.

RIGHT THINKING FOR THE NEW YEAR

By Rev. C. J. Pitts

Unity Free Will Baptist Church
2816 Edison Avenue
Jacksonville, Fla.

The New Year of 1951 has dawned, and is still in its infancy. The old year of 1950 is past history. There are not very many of us but can look back with regret for the mistakes, failures and opportunities we have let slip by. There are three things that we should be deeply concerned about, and we should be very careful to see that neither should be neglected to the extent that we should suffer loss. First, we will mention the material, or financial side of life's problems. Of course, this is very important, or we suffer to some extent. Second, there is the physical side of life. The body needs proper care, exercise, relaxation, and proper food, or nourishment to keep it fit. Third, there is the spiritual side of life, which many neglect.

The New Year will bring to us many new experiences. Let us make sure that we have sufficient grace to face those experiences without fear or regret. At the very beginning of 1951, would it not be nice to start thinking right? I am not condemning anything that you allow, neither do I condemn you, but I am begging you to start thinking. From the beginning of the Creation Satan has tried every method of debauchery that could be mentioned in the category of the human vocabulary to keep people from thinking. The first thing Satan offers is the material things of life, gold, silver, houses, land, automobiles, airplanes, yachts, etc. Many sell their soul to him for these. Second, Satan tries to blind the mind. He starts in childhood with comic strips, and notice that Satan increases his force on us as we grow older. He adds to these cheap novels, western and detective stories, and then love stories, and finally he attacks God with his theory of atheism or infidelity. Many minds have been crazed by this attack. Third, Satan offers entertainment, the theaters, night clubs, ball rooms, bar rooms, common road houses, and gambling dens. Then we have entertainment in the home. Record players, radios, musical instruments of various kinds, television for sight, and telephone for gossip. Many use drink

or dope to deaden the mind. Coffee and tobacco may be added to satisfy.

I am not condemning you, or any of these things that you may allow, or practice, but these are some of Satan's tools to keep us from right thinking. We may think, but many think through the wrong channel. In Matthew 16:26 is a question I would like you to answer: "What is a man profited if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what would a man give in exchange for his soul?" Think right. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you." Think. This is an individual matter. Where are you headed for—Heaven or Hell? Think.

GREAT LAKES YOUTH CAMP

Rev. H. E. Willis

Director

1023 Longfellow Ave.
Royal Oak, Michigan

Dear Fellow-Camper:

July seems a long time away, doesn't it? Yes, but time rushes on and it won't be long 'til camp will again be in session. Our camp will begin this year on Monday morning, July 23, and continue through Saturday noon, July 28th.

We have obtained the best camp in the state for our group this year. It is the Mill Lake Camp, located six miles out of Chelsea. I would like to describe it in part to you. The distance from Detroit is about sixty miles. It is located in the well-known 14,000 acre Waterloo Recreation Area, and overlooks Mill Lake. Swimming is excellent with a private beach. The camp is surrounded by hills, forests and open fields.

There are sixteen rustic cabins and a unit latrine. The large mess hall and connecting kitchen are modern, equipped with dishes, silverware, utensils, gas cooking stove, electric refrigerator, and water heater.

Other buildings include an administration building (for staff) with four bedrooms, two complete bath rooms, and lounge with fire place. The camp has a craft shop, infirmary, office and helps quarters. All buildings have electricity, and are insulated. Each has a fuel oil stove.

Mill Lake Camp will accommodate a total of 142 persons, 112 campers, and 30 staff persons, including help. With your cooperation, and prayers, we will fill the camp this year. In fact, I am thinking that some will be disappointed and not get to go unless action is taken early. You, as a former camper, will no doubt plan to be with us this year. Will you tell your friends about the camp and invite them to share these blessings with you? Remember, boys and girls of any church or no church are welcome. Please plan your vacation so you will not be away the week of the camp; this is why I am writing you so early, and

why we have started working so early, so you would know when and where camp would be held.

I will inform you at a later date as to cost, what to bring, age limitations, rules of the camp, and how to make application for going.

Please call me at any time for other information, or contact the other members of your Camp Committee: Rev. William T. Newsome, Belleville, and Mrs. Nathan Shaw, East Detroit.

See you in Camp in '51!

Rev. Homer E. Willis
Your Camp Director

TURLOCK CHURCH, CALIFORNIA, OBSERVED LONG WATCH SERVICE

The church of Turlock, California, enjoyed a wonderful watch service lasting from 7:30 P. M., December 31, 1950, until 3:30 Jan. 1st., 1951.

Several neighboring churches attended the service, and a lot of old-time singing, preaching, and shouting was enjoyed by all.

There were two young ladies baptized, one in 1950, and the other found Christ as her personal Saviour, about 12:30 A. M., and wanted to be baptized, and, of course, our good pastor, Brother Truman Huddleston, was ready to render another service for God.

At 11:30 all Christians were called to an old fashioned altar for a prayer of dedication and consecration, asking the Lord to use us in 1951 as he has never used us before.

At 12 o'clock communion and feet washing took place, and the power of God was really felt.

Yes, we are still trying in our weak way to serve God in Calif., and we are gradually growing in God's work.

California is ready for the harvest. There is so much work to do.

We sincerely pray that the many readers of this paper will keep us on their prayer list. Pray that every Free Will Baptist in California will earnestly say from the bottom of their hearts: "Not my will O Lord, but Thine Be Done."

Humbly for Christ,
Ella Mae Foster,
Church Reporter
P. O. Box 373, Empire, Calif.

TEACHER'S HELP'S, 1951

Superintendent's Guide50
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Very Truly Yours,
Ella Jean McCullough
R. R. 1, Box 172
West Frankfort, Ill.

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Sesser, Ill.
Dec. 27, 1950

Dear Brother Riggs:

We are inclosing our monthly offering of \$15.00 from our Woman's Auxiliary of Bear Point Church for the month of December for the support of our Cuban student. We have been sending these offerings since November, 1947, and feel that in a small measure we have had a part in helping to spread the Gospel to those who are eagerly waiting for someone to help them find the Saviour.

Brother Tom Willie came to our church on December 12 and brought a wonderful message on his work down in Cuba. He told us many things concerning the young woman whom we are helping to support. He told us that she would graduate next year but we want to continue to help with this work as long as our auxiliary feels able to send it.

When we began this three years ago, the amount asked was \$15.00, but now they tell us the amount that it costs is \$20.00, but we feel that we are sending all we can since we do help out in other phases of our Free Will Baptist work.

Pray for our auxiliary that our women will continue to see the need of supporting this worthy cause.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Chesta Clamper
Secy.-Treas Bear Point Aux.

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Route 2, Box 137
Johnsonville, S. C.
Dec. 18, 1950

F. W. B. Board of Foreign Missions
Rev. Raymond Riggs, Pro.-Secy.-Treas.

Dear Brother Riggs:

Enclosed you will find a money order for \$18.00 for foreign missions. This is a gift from the Card Class at Little Bethel F. W. B. Church, of which I am teacher. These little children are very mission-minded, so I devised a plan by which they could contribute to missions. We have a penny march in our Sunday School class each Sunday, other than our Sunday School offering. The little ones in my class always remember to pray for the missionaries and the little heathen children. We thank the Lord that he has blessed us so that we can send this contribution.

Yours for spreading the Gospel,
Mrs. Franklin Eaddy
Rt. 2, Box 137
Johnsonville, S. C.

A MESSAGE FROM MISS BARNARD

(continued from page five)

I read this just as I was reviewing the work of our own mission born 15 years ago. It struck me, not just as an odious comparison, but as a smiting challenge. I believe we can do as much as that denomination. I know that we can do yet a better job for Him who has done so much for us. May we cover this New Year of 1951 with a new record of achievements in the furtherance of the Gospel.

Yours in His glad service,
Laura B. Barnard
312 Herrington Street
Glennville, Ga.

NOTES AND QUOTES

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knowledge of the truth" (II Tim. 3: 6, 7). Did you know that two of the most unscriptural religions of today were founded by women. Look up the records and see how Satan is walking up and down the earth. He is a hungry and roaring lion in these last days. He knows that his time to deceive souls is soon to be cut out and that he is to go into the "bottomless pit," therefore he is making a special effort to damn all.

ROSE BUD CHURCH HAD A GOOD YEAR

Mrs. Lee O. Winstead
1010 Briggs Street
Wilson, N. C.

Rose Bud F. W. B. Church had a very good harvest of converts this church year, 1949 and 1950.

In October, 1949, the Rev. C. J. Harris began his sowing in our church as our pastor. He has watched over the flock, keeps us in peace, and in love one with the other.

He visits the sick, he seeks out the sin-sick ones, and brings them in the church. There have been twenty six converts baptized and received into the church this year.

Most of these have taken up the Christian armor and are showing that they are not ashamed of the Gos-

pel of Jesus Christ.

We have others round about us who need to know more about Jesus Christ and him crucified.

Our prayers are that the Lord will lead Brother Harris on, and put the words in his heart to say that others may understand the plan of salvation and will accept Christ as their Saviour before it is to late.

We feel the Lord was with our people when they called Brother Harris to preach for us the past year, and we are looking forward for a very good year in 1950 and 1951.

How wonderful it is to live for Jesus Christ, the man of Calvary, the one who died for us. Christ gave his life for us, not when we were His friend, but when we were His enemies. For if when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more being reconciled we shall be saved by Jesus Christ.

We think of Jesus who was born in a manger and died upon the cross. We think of the people who have died with the name of Jesus on their lips and the shadows of death burst in glorious colors of the setting sun at the thought of His name.

All the glories that gather around Jesus' name are wonderful to behold. But, dear friend, they will not be of value to you. Unless Jesus makes a triumphant entry into your heart. You must do something definite about the acceptance of Christ Jesus as your personal Saviour, if his life benefits you.

The more we see how wholly dependent we are upon Christ Jesus, the more we are able to appreciate what a wonderful friend God sent us when he gave us Jesus.

Now I say with Paul, "Thanks be unto God, for His unspeakable gift."

Mrs. Lee O. Winstead
1010 Briggs Street
Wilson, N. C.

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Any churches publishing Church Bulletins that would be interested in exchanging bulletins, mail bulletin to—

Mrs. Dorothy N. Harris
3529 Myra Street,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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My Father, with my hand so tightly clasped in
Thine,

I do not hesitate with nameless fear
To step across the threshold of the door
That leads into a new and untried year;

Because I know that He from whom this new
year came

Has also planned the way with loving care,
And anything it brings of joy or pain
Is just because He knows I need it there.

Instead, I look upon the coming year with joy
And eagerness; I know it will afford
Another chance to prove my love for Him—
Another chance to witness for my Lord.

I'm looking forward to the days ahead with Him,
And in His precious Book I hope to find
Some rich, new treasures, undiscovered yet,
As food for hungry heart and soul and mind.

Besides, perhaps this year will bring to those who
wait

Fulfillment of His promise "I will come."
And—all our trials, heartaches, burdens past—
The saints of God will enter "Home, sweet
Home."

—M. Joyce Rader

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I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true; I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to what light I have.—A. Lincoln

A wise man is never less alone than when he is alone.—Swift

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≈ Can You Give Me the Answer? ≈

Why are so many churches dead, or in a lukewarm condition? I can give a few reasons; most everyone can name some causes for cold and indifferent churches.

Envy, greed, jealousy, hate, malice, and many more such causes could be added to the list of troublemakers for churches. How do they work? In several different ways, for example, I might be envious of a brother or sister in the church, because he or she can sing or testify better than I. I might be jealous because most of the members listened to what so and so said about some church matters instead of what I said. I could have so much greed, for example, in my heart about every time anything worth while that came up for consideration I would want to run it my way. And, if any money is involved, I must handle the money, for no one else knows just how to do it. Or is there anyone else that I dare to trust to handle the money?

Well, let us see what this sort of thing looks like? We are having a meeting at our church, for example, but we cannot call it a revival yet, for no one has been revived and no sinners saved. I see Sister Eve go speak to some lost soul. Then someone will say, "Well, she won't do any good, everyone knows she does not live like a Christian should. About that time I see, for example, Brother Bill going to speak to someone while the service is going on. I think he's not fit to be called a Christian, let alone being a deacon of the church. You see, jealousy in the heart, and bitter criticism serve to kill interest in the church.

Take this for an illustration. I think that I will invite my pastor home with me right soon, so that I can tell him all about all of our church members. Then I am sure that he will agree with me that many of our church members should be put out of the church. And I am sure that he will know how he will be able to go about it. But I must

Mrs. Vera Allen

be certain that he will not go tell the other members what I have said to him. Another way that I will show my envy or jealousy, I will just mingle among the crowd when the pastor is having a handshake with the different members, and I will not shake hands with but certain members whom I like; just the ones whom I think are living right. In this way our pastor will see that I am shaking hands with only certain ones, and that by this he will know they are the only ones who are Christians as they should be. He will know by this that the others are not right as church members. Such things as this do happen in some churches, and cause friction and coldness among many of the members.

Now dear reader, will you take an account of yourself? See if you are guilty of any such attitudes toward your church members. Friends, don't tell your pastor of anything bad about other members. He will find out such early enough. He will know who is on fire for the Lord, and who is a stumblingstone in the way of church progress. Don't be surprised about what he has already learned about you and your concern of the work of the church. The thing is: Are all your thoughts clean about others? Are they right in the sight of God? After all, what God sees in our heart and life that is good will count for us; the other will do us no good.

May each of us in our own church, wherever that may be, unite our strength in prayer, and put forth our efforts with the other church members and the pastor, and make our purpose to be one aim, one desire to go forward in the name of Christ Jesus for the glory of God. Let us do this to be better able to win the lost to Christ before it shall be too late. If there are some of our church members who have quit going to church, or only part of the time, let

us see if we can find the cause. Then try to get them to come back to the church, and worship the Lord with the other members. We do not have to be preachers to do just that thing. The pastor cannot run the church by himself. Let us back up our pastor with our prayers, our means, and then pray one for the other. If we cannot pray for one another, then let us get down at the altar, and pray that God may open our hearts, and cause us to see just where we stand before him. Let us pray and yield ourselves at the throne of grace until we are a fit subject for the Master's use.

May the good Lord bless everyone is our prayer. May we seek to build a greater church for Christ by all pulling together, working together, and sacrificing together for the cause of righteousness in the world.

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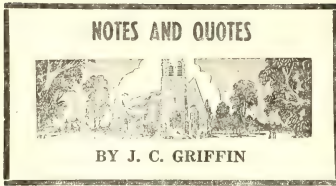
Don and Dora were on their way home from Sunday School. "I don't think you and Ray behaved a bit nice in class today," remarked Dora. "I saw you laughing and pinching each other and teasing Will Reese while Miss Rodman was teaching the lesson. You wouldn't dare behave that way at school tomorrow."

"No, we'd be punished if we did," laughed Don. "They don't punish you at Sunday School, you know."

"Well, Don, I'm ashamed of you!" exclaimed Dora. "If you won't behave at Sunday School just because you know the teacher can't punish you or send you home, you ought to be ashamed."

Don flushed. He had not thought about it that way before. It did seem a mean thing to do.

"I guess you're right, Dora. It is not fair to God, or to the Sunday School, or to Miss Rodman, either, for us to act that way," he said. "Hereafter I won't do anything in Sunday School I wouldn't do in a week-day school."—Dew Drops.



Not Missionary Minded

A brother who is very much interested in the promotion of our church program, one who has proved himself to be a good worker in the church activities, said, some time back: "Our people here are not very much missionary minded." I find that there are many people who are not "missionary minded," but we are growing rapidly in the Missions field. People who are seeing the Mission pictures are getting more and more interested, especially is this true with our young people and even small children are showing a great interest.

"A Penny a Meal for Foreign

Missions"

In the Missions Itinerary, I find that children are anxious to accept the "stickers," and to prepare a little jar to be placed on the table where they eat. It says on the sticker, "A Penny a Meal for Foreign Missions." This method is only a small beginning, but it is education and inculcates in the mind of the children a spirit of Foreign Missions. Our hope lies right here. Teach children the great "Go ye command," and when they are old they will not depart from it.

I believe every born again child of God, who is properly taught, will be missionary minded. There are many born again children of God who have never been taught. They have had preaching, but a great deal of preaching is minus a "Teaching Ministry." Any person who believes in regeneration should certainly believe in the command of the Lord Jesus, when He said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The Lord said it—it is His command—and to ignore it, is to ignore the great plan of reaching the unsaved.

Write to your state director, or to

the Promotional Secretary of Foreign Missions, and get your stickers, and place a jar on your eating table that will remind you at every meal that the Lord said, "Go ye into all the world." You can get these stickers from Rev. Raymond Riggs, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park 3, Michigan.

"A Letter to Melitino"

The picture of the work, or at least a part of the work that is being done in Cuba, is being shown on the screen now in several different churches, and people are becoming more and more convinced that this is one of the most successful ways to present information on any topic, and that Christian truth can be taught quickly by seeing as well as hearing. The effect will be lasting because of the ability of the eye to grasp and the mind to knowledge. What we see stays with us when what we hear is gone.

Everywhere we go with the picture there are many words of satisfaction expressed. We have not heard a single word of criticism. Every one praises the work. And we have had some good people to follow up; that is, persons who attended the film service at their church, have gone to the neighboring church to encourage the work, as the picture was shown on our itinerary. This is evidence that those people endorse the work.

Our Children Being Taught Through the Eye

In our public schools and colleges the projector is being used to teach practical subjects in many of the sciences. One college man said to me, "I learned more through the projector when I was in college, than I did from reading books. This man graduated in Agriculture. If a man could learn useful facts in agriculture by seeing, is it not just as practical that a person can learn religious facts through the seeing of religious pictures? Pictures tell what is being done. Pictures that portray the word of God on the screen show the results of that word on the life of individuals.

The Sending and the Sender

"As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you," said Jesus to His disciples, as recorded by John chapter 20 and verse 21. This is a great commission. The Father sent Jesus into the world to die, that men might live. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Christ died to give me the abundant life. What He did for me, He did for all mankind. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up. That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:14, 15). Notice that great big word "Whosoever." That certainly means anyone. It is foolish for a man to even think that Jesus died for a special few. He died for all men everywhere. Life eternal is offered to all. But in spite that Christ came and died for all, there are millions who have flatly rejected Christ as Saviour of their life. My reader, are you one of these who has said "No" to the Lord Jesus? If you are I am sorry for you. I am praying for you. Christ loves you, so as Christ came to die for men and show them the way of life, giving His own precious blood that whosoever believeth in Him should have eternal life, it is no wonder that the wrath of God abideth on the Christ rejector. My unsaved friend, the wrath of God is over your head, and it may fall at any moment. Then may we say to those who have accepted the Lord Jesus as personal Saviour, Christ said to you: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." We who are saved cannot get around the responsibility of sending or taking the gospel to those who are in darkness. If God chooses to send me, I must go; if he chooses for me to help some one else to go, I cannot escape the responsibility.

A church that refuses to send the gospel to others will die. It has no right to exist, because it is a betrayer of the Christ who said, "Even so send I you." Brother, what have you done with the opportunity to get the message of salvation to those who

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BE GLAD YOU'RE YOURSELF

Donne Zieske

Tiny, as you may guess by her name, was a little girl. Her father and mother had been killed in an accident, and she lived with her grandmother in a small cottage near the seashore.

She loved her grandmother dearly, and always wanted to do everything she could to help—except make beds. Why do you suppose she did not like to do that? Because she was so little she could not reach very well; also, it seemed that she got lost in the bed-clothes.

Grandma had a bed such as only grandmothers have nowadays—a high one with a feather tick and huge pillows. When you slept on it, you felt as if you were on a cloud.

One summer morning it was so warm, Tiny wished for once that she just did not have to work at all, especially that she did not have to make the bed. The pillows would not go right. And no sooner was one side of the bed fixed than the other had to be arranged all over.

Grandma always laughed when she saw Tiny crawling across the bed to fix the side nearest the wall. But she was busy in the kitchen just now.

"Grandma, come here!" called Tiny rather crossly.

It was easy to guess what was wrong, for this had happened before.

"Grandma, I can't make this bed! I'm just not big enough to reach. Nellie Howe never has a hard time making beds, as I do, I'm sure."

"If God had made us all Nellie Howes, Tinies, or grandmas, we wouldn't like it, would we?" smiled Grandma. "Don't you think maybe God made you the way you are because He wanted you to be a little slibeam for Him?"

But Tiny refused to be cheerful. She went out and sat on the steps.

Soon, however, she came dashing into the house, her face wreathed in smiles. Her old friend, Mr. Robbins, had stopped to speak to her. He had a wonderful surprise for her—an invitation to go to his Sunday School

class outing, which was to be that very day.

"O Grandma, can I go?" shouted Tiny.

"Can you go where, dear? It must be some place special, the way you are beaming!"

"To an outing on the island, Grandma. We're to bring our own lunch. It's this very afternoon! Mr. Rob is waiting outside," said the very much excited Tiny, dancing about Grandma's rocking chair.

How kind it was of Mr. Rob to think of taking Tiny! It might be the only chance to go on an outing she'd have all summer.

"Of course you may go, dear," answered Grandma with a hug.

It was a happy little girl who, right after lunch, skipped merrily down the path to Mr. Rob's boat. She was swinging her lunch pail and singing to herself.

Mr. Rob and Tiny went into the little rowboat to meet the other children. Nellie and Tiny stayed in the boat with Mr. Rob; the others rowed to the island in a larger one.

"What are we going to do on the island, Mr. Rob?" asked Nellie.

"We're going to explore a cave. There are two entrances to it, one of them is known only to Mr. Jackson, and he wants us to see if we can find it."

"Won't that be fun! I love to discover things," cried Tiny.

As soon as the boats were anchored, the children rushed off to the cave. It was very large, and they spent several hours looking for the secret entrance. They were so interested that they forgot all about the tide which would soon be coming in. Even Mr. Rob did not think about it, until it reached the ledge below where the children were.

By this time the water had cut off the entrance by which they had come into the cave. There was a very small opening a little higher up; but who ever could get through it?

Suddenly a plan flashed into Mr. Rob's mind. Tiny could get through the opening! Then she could row the little boat to the mainland and get Mr. Jackson.

"Tiny, come here—quickly!" shouted Mr. Rob.

The little girl came running as fast as she could.

"Tiny, do you think if I lifted you up you could get through that hole? Don't tell the others—but see all the water down there below! I had forgotten about the tide. My dear, if you can't get through the opening and go and bring Mr. Jackson out to us, we'll all drown!"

"I'll try, Mr. Rob. Let's ask Jesus to help us. Grandma says He always will hear us when we pray."

"Yes, dear," answered Mr. Rob in a low voice. "I'm praying in my heart every minute."

He lifted her up to the little opening, and she scampered through.

"Now, Tiny, hurry as fast as you can! You will find Mr. Jackson at his office."

It was a breathless little girl who ran into Mr. Jackson's office a short time later, and told him how badly Mr. Rob and the others needed help. In no time at all they were back at the cave. The opening was found, and every one was saved—just in time!

Tears came into Grandma's eyes, as she listened to Tiny's story that night. God had used her little girl to save Mr. Rob and the children from death.

"You know, Grandma," said Tiny thoughtfully, "I'm glad I'm myself and not Nellie Howe."—The Burning Bush.

The happiness of life is made up of minute fractions—the little soon-forgotten charities of a kiss, a smile, a kind look, a heartfelt compliment in the disguise of a playful railleury, and the countless other infinitesimals of pleasurable thought and genial feeling—Coleridge

It's finally payday, and the bank's closed.
—Russell Wooten.

PEOPLE ARE DYING WITHOUT GOD

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We find in the book of St. John 3:14-15 these words which Jesus himself used in regard to pointing the lost to a Saviour, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up. That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

You know how the people had travelled there in the wilderness and how God sent down manna for them to eat. Here we find them going around the country of Edom as the King of Edom did not want the Israelites to go through their country. Moses did not want to make war against the people of Edom so he went around which was a good many days' journey more, and the country or valley they went through was very hot and dry.

The people condemned Moses by saying, "wherefore have you brought us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? There is no bread nor water. Our soul loatheth this light bread."

We, as Christians, are like the children of Israel. We sometimes disagree with God's plan. If Moses had led them through Edom, perhaps they would have all been killed, so God was taking care of them, but they grew tired and found fault with Moses and God.

God became angry with the people and caused the most poisonous serpents to come to the camp and they bit a lot of the people. Most of the people died because of the serpent's bite. The children of Israel knew that they had sinned, therefore they cried unto Moses and confessed their sins. Moses prayed for the people.

God said, "Make a brazen serpent, set it up on a pole in the camp and tell the people to look at it and they shall be healed of the serpent bites."

We today live in a time of many temptations. We are being tempted by Satan most every day, so we, as Christians, should hold up before the sinner Jesus who died to save all.

I read in a magazine of a young man who worked at a steel mill. He fell on a red hot plate of metal. Some workmen pulled him off the metal. Someone said, "Get the doctor, he is burned very bad on his left side." This young man asked, "Is there anyone who can tell me how to be saved, for I am going to die and I am lost?" No, not one of the 300 hands at the mill could show the boy the way of salvation. He died in about 20 minutes, lost because no one could show Jesus to him. The man who saw this and told of it, was a backslider. He said that he has heard this young man's cries often since, and has

wished he could have stooped down and pointed him to Jesus.

We can point our fellowman to Jesus by living a good, clean life. Then when we speak to them they will come nearer heeding because they know our life. So let us uphold the Son of Man now while we have time, for everyday and minute someone is dying like this young man—dying without God, and it may be your chance to lead some to Christ. What are you going to do about it?

Sometime ago I heard a sermon that moved me to write this poem:

SPEAK TO SOMEONE TODAY

You were with me each day
You never helped me the light to see;
Nor did you show me the right way,
Now lost forever shall I be.

If you had only a few words said,
Perhaps I would have been a saved man;
Now for me eternity will be a dread
Just because you didn't lend me a hand.

Oh yes, I felt the spirit's call
But I could not make up my mind;
So, at last I had to fall,
Because the Lord you didn't help me to find.

If I could just live my life once more,
For now I can very plainly see
My loved ones on Heaven's shore,
But lost forever I shall be.

"MUCH EVERY WAY"

By Rev. O. M. Hilburn,
Darlington, S. C.

(ARTICLE ONE)

While the old year, 1950, was ebbing out, we were glad of the opportunity of sharing good Christian fellowship with the saints of God, in the South Carolina Conference Union, which convened at Camp Branch, December 30-31, near Lake City, S. C.

The good ladies of that community prepared us a royal meal, as they always do at such occasions, and seemed to be very much delighted to do so. The Union message was delivered by Rev. Fred Powers, which was very timely.

Rev. W. H. Thigpen, Turbeville, S. C., one of the teachers of our Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., was present, and gave us a verbal report of the work being done there for our young ministers. We have nine young students in college from the State of South Carolina. Our prayers are behind those young men that God may use them to his glory. Our noble staff of ministers, in the State of South Carolina, is second to none, and the young preachers are college minded.

The next S. C. Conference Union will

convene at Bethany Church, near Olanda, S. C., on April 28-29. Rev. Clarence Lambert, a young minister of Darlington, S. C., will deliver the Union message.

October 19-20, 1950, the S. C. Conference celebrated its one hundred and thirty-second annual session at Bulah Church, near Pamplico, S. C. A spirit of unity prevailed throughout the entire session of the Conference. Rev. L. A. Holliday was moderator. He is a very outstanding minister.

There are marks of progress to be seen, as each one is willing to step forward with every ounce of energy, and last, but not least, there seem to be prayers going up to heaven for a broader vision in the field of evangelism.

November 16-17, 1950, we celebrated our eighth annual session of the S. C. State Association, which convened at Tabernacle Church, Coward, S. C. We have four conferences and associations holding membership with the S. C. State Association, to-wit: Beaver Creek Association, Central Association, Eastern Conference, and the South Carolina Conference. Rev. L. A. Holiday was acting moderator, and Rev. Seldon Bullard was Clerk and Treasurer. Rev. Bullard is an outstanding minister. Each of these bodies was well represented, and a spirit of co-operation prevailed throughout the entire session.

The good ladies of that community took pride in serving royal dainties that would have been tasty for a king, and that which appealed to the writer most was: they seemed to enjoy serving in that particular part of the program.

The Woman's Auxiliary is growing by leaps and bounds. Mrs. L. A. Holiday is State President.

The League has a good set-up, and is growing stronger. Mr. Clarence Lambert is district president, of the S. C. Conference district. They are looking forward, and hoping to be able to organize a State Convention at some early date.

Last, but not least, our dreams have become a reality for we have a beautifully, and nicely arranged State Orphanage located at Turbeville, S. C. Plans have been made, and the money donated for a new addition, so as to be better prepared to take care of our dependent children whom we so dearly love.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Vause, Superintendent and care taker, are greatly devoted to the children of the home. As we see it, they are second to none. Let's pray that the good Lord will continue to bless the orphanage, and the noble staff of workers.

When a beautiful soul harmonizes with a beautiful form, and the two are cast in one mould, that will be the fairest of sights to him who has the eye to contemplate the vision.—Plato

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

THREE WAYS OF GIVING FOR THE NEW YEAR

For most everyone, those who call themselves Christians, and also those who are not followers of Christ, there is the need of "Giving up" some things. Some, for example, need to give up some definite bad habit, as destructive criticisms of others, or an inordinate lust for pleasure, or an envious spirit of persons who are more prosperous than they are in their business. Some need to give up some secret sins which are hindering them from doing their best for the Master's cause. Whatever the obstacle in the way of Christian progress, such evil in the heart of the individual needs to be removed, given up, separated from that person's life. This can be done through a full and complete surrender to the will of God. The heart and soul of the church member, or of the non-Christian, for that matter, can find freedom from such evil habits through personal communion with the heavenly Father from day to day.

There is another way needful for a great number of people, and that is the "Giving in" to the will of God. Many will have opportunity this new year for surrendering their lives to Christ, thus giving in to him, and taking him as personal Saviour. This yielding to Christ shall mean giving up many things formerly practiced which were condemnation to their daily living. This giving in is a privilege which every unsaved person should consider seriously without delay, for no one has the assurance of unlimited time to live in the future. No greater decision can be made by any sinful person than that of deciding for Christ: to live for him, and to enjoy the blessings of salvation day after day, regardless of what conditions may arise to affect his daily vocation.

Then there is the "Giving out." For those who are resting in the love of the Father, and seeking to do his holy will, there is the rendering of personal service for the cause of Christ in the world. This simply means the giving of time, talent, and means for the building up the Church of Christ in the world. It means the rendering of service, Christian service, in one form or another in the local church and community, in the town in which one lives, and in the mission fields in the home land and abroad. The giving of money to support church

projects, orphanages, Bible schools, parsonages, and the like, all means "Giving out" from a free heart support essential to the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ. This year will give opportunity to people everywhere in this country to give of their means and personal services, more liberally than ever before, to the various religious causes standing in the need of help, both in a financial way and from personal service of devoted saints of God.

THE PURPOSE OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORTS

The purpose of the Woman's Monthly Auxiliary reports to the Baptist paper should be that of giving information of a constructive and a progressive nature; something accomplished or being accomplished of note, or significance. They are not of any value to the reader, on the other hand, if they merely state routine matters of the monthly meeting, and stop at that.

We have allowed, during the past months, a number of these reports to be published in the Baptist paper, when they mean very little to anyone other than to those sending them to us for publication. As a matter of fact, for several months now the Woman's Auxiliary page in the Baptist has been supplied with very few worthwhile messages from the field. But those that have been sent to us, of that type, have been very helpful to all who had the privilege to read them. Certainly, we need more of this type this year.

Now, for this year 1951, we solicit only those Auxiliary reports, for the columns of the Baptist paper, that show new plans, new programs, noteworthy progress in some phase of the woman's work, and so on. We do not want for publication simply the routine monthly reports of date and place held, numbers present, mere statement of programs pursued, and the serving of refreshments at the close of the meetings. Since all follow that routine each month, such matters are of very little concern to the average reader of the Baptist paper. Things of a progressive nature and accomplishments by the various auxiliaries are the things that interest the readers. Those are the things we want for the Auxiliary page.

A CALL TO SPECIAL PRAYER

By the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church

Today mankind's hope for freedom is in desperate jeopardy. Human resources alone are clearly inadequate to meet our need. With a sense of deep urgency we call our fellow Methodists and all others who will join us in special prayer.

Let us pray daily, in private and in public, for the leaders of our country and of the United Nations, that God will give them wisdom and courage to seek and to do His will.

Let us pray for all who are under the shadow of war; for those who do battle for us, the homeless, the hungry, the children.

Let us pray for our enemies that God may lead them in the way of righteousness and peace.

Let us pray for ourselves, that God will lead us to recognize and repent of our sins that have had their share in causing the world's disaster.

Let us offer ourselves to God as individuals and as nations, and pray that He will use us to preserve freedom and achieve peace in His own time and in His own way. God has been our help in ages past; He is our hope for the years to come.

—Reprinted from *North Carolina Christian Advocate*

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor
MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

801 Pollock Street
New Bern, N. C.

IF I WERE A LOCAL LITERATURE CHAIRMAN OF A WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Madam Fourth Vice-President, let us chat a moment about literature for the Woman's Auxiliary of which you were chosen the Program-Publicity Chairman. As you face this "Year Book" year and counsel with the other officers in your auxiliary about improving auxiliary programs you will desire seriously to consider the widest use of the fine literature which is available for each and every person who will subscribe.

See the Literature

The National Executive Secretary-Treasurer is the publishing agent of all W. N. A. C. literature. She seeks to find the needs in the various departments in the convention and then to publish, so far as funds resulting from the small margin of profits on literature sales will permit, literature that will meet these needs. This policy has led to the publication of 12 books as follows:

1. "The Manual of Methods"—a book of plans and methods used in uniting F. W. B. women in Christian service according to a definite Scriptural plan.

2. "The Year Book of Programs"—a book of monthly program ideas—one for each month of the year plus other valuable ideas for monthly activities, etc.

3. "Working with Our Youth"—a book in interest of leadership for the great host of untrained F. W. B. youth. Tomorrow's leadership for our churches is in today's Intermediates. Are you educating yours in missions so that they will be trained for tomorrow's church activities?

4. "G. T. A. Program Book"—a book of program ideas and monthly activities for youth auxiliaries for each month of 1951.

5. "Y. P. A. Leader"—a guide book especially prepared for the second

vice-president, or whoever your auxiliary has chosen to sponsor auxiliaries for the young people.

6. "My Job Booklets"—guide books for each auxiliary officer and written in response to the many, many questions concerning officers duties, and helps on how and what to do as a departmental chairman in a local auxiliary.

Know the Literature

It is the privilege of every auxiliary member to know the literature published by the W. N. A. C. Each auxiliary member should purchase a copy of each book and read it prayerfully in order to know all there is available about the organization of which she is only a vital part when she knows what the organization is attempting for her and the other auxiliary "laborers together with God." This is the most inviting field for personal enrichment and usefulness among F. W. B. women today.

Use the Literature

When each auxiliary member instead of the officers or just a few in the local auxiliary is familiar with each piece of literature published by the W. N. A. C., and the need that it is designed to meet, she will then and only then be able to use and to recommend auxiliary literature to others. The Fourth Vice-President is the local saleslady for Woman's Auxiliary literature and she should never be satisfied until every member of her auxiliary owns a copy of each of the above described books. No where could an investment of \$2.60 produce better auxiliary results than in these W. N. A. C. publications. Such concern and co-operation will soon enable us to have the study course books written by our own women for our own denominational needs as well as the other literature that we as "workers together with Him" are so much in need of today. The fine co-opera-

tion and genuine interest in W. N. A. C. literature has enabled us to come over a period of twenty years from one 16-page book to the 12 books described above and a Standard chart on which to record local auxiliary progress made on the yearly plan of work month by month; also report blanks on and by which the individual member can check her own personal progress in the organization through which she is trying to "make His ways known upon earth." Hitherto has the Lord led us and we are indeed grateful to all users of W. N. A. C. literature, and want to say with the Psalmist: "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and shew forth His salvation from day to day."

But the reading of W. N. A. C. publications should not be confined to auxiliary members, for every adult member of the church should read at least "The Manual of Methods" and "Working with Our Youth" so they, too, may understand the purpose of these organizations within a F. W. B. church and become an understanding supporter of this great God-given task for the women and young people of the church. Many members have been enlisted in Woman's Auxiliary membership by first giving them a book to read about the W. N. A. C. Plan of Work. Some preachers and deacons have been converted to "woman's place and service in the church" by simply giving them a Manual to read. Too, a knowledge and a use of the W. N. A. C. literature will greatly help in building churches and in advancing the kingdom of God.

W. N. A. C. seeks to make her literature the very best that you will, by your co-operation, enable her to publish. Please, then, Mrs. Fourth Vice-President, won't you give us the help of your sincere thought on our literature and of your excellent salesmanship to your entire church membership?

We shall be glad to help you at any time concerning your problems or needs. May God bless you and your auxiliary as you work for Him.

Most sincerely yours for a prosperous new year in the Lord,

Mrs. J. E. Frazier,
Executive Secy.-Treas.
The W. N. A. C.

MOUNT ZION AUXILIARY REPORTS PROGRESS

The Woman's auxiliary of Mt. Zion Church, Arlington, Georgia, convened in the home of Mrs. L. A. Wiley for the January meeting, which was held on the fifth of the month. Since we did not have the new book for study, we took up a study in Miss Barnard's book of missions. It was a very good meeting, however we had only seven members present for this study.

Following the hour of study, we proceeded to elect the officers for the New Year. After all were elected, we had the old minutes of the auxiliary read, and found that we had made some progress during the past year. We are much in hope that we will be able to do more during this year than we did last year.

Our next auxiliary meeting will be held at the church. We invite visitors to come and be with us in that meeting.

Mrs. B. C. Craft, Reporter

MRS. HARVEY HINSON HOSTESS TO AUXILIARY

The Woman's auxiliary of Lee's Chapel, Sampson County, N. C., met with Mrs. Harvey Hinson for the December meeting. A very large crowd was present for this meeting. All present enjoyed the program which was given by Mrs. Jack Tart. All our husbands were invited and some responded, and received a great blessing for having been present for this meeting. They learned that we women do have spiritual meetings, rather than merely get-together meetings.

Our January meeting for the New Year will be held with Mrs. Jack Tart. All members are urged to be present for this meeting. Our goal will be: Not a member missing a single meeting all the whole year.

—By the reporter

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

This is to advise that our new address is now 2305 Waverly Way, Norfolk, Va. (4).

Rev. W. A. Hales

Simplicity, of all things, is the hardest to be copied.—Steele

A true friend is some one who holds you to your best self.—Amos R. Wells

WATERY BRANCH CHURCH MAKING PROGRESS

Yes, we are sincerely thankful to the Lord that our church is making progress. For a great many years our church seemed to be on a standstill. It seemed that we were defeated on every hand, and in every way. But now through many prayers, and the help of the Lord, and much patience and waiting we are on the upward way. We had wished for the time when our church would move forward. Now we can thank God for the progress that is being made for his glory.

Many a time we had thought upon the 37 and 38 verses of the ninth chapter of Matthew, when our Lord said to his disciples: "The harvest is truly plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." This was really our prayer and hope, and God has sent unto us a great laborer. We do sincerely thank God for sending Rev. T. P. Ellis of Fountain, North Carolina, to preach for us. Brother Ellis is just a beginner in pastoral work, but we, the church, do not think we could have done better in selecting a preacher for our church, for he is a man who has proved his calling.

Brother Ellis conducted a revival meeting in our church some time ago. The meeting continued for thirteen nights. It was one of the best meetings which this community and the surrounding country has had in quite a long time. There were 27 additions to the church. Since the meeting two more have joined. Twenty-four of these were candidates for baptism. None of these were children, but most of these were mothers and fathers; some reaching the age of 67 yrs. old. There were 14 male members and 15 female members. These new members mean a great upbuilding to our church, and we do thank God for them, and their interest in salvation.

Brother Ellis has not only worked with us on his regular appointments, but he has worked with us in every way possible for the good of the

church and community. He has been faithful in attending midweek prayer meetings. What is more, under his direction and influence, we have almost completed our Sunday School rooms to our church. We are certainly glad to have these Sunday School rooms, and to know that our church is progressing in a good way. We are sincerely hoping and praying that God will bless us and our church during this year and the years to come.

Our church seating capacity is about 400, and we are glad to say that since Brother Ellis has been preaching for us we have seen our congregation from 35 and 40, up to as many as we can seat comfortably in the church. We are glad to see the church filled with people who want to hear the Word of God preached. We invite everyone who will to come and worship with us on each Second Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour. Our night services are held at 7 o'clock. Our prayer meeting is every Wednesday night at 7 o'clock.

We the church of Watery Branch are asking the prayers of every person near and far to pray for our church. Pray that God will see to it that we will keep moving forward toward the mark.

Church reporter

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

Due to the burden on my heart for lost humanity, in a crucial hour like this, when the clock of time is striking midnight, I have decided to devote the greater part of the summer in Evangelistic services. I am preparing a series of sermons on the dispensations from the age of Innocence through the present dispensation of Grace, and on into ages to come. My ultimate desire is to point many to the Lamb of God before the Rapture takes place.

I shall be happy to bring these messages to you good people, if you let me know in time.

Yours in search of the lost,

Rev. J. R. Bennett
Box 131
Bridgeton, N. C.

Middlesex Orphanage

DECEMBER RECEIPTS FOR 1950

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

GENERAL FUND

Eastern

Holly Springs	\$ 5.00
Northeast	21.65
Daileys Chapel	21.00
Mt. Pleasant	11.90
Davis	62.50
Smith's New Home	75.50
Morehead City	10.00
Juniper Chapel	5.37
Core Creek	222.20
Roe	3.00
Friendship	3.00
Ruth's Chapel	8.55
Wardens Grove	8.00
Beulaville	25.56
St. Delight	57.00
New Haven	35.00
Core Point Chapel	11.74
White Hill	16.00
Jacksonville	19.74
Oriental	68.82
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	2.00
Sandy Plain	5.00
Union Chapel	33.16
Pilgrim's Rest	5.00
Welcome Home	6.00
Folkstone	5.36
St. Mary's	61.30
Arapahoe	121.84
Kinston	28.06
Dublin Grove	10.50
Snead's Ferry	4.11
Wintergreen	2.00
Whaley's Chapel	15.61
St. John's Chapel	10.00
Antioch	85.06
Total	\$1,082.47

Albemarle

Piney Grove, Beaufort County	\$ 9.91
Gum Neck	5.00
Sidney	10.00
Free Will Baptist Mission	32.30

Total \$ 57.21

Conference Uncertain

Rector Branch	\$ 9.00
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Jack's Creek

Glen Alpine	\$ 15.00
North Bend	2.00

Total \$ 17.00

Rockfish

Hickory Grove	\$ 30.00
Pine Grove	51.00

Total \$ 81.00

Pee Dee

Beaverdam	\$ 10.00
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Central

La Grange	72.62
Rocky Mount	5.03
Rose Hill	23.22
Spring Branch	202.75
Harrell's Chapel	12.00

Hull Road	25.00
Saratoga	111.50
Dilda's Grove	10.00
Marlboro	88.05
Ayden	7.42
Indian Springs	11.10
New Sts. Delight	17.60
Edgewood	2.00
4th Union Meeting	67.48
Bethany	17.30
Owen's Chapel	40.14
Rooty Branch	5.00
2nd Union	76.85
2nd Union League Convention	1.86
Aspin Grove	58.00
Winterville	13.00
Gum Swamp	13.00
Greenville	36.69
Howell Swamp	45.63
Total	\$948.35

Piedmont

Mt. Carmel	\$ 5.00
Robertson Creek	3.50
Mable Avenue	11.00
Total	\$ 19.50

Cape Fear

Oak Grove	\$ 92.50
Robert's Grove	5.00
Lee's Chapel	30.97
Stephens Chapel	7.40
Smithfield	146.14
West Clinton	10.60
Riverside	3.00
Yelverton's Grove	3.14
Lanwood's Chapel	3.50
Goldsboro	27.50
Powhatan	5.00
Total	\$ 334.75

French Broad

Red Hill	\$ 42.35
Hazelgreen	35.75
Horney Heights	5.00
Swannanoa	51.00
Marshall	10.00
Beaverdam	14.60
Shoal Hill	10.00
Asheville	12.00
Avery's Creek	4.63
Union Valley	3.00
Cedar Hill	12.00
Total	\$ 200.35

Western

Marsh Swamp	\$ 59.70
Micro	66.20
Youth Rally	15.20
Stoney Creek	3.00
St. Mary's	14.07
Pleasant Grove, Wayne County	\$ 250.00
Friendship	12.86
Union Grove, Wayne County	27.55
Pleasant Hill, Wayne County	12.00
Spring Hill	5.00
Shady Grove	25.00
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	6.25
Edgemont	20.00
Tippett's Chapel	2.00
Pine Level	45.06
Holly Springs	18.51
Piney Grove, Johnston County	90.00
Kenly	77.00
Branch Chapel	4.25
Wilson	12.39
Rose Bud	.60
Everett's Chapel	52.32
Total	\$ 818.96

Miscellaneous

Farm Cash Sales	\$ 295.25
T. W. Stancil	30.03
Rev. R. H. Jackson	10.00
S. W. Richardson	25.00
Refunds	198.45
R. L. Hart	5.00
Parents and Relatives	353.78
Pastoral Supply by Rev. W. A. Hansley	130.00
Wilbur J. Sumner	50.00
Young People's Friend Subs.	3.50
Mrs. Harold Ray	1.00
Pupils in Chinquapin School	3.50
W. J. Smithwick	5.00
Mrs. L. W. Baggett	10.00
Roger A. Smith	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. Cicero Smith and Family	7.00
Mrs. C. W. Gibson	21.00
Louise Merritt	1.00
W. J. Wilder	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. White	10.03
W. B. Bunn & Co.	4.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bunn	5.00
Edward Campbell	6.39
G. W. Bailey	25.00
W. J. Cobb	70.00
Rev. J. E. Quinn	1.00
Mrs. G. H. Rouse	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Claude C. Wheeler	10.00
Linville's, Inc.	20.00
L. J. Herring Implement Co.	15.00
Bissette's Drug Store	25.00
S. F. High, Jr.	25.00
Spring Hope Grocery Co.	10.00
The Cone Foundation	100.00
Raleigh Office Supply Co.	5.00
The Buckeye Cotton Oil Co.	2.00
Leder Brothers	100.00
Mrs. Q. Shelby Leonard	5.00
Theron J. Paramore	5.00
Luther T. Bullock	25.00
A. R. Flowers	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Ferrell	1.00
A Friend	1.00
Job P. Wyatt & Sons Company	50.00
Belk-Tyler Company	25.00
Total	\$1,751.81

MUSIC FUND

Central

Grimsley Auxiliary	\$ 3.17
Greenville Auxiliary	5.00

Cape Fear

Smithfield Auxiliary	5.00
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Western

Little Rock Auxiliary	10.00
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Eastern

Holly Springs Auxiliary	5.00
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Kinston Auxiliary	5.00
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Total \$ 33.17

LINEN FUND

Selma Auxiliary (Western)	\$ 12.00
(Thelma Rollins)	
Powhatan Auxiliary (Cape Fear)	20.00

Total \$ 32.00

CHAPEL FUND

I. H. Phillips	\$ 20.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Fields	50.00

Total \$ 70.00

ALBEMARLE COTTAGE FUND

Trinity	\$ 61.20
Hickory Chapel	12.00
Shiloh	25.00

Total \$ 98.20

TOTALS

Total General Fund	\$5,330.43
Total Music Fund	33.17
Total Linen Fund	32.00
Total Chapel Fund	70.00

Total Albemarle Cottage Fund --	98.20
Grand Total -----	\$5,563.80
BUDGET RECEIPTS	
Eastern Conference -----	\$ 5,493.58
Central Conference -----	4,616.75
Western Conference -----	5,544.57
Cape Fear Conference -----	1,743.38
Albemarle Conference -----	595.84
French Broad Association -----	697.87
Rockfish Association -----	250.70
Pee Dee Association -----	336.46
Jack's Creek Association -----	247.71
Piedmont Association -----	707.46
Toe River Association -----	39.50
Western Yearly -----	15.00

Total ----- \$20,288.82

DONATED COMMODITIES

Hopewell Auxiliary (Cape Fear)	
Household Supplies -----	\$ 15.00
Union Grove Auxiliary, Wayne Co. (Western) Clothing -----	5.00
Smith's New Home Auxiliary (Eastern) Household Supplies -----	25.00
Elza Manning, Food -----	8.00
Pleasant Hill Sunday School (Western) Corn -----	60.00
Little Rock Auxiliary (Western) Food -----	34.80
Mrs. Charles V. Edwards Clothing -----	Not valued
Marsh Swamp (Western) through Ronie Bunn and R. C. Fulghum Corn -----	30.00
Mt. Zion (Piedmont) Household Supplies -----	25.00
Lucama W. O. W. No. 764 Corn, \$100.00; Food, \$10.00 -----	110.00
Core Creek (Eastern) Corn, \$100.00; Food, \$20.00 -----	120.00
Oak Grove (Cape Fear) Corn, \$100.00; Food, \$15.00 -----	115.00
Friendship Auxiliary (Western) Food -----	17.70
Goldboro Auxiliary (Cape Fear) Household Supplies -----	46.80
Edgemont Auxiliary (Western) Clothing -----	20.00
Bethany Sunday School (Central) Food -----	20.00
Marsh Swamp (Western) Farm Supplies -----	110.70
New Sts. Delight S. S. (Central) Farm Supplies -----	125.00
Friendship Auxiliary (Central) Household Supplies -----	35.00
Little Creek S. S. (Central) Farm Supplies, \$133.75, Food \$6 -----	139.75
Gum Swamp Auxiliary (Central) Household Supplies -----	5.76
Sina Virginia Davenport Household Supplies -----	6.00
Rain's Cross Roads (Western) Farm Supplies -----	180.00
Mrs. B. T. Thomas, Clothing -----	5.00
Spring Branch (Central) Gilt, \$45.00; Corn, \$276.00 -----	321.00
Riverside (Cape Fear) Food, \$54.70; Farm Supplies \$67.40 -----	122.10
Rose Hill (Central) Corn -----	137.50
Pleasant Grove Aux. (Western) Food -----	18.00
Black Jack Grove (Western) Clothing -----	15.00
Roberts Grove Aux. (Cape Fear) Household Supplies -----	18.00
Free Union Circle No. 2, Beaufort County (Albemarle) Household Supplies -----	5.00
Mrs. R. B. Malpass, Household Supplies -----	4.30
Lee's Chapel (Cape Fear) Food -----	10.50
Rock Springs (Western) Farm Supplies -----	33.00
Powhatan Auxiliary (Cape Fear) Food -----	7.25
Sherron Acres (Western) Food -----	15.00

Bridgeton Auxiliary (Eastern) Household Supplies -----	2.75
Stoney Hill Auxiliary (Western) Household Supplies -----	6.75
Little Rock S. S. (Western) Clothing, \$10.00; Household Supplies, \$1.00; Food, \$12.00 -----	23.00
Elwood Lane (Western) Clothing -----	15.00
N. C. State Dept. of Agriculture, Surplus Foods—Food -----	11.40
Total Value -----	\$2,025.06

WALTER McD. CROOM,
Supt. and Treasurer

MISSION ITINERARY

By J. C. GRIFFIN

January 22—Mt. Zion, Washington Co.
January 23—Elizabeth City
January 24—Hickory Chapel, Hertford Co.
January 25—Union Chapel, Beaufort Co.
January 26—Palmetto Chapel, Craven Co.
January 27—Ruth's Chapel, Craven Co.
January 29—New Haven, Craven Co.
January 30—Sts. Delight, Craven Co.
January 31—Bridgeton, Craven Co.
February 1—Macedonia, Craven Co.
February 2—Juniper Chapel, Craven Co.
February 3—Bethany, Pitt Co.
February 5—Gethsemane, Craven Co.
February 6—Core Creek, Craven Co.
February 7—Wintergreen, Craven Co.
February 8—Mosley's Creek, Craven Co.
February 9—Pilgrim's Home, Jones Co.
February 12—Friendship, Jones Co.
February 13—Whaley's Chapel, Jones Co.
February 14—Smith's New Home
February 15—Deep Run, Lenoir Co.
February 16—Gray Branch, Lenoir Co.
February 17—Sweet Gum Grove, Pitt Co.
February 19—Gum Swamp, Pitt Co.
February 20—Parker's Chapel, Pitt Co.
February 21—Greenville F.W.B. Church
February 22—Rose Hill, Pitt Co.
February 23—Black Jack F. W. B. Church, Pitt Co.
February 24—Pleasant Hill, Pitt Co.
February 26—Ayden F. W. B. Church
February 27—Reedy Branch, Pitt Co.
February 28—Winterville F.W.B. Church
March 1—Arapahoe F. W. B. Church
March 2—Oriental F. W. B. Church
March 3—Bethel, Pamlico County

Watch for extension of listed itinerary.

On motion the Board authorize the publication of the itinerary for the showing of the film, "A Letter to Melittino," under the direction of Rev. J. C. Griffin, and that we inform our people that at this time this Board has not authorized anyone else to solicit, or to work in any of the churches in North Carolina in the behalf of Missions. This action does not interfere with the authority and operation of the Foreign Mission Director, Rev. Rashie Kennedy.

By the N. C. State Mission Board

Our golden age lies before us, and not behind.—Sir Daniel Wilson

WE WANT TO MEET FATHER

This is written in memory of Mr. A. T. Taylor, member of Whaley's Chapel F. W. B. Church.

Our Father departed from this earth Ten months ago today
We miss him as much as when he was with us,
Before he was laid to rest beneath the clay.

He was always so loving and kind,
Never a bad thought ran through his mind.
We miss him in the church and Sunday School,
For he was always there,
For all other people he did care.

May God bless the family he left behind
For they have really mourned and pined
And the loved one they have lost.
They want to meet him in heaven one day,
When on this earth they have no more debts to pay.

—Written by a loving daughter,
Mrs. J. J. Jarman,
203 Queens Road, Jacksonville, N. C.

"BE MY COUNSELOR"

Dear Father, as I come to thee,
I pray that thou wilt hear
My peaceful calling for thy love,
Throughout the coming year.

Give me of wisdom, Lord I pray,
From out thy bounteous store,
That I may keep the path that leads
To thine Eternal shore.

I fear to trust my power to keep
The soul thou gavest me.
But thou who made and lovest all
O keep it safe in thee.

Teach me of wisdom Lord I pray.
Of humble ways and low,
Be thou O God my Counsellor
And show me how to go.

—Albert Ezell

NOTICE

This is to advise that the Free Will Baptist College Male Quartet will broadcast over WGTC, Greenville, N. C., 1590 on your dial, Sunday, January 28th, from 3:00 to 3:30 p. m. Will the ministers and Sunday School superintendents announce this as they will not be able to visit all of our churches and in this way more of our people can hear them.

D. A. Windham



THE MIGHTY WORKER

(Lesson for February 4)

LESSON: Mark 4:35—6:6. Mark 5:21-24, 38-43.

GOLDEN TEXT: Mark 5:36.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

The fifth chapter of Mark, according to D. L. Moody, is the "high-water mark of that Gospel." In this chapter we read of three people who were very far gone: one was possessed of demons, one had been ill for 12 years with an incurable disease, and the third one was dead. "If we had them with us now," Mr. Moody used to say, "we would put the first in an insane asylum, the second one in a hospital for incurables, and the third one into a grave." But our Lord Jesus was a match for these three: there was no limit to the power of Jesus to heal and to bless.

1. In time of need even those who may seem important in the eyes of the world come for help to the feet of Jesus (Mark 5:22).

2. It is proper for us to bring everything to the Lord in prayer, but we have no right to command Him what to do (vs. 23).

3. Sometimes we are quite surprised to see that the Lord responds immediately to our prayer (vs. 24).

4. Quite often when we have been greatly encouraged the Lord lets some event or some news test us severely (vs. 35).

5. No matter whether a man be wealthy or prominent, some day death will gain an entrance through his doors (vs. 35).

6. The presence of the Lord and His encouraging Word is able to quiet fear even in the face of death (vs. 36).

7. Those who seek to live close to the Lord will be given special revelations from the Lord (vs. 37).

8. Christian believers may sorrow

when loved ones are gone, but they do not sorrow as those who have no hope (vs. 38).

9. Death is but a sleep for the believer from which he will be awakened by the Lord when He comes (vs. 39).

10. When those who sleep in Jesus are wakened they will find themselves in the presence of the Lord (vss. 41, 42).—Selected.

11. As Mary and Martha saw Christ raise their brother Lazarus from the grave to life again, and as the widow at Nain saw him raise her dead son to life from the coffin in which he had been placed for burial, in like manner Jairus and his wife witnessed with glad hearts Christ's raising their daughter to life again. The news of this miraculous thing soon spread among the people, and "they were astonished with a great astonishment"—(Mk. 5:42b — Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.))

12. The work of regeneration thru Christ is even more marvelous. The sin-sick soul yields; the Master speaks words of comfort and peace; the spiritually dead soul is raised to new life; the work of redemption is wrought, and the individual goes on laboring and rejoicing in the light of new life in Christ Jesus.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

13. In Mark 4:35-41, we see Jesus' power over winds and waves. In chapter 5:1-20, He has power over a raging demoniac. In verses 25-34, He heals an incurable disease. In our printed lesson we see Jesus triumphing over death. Why not ask the members of your Sunday School class to bring Bibles or Testaments to the church and touch briefly on the entire lesson.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

The Very Same Jesus

The other day some people brought a patient to the car dispensary from a village two miles from Budikote. She was very sick and her father, who was a village physician, did all he could. He despaired, however, and told her that she was going to die. We said she must stay somewhere in Budikote for treatment. But no one was willing to receive her, because

they thought she was going to die. (When a person dies in a home, the people vacate soon, and no one will stay in the home for three months.)

We said, "Now you realize that your God can't do anything for you, and your 'poojas and manthrams' are helpless. But we have a Jesus who is able to save you from sin and sickness." So we admitted her into our little dispensary room and gave the medicines in the name of Jesus. People came in crowds to see what was going to happen. The woman got well soon, and she began to tell people what Jesus had done for her. Now she has gone to her village telling the people that Jesus saved her. —Jyokutty Jacob, a national worker in India, in Call to Prayer, July, '49. —Arnold's Commentary.

WE EXPRESS OUR THANKS AND APPRECIATIONS

It is with humble and grateful hearts that we can announce through the Baptist that our son, Jeff, is home again from the hospital here in Nashville. He spent four weeks in the hospital nursery and most of that time was in a grave condition, according to his doctor's report.

But there were many friends who would not give up. They, with us, had faith in God and knew He would rebuke the ailment and restore him to his parents and home. We wish to thank our own congregation, the congregations of many Free Will Baptist churches in and out of our state, the people in other churches, the many ministers, and all others who prayed most earnestly for our son. Our church at East Nashville called the people together for a special season of prayer, and God blessed. The same thing was done in at least two other states.

We wish to thank all those who helped in a financial way. The hospital bill was rather large. Our own church gave us a large offering. Fairmount Park Church in Norfolk, Va., and Stoney Creek Church in N. C., gave us financial support, and several individuals helped, for which we thank you. God has been wonderful to us, and we ask that you pray that we may so live before Him and others that our lives will reflect our gratitude for what He has done for us in these days.

Sincerely yours,
 Clarence and Rose Bowen
 616 Russell St.,
 Nashville, Tenn.

-:- Department of Foreign Missions -:-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1950

Cash on hand December 1, 1950 \$5,454.51
Check returned by bank marked 'no account' 77.10
\$5,377.41

Receipts

Alabama	\$ 89.86
Arkansas	130.90
California	28.06
Florida	209.81
Georgia	449.51
Illinois	350.03
Michigan	209.00
Mississippi	209.84
Missouri	710.38
North Carolina	2,450.76
Ohio	12.35
Oklahoma	79.21
South Carolina	80.00
Tennessee	501.32
Texas	163.53
New Mexico	10.00
Virginia	137.84
West Virginia	11.89
Special Offering by Rev. Damon C. Dodd	75.00
Special Gift	50.00
Unified Program	203.70
Oklahoma for Film	150.00
Sale of Barnard's Books	82.00
Total Receipts	6,394.99
Grand Total	\$11,772.40

Disbursements

Mrs. Josephine Stevens (Africa)	\$ 46.00
Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan (Office Work)	75.00
Postage	40.52
Printing of Checks	1.96
Rev. Kenneth Turner (Exp.)	94.95
Laura Belle Barnard (Salary, Oct. and Nov.)	180.00
India (Oct. and Nov.)	2,270.30
Toccoa Falls Schools (Willey Children)	75.00
Rev. Thomas H. Willey (Nov. and Dec.)	3,275.00
Missions Visualized	233.33
Color Reproduction	421.82
Rev. J. O. Fort (Cronk Insurance Premium)	20.20
Rev. Thomas H. Willey (Exp.)	160.00
Office Supplies	73.74

Printers	139.78
Free Will Baptist Gem (Booklets)	81.00
Picture Plates	8.06
Laura Belle Barnard (Exp.)	65.90
Rev. James A. Evans (Exp.)	22.15
Rev. Rashie Kennedy (Exp.)	32.97
Printing of Programs for Missouri Missionary Conference	4.75
Rev. E. C. Morris (Exp.)	4.25
Telephone Calls	2.53

Total Disbursements	\$7,329.21
Cash Balance January 1, 1951	\$4,443.19
Balance in Various Accounts	
General Fund	\$ 918.96
Barnard's Books	252.00
Letter To Melitino	167.82
India Car Fund	3,104.41
Total Balances	\$4,443.19

State	Quota	Paid	Bal.
Ala.	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 329.44	\$ 1,220.56
Ark.	500.00	243.89	256.11
Calif.	200.00	161.05	38.95
Fla.	800.00	558.14	241.86
Ga.	2,000.00	1,383.81	616.19
Ill.	2,500.00	1,321.18	1,178.82
Ky.	1,200.00	59.10	1,140.90
Mich.	4,000.00	3,897.55	102.45
Miss.	850.00	350.39	499.61
Mo.	8,000.00	2,984.97	5,015.03
N. C.	11,000.00	5,764.34	5,234.66
Ohio	2,000.00	36.51	1,963.49
Okl.	5,000.00	934.82	4,065.18
S. C.	3,000.00	1,552.97	1,447.03
Tenn.	5,000.00	2,958.47	2,041.53
Texas	1,600.00	975.07	624.93
Va.	1,500.00	207.18	1,292.82
W. Va.	2,000.00	346.51	1,653.49
Totals	\$52,700.00	\$24,066.39	\$28,633.61

Note to State Directors and Pastors

One half of the Associational year has gone and we begin the new year of 1951 with our mission Department in much better condition than a few months past. However we are still behind. We are so grateful to everyone who has helped to make this splendid report possible.

As we launch into the 'home stretch,' I don't believe a single person in either of our states desires to come to the National Association without having met your state's quota for Foreign Missions. Please examine this report closely. Whatever the balance is for your state, let's pray and work and see that our state goes over the top for Foreign Missions. *The Job Must Be Done!* We believe it will be done.

Special Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year.

Foreign Missions Promotional Office

BRIEF MESSAGE FROM CEDAR GROVE

Cedar Grove Church, Martin County, North Carolina, is doing a splendid work. The young people are the fruit of our church and Sunday School. I feel certain that our former pastors and friends would like to hear from these young people who are doing some wonderful work for the blessed Master.

Our people are glad to have Rev. Clarence Little as our new pastor. He and his sweet wife are doing a good work in our church. I feel that I have never heard better sermons than those which Brother Little preaches. He preached to a large crowd of people on the first Sunday in January. Since I have had health I do not have the privilege of attending church services as often as I desire, but my heart's desire is to be with God's people. I am thankful that I can hear some good sermons over the radio at home. I am thankful that I raised five children to go to church and Sunday School when they were growing up. They are married now but they are precious to my heart.

The good messages in the Baptist paper are pleasing to me, as I read them from week to week, to see what the different people are writing for our paper. I am asking the praying people to pray for me, as I am suffering great pain at times. Pray that the Lord will give me strength and courage to bear up under my afflictions. I am willing to go to be with the Lord whenever he chooses to call me out of my suffering to rest in peace with him.

Mrs. Mattie Taylor,
Williamston, N. C.,
Route 1

A NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to thank my many friends for the beautiful cards and donations which I received during the Christmas holidays. I received also many beautiful get-well cards.

I was in the hospital twelve days, during the Christmas season, with pleurisy. There were many preachers who visited me during this time, and all of them offered a word of prayer, in some of the sweetest words I ever heard from anyone. I know that God answers prayer, and I do not have words to express my sincere appreciations for the prayers, cards, and donations which I received. May the Lord bless everyone is my prayer.

Rev. W. A. Dail,
Winterville, N. C.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

PLUM BLOSSOM'S CROWDED SCHOOL

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 Nettie Carlisle
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NE morning at the beginning of the school term Mrs. Baker, principal of the Swatow Girl's School, sat at her desk, busily arranging her class-

es. The door opened and in walked a tall, awkward young woman about twenty-four years old. Her appearance was not at all prepossessing. Her blue dress was soiled, for she had walked many miles over dusty roads, and she wore neither shoes nor stockings. Many women in South China work in the fields, and consider it no disgrace to go barefoot.

She walked straight up to the teacher's desk, and after saluting in Chinese fashion, announced briefly, "I have come to school." Then, unfastening a small bundle she carried, she produced a dirty handkerchief, tied up in two or three knots.

Untying the knots she took out eight silver dollars and laid them down proudly on the teacher's desk.

"This is to pay for my schooling," she said, "I have worked hard for years to save the money. Is it enough?"

"Is this all the money you have?" asked Mrs. Baker.

"Yes, honorable teacher."

"But this is not enough to pay your expenses for one year. What will you do then?"

"Work," answered the young woman briefly "I am strong and healthy, and I will do any work you give me only let me come to school."

Who could resist such pleading? Soon Plum Blossom, for that was her name, was given a seat among the little beginners in the lowest primary grade, for she could neither read nor write. She made slow progress at first for Chinese is among the most difficult languages in the world, but she was never discouraged, and persevered until she conquered.

Outside of school hours she did all the janitor work of the school for six long years and did it faithfully and well. In due time she was promoted from the primary to the grammar school and passed through all the grammar grades. "How would you like to teach a little school of your own?" asked Mrs. Baker. Plum Blossom's eyes shone with joy. "I would be so glad to do it," she said. "I love little children. I will teach them all I know, and try to lead them to Jesus."

"Very well," said Mrs. Baker, much pleased. "I will let you try. The mission-

ary from Chao-chow-fu has written me a letter saying that he has a school of thirty-five little boys and girls who have no teacher at present, and he would like to have one of the girls from our school. Are you willing to go?"

"Certainly," said Plum Blossom, "I will go wherever you send me."

"Get your clothes ready then, and I will go with you."

When they arrived at the neighboring city they were met by the missionary, who conducted them to a small schoolroom, seating comfortably thirty-five pupils. He introduced the new teacher to the boys and girls, charged them to be good children and study hard, and then departed. Mrs. Baker then said good-bye to Plum Blossom with the injunction, "Now, don't take any more students, I think thirty-five will be all you can manage."

Two or three weeks later she returned to visit the school to see how Plum Blossom was succeeding. The children were quiet and orderly, but Mrs. Baker thought there were more in the room.

"How many have you here today?" she asked.

"Forty," answered Plum Blossom.

"Did I not tell you not to take in any more scholars?"

Plum Blossom nodded.

"Why did you do it then?"

"I could not help it," said the young teacher. "They came to the door and begged so hard to come in that I had to take them."

"Well, do not let it happen again; now remember," and Mrs. Baker departed.

Some weeks passed away, and Mrs. Baker came again for another visit. Her practiced eye detected in a moment from the crowded benches that more children had come in. "Plum Blossom," she asked sternly, "how many children are on your roll today?"

"Fifty," said the teacher faintly.

"Did I not charge you not to take in any more?"

Plum Blossom nodded, but could not answer at first.

"Why do you disobey me then?"

"Because they want so much to learn to read and write, and they plead so hard that I cannot refuse them."

Mrs. Baker softened a little. "You are a good girl, Plum Blossom, but you must not crowd this room so much. Tell them there is no room and do not take another one."

It was quite a while before Mrs. Baker came again. When she opened the door she found the room so full that some of the smallest children were seated on the floor.

"What does this mean?" she asked an-

grily. "How many children are in this room?"

"Sixty."

"Did I not tell you not to take another one?"

Plum Blossom turned on her almost fiercely.

"Mrs. Baker," she said, "if you had known as I have, what it means to go year after year, fairly starving for education, and unable to get it, you would not blame me for taking in these little ones who stand at the door and plead to come in. So long as the room will hold them I will not shut the door in their faces. I do the best I can. I teach the older girls their lessons first. Then each one takes a group of the little ones round her, and teaches them the characters. It is slow work, but they are learning!" and her face lightened up.

Mrs. Baker could make no answer to this and soon bade the young teacher good-bye, but as she journeyed homeward she could not help wishing that the good people in America would give more liberally to missions, that Plum Blossom might have a larger room in which to house her eager little learners.—Kind Words.

SECOND UNION CENTRAL CONFERENCE REPORTS

The second Union district of the Central Conference of North Carolina convened in full fellowship with Sts. Delight Church at Ormondville Saturday before the fifth Sunday in December. Rev. C. J. Harris, the Moderator, presided over the meeting. Devotions and prayer were given by Rev. Clarence Little.

We were very proud to have with us in our Union sixteen ministers. The visiting ones were Rev. and Mrs. H. M. McAdams, Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Rev. D. W. Hansley, Rev. L. B. Manning and Rev. M. L. Tyndall.

One of the main features of the program was the special music. The first special message in song was sung by Mrs. Roy P. Caslins and Mrs. Cotton Briley. The other couple who sang was Miss Frances Fields and Rev. R. N. Hinnant. Miss Fields and Rev. Hinnant sang three selections during the day.

"Evangelism" was the program theme. Rev. D. A. Windham was the first to speak on that subject. His topic was "Evangelism Biblically and Historically Justified." Rev. D. W. Alexander preached the Union sermon: "The Effect of Evangelism in every Phrase of Our Church Program."

After lunch we reassembled. Rev. and Mrs. H. M. McAdams led in devotions and prayer. Rev. D. W. Hansley spoke on the subject: "Evangelism Is Heavenly Fellowship."

It is undecided for the time being whether our next Union will meet at the Greenville Church or Grimsley Church. We urge

you to watch in your Baptist paper for this announcement.

New officers were elected. They are as follows: Moderator, Rev. D. W. Alexander; Vice-Moderator, Rev. D. A. Windham; Clerk, Mrs. Guy Corbett; Treasurer, Mr. Lco Tripp.

Program Committee: Rev. D. A. Windham, Chairman; Mrs. K. L. Wooten and Mrs. Guy Corbett.

To Represent Stock in Press: Rev. D. W. Alexander and Rev. C. J. Harris.

Floral Committee: Rev. D. W. Alexander.

Church Finance Association, Inc., Representative: Rev. D. W. Alexander.

Extra member of the Executive Board: Mr. Jesse L. Tripp.

Treasurer of Needy Ministers Board: Mr. Henry Harris, Jr.

Members of Needy Ministers Board: Rev. C. J. Harris, Rev. J. E. Wooten and Rev. C. L. Patrick.

The treasurer's report was accepted as follows:

Received as follows

Brought forward	\$ 3.34
Offering for Orphanage	45.46
For Union	103.50
For Needy Ministers	86.52
Total Received	\$238.82

Paid Out as follows

Clerk	\$ 10.00
Treasurer	5.00
Flowers (Mrs. R. B. Spencer)	10.00
Needy Ministers	86.52
Orphanage (Collection)	45.46
Orphanage (Appro.)	31.40
Cragmont Assembly	7.85
Christian Education	7.85
Missions	7.85
Superannuation	7.85
Church Fin. Assn. Inc.	7.85
State Promotional Work	7.85

Total paid out \$235.48

Balance carried forward \$ 3.34

Arising vote of thanks was extended to all the out-going officers and also to the Sts. Delight church for hospitality shown the Union.

Rev. D. W. Hansley dismissed us in a word of prayer.

Rev. C. J. Harris, Out-Going Moderator
Rev. D. W. Alexander, In-Coming Mod.,
Mrs. Guy Corbett, Clerk

TEACHER'S HELP'S, 1951

Superintendent's Guide	50
Peloubet's Select Notes	2.75
Tarbell's Teacher's Guide	2.75
Arnold's Teacher's Guide	1.75

Day of Prayer to be Observed February 14 By Free Will Baptists

The next day of prayer set aside by the National Association of Free Will Baptists comes on February 14 and all churches in all the states and Cuba and India are being asked to observe this day with special emphasis on Prayer for Nation-wide revival. Since this day falls on Wednesday, it will coincide with the mid-week prayer service of many of the churches and afford an excellent opportunity for a special service for this purpose.

There are several major objectives which we should keep in mind as we come to this day. A few of them are listed herein.

(1) Pray for a solution for the problems of world peace.

(2) Pray for the leaders of our nation and the other nations of the world.

(3) Pray for a nation-wide revival of the Old Time Salvation.

(4) Pray for our fighting forces in Korea, for their welfare spiritually and physically.

(5) Pray for a Denominational-wide revival—one that will shake every Free Will Baptist church and awaken every Free Will Baptist church member.

(6) Pray for our missionaries in India, Cuba, and Africa. Pray for our people who are indifferent and negligent about the support of this most important work. Pray that God will enable us to rise to the occasion and wipe out the deficit in this department and go to an enlarged Foreign Mission program.

(7) Pray for every department of our denominational work.

(8) Pray for our denominational leaders.

(9) Pray for our young men and women in our Bible College who are preparing for full-time service.

(10) Pray for yourself that you may make a full and complete surrender of your life to the Lord Jesus.

This is an urgent call for everyone and every church. Please pray and as you pray, trust God for the answer.

Would you be kind enough to fill out the following and mail it to the Promotional Secretary so that we can get an idea of how many of the churches participated in this day of prayer? If you cannot arrange for the service on February 14, then choose the day nearest to this date and set it aside for your day of prayer. We will call for another such observance on May 1 of this year; so, as soon as your February day is observed, begin to make plans for the next day of denomination prayer.

Name of Church or Individual

Group Sponsoring the Meeting

Number of Participants

Type of service (Regular prayer meeting, special service)

Results

Remarks or Observations

(Mail this report to Damon C. Dodd, Promotional Secretary, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tennessee).

Booze! Booze!

To the Fathers and Mothers of Beaufort County, North Carolina

They have rationed our sugar, and soon will our shoes,
There are plenty of bare-footed children, all on the account of booze.

Flour barrels are empty, mothers' hearts are sad,
Children cold and hungry, all on the account of Dad.

Dad, you may like your whiskey, you may like your beer,
But, look, what dangerous forces are facing us here.

Our boys are leaving, their hearts are weary and sad,
Whiskey caused the trouble, please, won't you quit it Dad?

Homes have been wrecked, and children's hearts are sad,
Booze is all the trouble, vote it out, dear old Dad.

Our boys and girls are drinking, they are in Beaufort County, too,
Dad, if you love your children, vote against this ugly booze.

Now, may God bless each Christian who's traveling the holy way
To bring out all your friends and neighbors on election day.

Selected by Mrs. R. C. Bell
Beaufort County, N. C.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists for December, 1950.

Receipts

Balance on hand Dec. 1, 1950	\$2,100.41
Regular receipts for Dec.	307.30
Repayment of Hospital Loan	50.67
Total to account for	\$2,458.38

Disbursements

Regular checks to Superannuated Ministers	\$242.50
Christmas checks to Superannuated Ministers	125.00
Checks to Ministers'	
Widows	132.50
Operating expense	94.57
To National Board	21.27

Total disbursements ----- \$165.84

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1951 ..\$1,842.54

Receipts Itemized

2nd Western Union Meeting	\$ 10.00
Wintergreen Aux.	4.00
Union Chapel	5.50
Fremont	5.00
Mt. Zion Aux. (Nash Co.)	2.00
Davis	5.00
4th Central Union Meeting	7.56
Piney Grove (Pitt Co.)	5.00
Sidney	6.00
Micro Aux.	10.00
Friendship (Johnston Co.)	1.00
Edgemont	10.00
St. Delight (Greene Co.)	10.00
White Oak Grove Aux.	5.00
Casey's Chapel	23.30
Smith's New Home	30.00
Little Rock Aux.	5.00
St. Mary's (New Bern)	100.00
Rose Hill S. S.	2.50
Core Creek S. S.	12.94
Goshen Aux.	10.00
Gum Swamp S. S.	3.00
Black Jack S. S.	2.00
Pine Level	7.00
Micro	25.00
Pleasant Hill Inter. League	.50

Total regular receipts ----- \$307.30

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer

REPORT OF NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION BOARD

July 1, 1950 through Dec. 31, 1950
Bal. brought forward July 1, 1950 \$6,016.50

Receipts

Alabama	\$ 25.00
Georgia	126.84
Michigan	32.33

Missouri	425
North Carolina	359.69
Tennessee	64.33
Woman's National Aux.	37.82
Nat'l. Unified Program	72.75
Received for Premiums and Applications	318.43

Total Receipts ----- 1,041.44

Total Receipts plus balance ----- \$7,057.94

Disbursements

Nat'l Promotional	
Secretary	\$150.00
Secretary	60.00
Office Supplies	5.00
Refund to W. E. Stilley on application	5.32
Ministers' Life and Casualty Union for premiums and applications	637.94
Total	858.26

Balance plus receipts less disbursements, Dec. 31, 1950 ----- \$6,199.68

J. O. Fort, Treasurer
National Superannuation of
of Free Will Baptists
Lake Butler, Fla.

REPORT OF QUARTERLY MEETING SALINE ASSOCIATION, KANSAS

The Quarterly meeting of the Saline Association of Arkansas convened on December 30 and 31, 1950, with Mount Pleasant Church, Hamburg, Arkansas.

The meeting was called to order at ten o'clock A. M. by the moderator, Elder Cliff White. The song service was led by Cliff Dyer and prayer was offered by Elder Loyd Williams. Elder Elvin Johnson preached the sermon at eleven o'clock. Following the sermon the congregation was dismissed for the noon hour by Elder L. W. Wheeler.

The afternoon session was opened with singing, led by Brother Cliff Dyer, and prayer was by Elder Lewis Barber. The letters from the churches were read and the delegates were seated. The Bible Quiz was conducted by Sister J. E. White. A reading was given by Sister Hazel Mann. The Round Table discussions were led by Elder W. P. White. The subject for the discussion was: "Is It Possible for a Person, after He Comes to the Age of Accountability, to Be Saved Without the New Birth?" Following the discussions, the Macedonian Quartet rendered some music. The next subject discussed was: "Is It Possible for a Person to Be Saved without the Baptism of the Holy Ghost?" Elder J. E. White began the discussion of this subject. The subject: "What a Willful Sin Is," was discussed by several ministers and

deacons, who gave their opinions and expressed their thoughts concerning the subject.

The song service was conducted by Haskel Balin, and Elder Willie Estell was elected to lead the devotional service Sunday night. Elder Bill Smith is to bring the sermon. Then the meeting was closed by Brother Cliff Dyer.

Saturday Night

After several songs were sung, Brother Willie Estell conducted the devotional service. There were several testimonies given by different persons present for the evening srvice. Then Brother Bill Smith read the Scripture lesson from the tenth chapter of Numbers. He used the 29th verse as his text. His subject was: "Exploring God's Grace."

Sunday Morning Service

The ministers and the deacons held their meeting at ten o'clock. Elder Lewis Barber was chosen to preach at the eleven o'clock hour. The song service opened with the congregation singing: "Standing on the Promises;" and "There Is a Fountain." The prayer was offered by Elder L. W. Wheeler. Following the sermon the congregation was dismissed for the noon hour, with Brother Ottis Cooke pronouncing the benediction.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of several hymns by the congregation, Elder A. B. Cummins, who was elected to preach, brought the two o'clock message.

The next Quarterly meeting will be held with Fairview F. W. B. Church at Warren, Arkansas, on April 28 and 29, 1951.

J. C. Rawls, Clerk,
Warren, Ark.
Route 2

NOTES AND QUOTES

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know it not? What will you do about it? When you turned that request down for funds to send the Gospel to those who are in darkness, do you know that you denied the Lord Jesus? Well, you did! "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31). If you do not believe in Foreign Missions, you better get on your prayer bones and repent for your sin of disobedience.

We are most of us very lonely in this world; you who have any who love you, cling to them and thank God.—Thackeray

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We are wondering how many of our friends, who have visited the orphanage, will recognize the above picture. It shows an aerial view of the campus and was taken in June, 1950. We feel that those who

have visited us will appreciate a picture of the area and those who have not visited the Home will get a better idea of how our campus looks from this scene.

At the beginning of this a new calendar

year, we feel that there is no better time than now for the various Church groups to begin consideration of our orphanage and decide how they can constructively help us
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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR 1951

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improve our campus facilities during this year. We feel that our campus looks quite well at the present time, but we are sure that many more improvements can be made and should be made during the coming year.

While viewing the campus scene, we feel that this would be a good time to give a few words of explanation in regards to the buildings, their use, and condition, and present our plans for improvement during the year.

1. *Girls' Dormitory*—This is the first building to be completed on the campus and at the beginning, housed both boys and girls. The building contains a basement and three floors. At the present time the basement is being used for the laundry and for storage. The staff and girls occupy seventeen rooms in the building, while the others are used for living room, clothes room, sewing room, etc. Several years ago the living room was renovated and refurnished. Since that time, various auxiliaries and Churches have been contributing toward a fund which is to be used to completely renovate and refurnish this building. We have at present only a portion of that which will be necessary to do the job we have before us; however, we are planning to start re-working and painting the rooms within the near future. On this project we could use the following contributions: 1. *Flooring*—Practically all of the rooms need new flooring in them. 2. *Paint*—We will need a great deal to completely repaint the building. 3. *Money*—With

which to buy supplies and partially pay for labor.

2. *Administration and Dining Building*—This building was constructed in 1940 and contains two offices, a central dining room, kitchen and pantries. We are just completing the renovation of the kitchen, which included the installation of a new heavy duty electric range, greaseproof asphalt tile flooring, the installation of canopy and pack panel over the cooking area, with an exhaust fan to carry out the kitchen fumes, and repainting of the cabinets and walls.

We appreciate a great deal the assistance which the auxiliaries of the Central Conference have given us through their financial gifts. We appreciate also the gifts from auxiliaries and Churches from other Conferences in helping us to complete the kitchen project. We are planning to repaint the dining room as soon as we can get the necessary funds. All of us are already enjoying the renovated kitchen and we are sure that all of those who have contributed to this enterprise will enjoy coming to the Home and seeing how much better the kitchen looks and will be glad to see the dining hall repainted also. This is just an illustration of what the auxiliaries can do in changing the appearance of our building once they become interested.

3. *Boys' Dormitory*—The Boys' Dormitory has been in use since 1925. At the present time it is in state of very bad repair and at the same time, is quite overcrowded with the 33 boys who live in it. The building contains 14 rooms of medium size, besides baths. The Board of Trustees is highly considering the renovation of the building as soon as the funds are made available, after the Albemarle Cottage is completed.

4. *The Superintendent's Home*—When the Orphanage first began, it is understood that the first children were housed in this building. It has been used since for classrooms, home for the Farm Manager and as the home for the last three superintendents.

5. *Orphanage Memorial Chapel*—The Orphanage Memorial Chapel was begun about five years ago. It is a nice size building, being large enough to seat four hundred or more persons in the auditorium and balcony. It contains Sunday School rooms, also a room for the pastor's study and choir. We have recently completed installation of the hardwood floor in the auditorium. We are looking forward with grateful hopes of being able to complete plastering the auditorium and finishing the rostrum and possibly the classrooms during the year. The Central Sunday School Convention last year accepted the responsibility of furnishing the funds necessary to complete one of the large Sunday School rooms, and are pretty well along toward completion of this project. We feel that there are other Sunday School Conventions or Church groups that would like to accept a similar project, thereby assisting us to complete our Church.

We feel that the completion of our Church will add much to our campus worship services and attracts friends from our nearby Churches to worship with us. Rev. Wingate Hansley, our pastor, is very interested in developing an adequate religious program here on the campus and he feels that the completion of the Church would add much to the advancement of this program. We have recently received a number of personal gifts in the form of memorials on the Church and we know that there are others who have relatives that they would like to remember in the form of a memorial in our Orphanage Memorial Chapel.

6. *Albemarle Cottage*—The Albemarle Cottage is a new building to be used for

housing the boys. It is being built by the Albemarle Conference. The building is quite large and will contain rooms adequate to take care of up to forty boys, living quarters for boys' Housemothers, a library and reading room, nice size living room, first aid room and two rooms to be used for children whenever sick. There will be two large basement recreation rooms for indoor recreation during the winter months. The building was brick veneered and the fire walls built last summer. We are in the process of beginning anew on the cottage and unless shortage of materials prevents, we are planning to complete this construction during the year. We are sure that the completion of this building will add a great deal to the housing facilities that we have on the campus and we believe that all of our people will be very much pleased with this addition to our campus.

7. *Dairy and Mule Barns*—The three buildings shown in the picture are those that have been used in the past as a dairy and stables for the cattle and mules. The large barn has already been torn down and the good lumber salvaged and used in the construction of the modern economical calf barn and bull barn over on the farm. As time and labor will permit, the other buildings will be torn down and the good material salvaged for use elsewhere. While viewing this area, the immediate area behind these buildings is where the Alumni Association plans to construct a nice ball diamond for our children.

If you or your Church, Auxiliary, or Sunday School is interested in some phase of our over-all improvement program and would like more information in regards to this, we would appreciate your contacting the Superintendent who will be glad to help you in any way possible in arranging for a project that will fit your organization.

We have and do continue to believe that our location lends itself to the possibility of having one of the nicest orphanage campuses that can be had in the State. We feel that with your efforts and God's help that during the coming year, we can realize a great improvement in our campus facilities.

Walter McD. Croom, Supt.
Middlesex, North Carolina

SPECIAL NOTICE

Mrs. Thomas E. Beaman of Goldsboro, North Carolina, is in the Wayne County Hospital for a major operation. It is requested that the Christian people go to God in prayer for her. Doctor Donald B. Cobb is the surgeon and attending physician. Close friends and relatives may make calls at intervals. The room number is 120 in the hospital. Pray that God may raise her up to her health and strength again.

By the street of By-and-By, one arrives
at the house of Never.—Cervantes.

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A Message from the 4th Vice-President, N. A. C.

Women to the Front, on Our Knees, With Our Gifts, and in Humble Service

Mrs. L. E. Ballard
Fourth Vice-Pres., N. A. C.

The Year 1951 has come to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church to be used or squandered. The watchword of our organization: "Worker's Together with Him—That His Way May be Known Upon Earth." (2 Corinthians 6:1 and Psalm 67:2) comes to us through the prayerful searching of the scriptures of our Executive Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Frazier. We as an organization, are indebted to her for the way she has edited our Best Year Book of Programs, which will enable our Woman's Auxiliary to carry out effectively the challenge of the Watchword.

This watchword seems most fitting at this time, when the entire world desires the fruits of working together, but do not know the secret of this successful method, because they do not know Him—The Lord Jesus Christ. We, as women, who know Him have great opportunity lying ahead of us this year. His presence in our lives should serve as a magnet to draw us together in a stronger faith, a greater prayer life, holier living, a greater concentration of our minds and our hearts on the word of God, a greater vision, a deeper zeal

for lost souls and a greater service in His Name to needy humanity.

With Him, we cannot be idle and unmindful of the open doors of service. With Him, we must work, for His Presence with us inspires and guides us to make His way known upon earth. His way is the way of the cross. We recall that when Jesus gave His life on the cross, it was ugly and a symbol of shame and disgrace. His ignominious death changed its meaning making it a glorious symbol, opening the door to life eternal and to golden opportunities to give ourselves in humble service of making Him His way known upon earth. This Way often means the way of sacrificial giving of our time, our talent, and our means that His Way may be known.

His Way is the way of love. As workers together, we must love Him supremely and each other with such devotion that we may be able to convince the world that they need the Lord Jesus: In these days of world conflict it is so necessary that we are bound together with the chords of holy love, bearing each other's burdens. Thus the radiance of love will flow out into the lives of those who do not know Him.

His Way is the way of light. May we, as women, purpose in our hearts that we will give ourselves more diligently that the light of His life may glow through our lives, as we work together with Him and each of the women in our local church, to the end that we may be more zealous in our enlistment efforts, to sacrificial support of missions at home and abroad, better stewards of the manifold Grace of God and the promotion of our full church program.

As we look into this year, may we remember that the best example of self-denying liberality in the Bible is recorded of a woman. The best example of conquering prayer in the Bible is recorded of a woman. The best example of loving service in the Bible is recorded of a woman. It was no great gift, no great service, no great prayer. The gift was a widow's mite. The service was the anointing of the feet of Jesus with ointment. The prayer was a mother's prayer for a daughter possessed of a devil. But the gift and service and prayer were in self-denial and love and faith. These are most precious and effective in the sight of God. Oh, that each women in our own ranks would strive to make His Way known this year as never before, working together with Him.

Why We Can't Let the Liquor Traffic Alone

By Norman M. Lovein

"Why do you have to keep harping on the liquor traffic; why not let the matter rest awhile?" said a friend the other day. And from his point of view, I can well understand why he should think we are sawing away on one string of the fiddle when there's no need to do so. But there's a good answer to his question.

We cannot leave the liquor traffic alone because it won't leave us alone. Everywhere we are exposed to those who have been drinking and they are endangering the life and limbs of innocent people. They cause accidents and the accidents hurt members of society that should be protected.

If it were only themselves that the drink-

ers injure, that would be bad enough. But it doesn't stop there. The injury caused by the liquor traffic moves out into wide areas, frequently spreading its injurious effect upon people who have no personal connection with the traffic. Society is therefore put on the defensive by the liquor traffic and there seems to be no improvement in sight until we get back to the source of all this havoc, namely the traffic itself.

If the drinkers would go off and lock themselves up in some closet and stay there until they were cold sober again, then society might afford to lay off the liquor traffic. But these men and women of distinction won't do that. They've got to get out where others are, thus creating what are frequently dangerous situations for other people, even little children at play. We simply cannot sit idly by, keep our mouths shut, cease our activity and allow this mon-

ster of destruction to run wild without protest.

When the liquor traffic quits bothering us we will then consider the proposition of laying off it. Until it does, there will be no armistice, no truce, no surrender. For what it is for what it does to mankind, we must continue to oppose it, to resist it, and some day ultimately destroy it.—Reprinted from the Wesleyan Christian Advocate, Macon, Ga.

The Church's chief enemy—The Church that is making no war on the liquor business is ignoring its chief enemy.—The Christian Advocate.

God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it.—Daniel Webster.

Ted's Standard

L. L. Wightman

It was nearing school time again and Ted Browning needed work to enable him to go to the village. It cost money to board and Ted must earn his own money. Being fully determined to gain a high school education, he went to the village and made the rounds of various business places for work.

He entered the store of Joseph Miles, and made application.

"I need work to earn money for my board," he explained, stating the reason. "I hoped you might need a boy around your store during odd hours this winter."

"I do need one," Mr. Miles replied, looking at Ted carefully from head to foot, "but I'm not just sure I want a school boy. My experience with them has been unsatisfactory. I've had three in the last two years, and they don't stay very long. I would like to hire a dependable boy."

"Then I'm the one you want," Ted declared. "You'll find me dependable."

"They all say that. But after they have worked a few weeks, I find they fail to keep their word."

"You don't need to worry about me on that account," Ted assured him. "If I tell you I'll stay a certain length of time, I'll do my best to keep my word."

Joseph Miles paced the floor slowly, then turned to face the lad who hopefully awaited the decision.

I believe I'll take a chance on you, he decided, for Ted's appearance won the man's confidence. "I'll hire you for one month, and if we are both satisfied at that time, I'll keep you until your school term is out."

"Do we draw up a contract?" Ted asked.

"No, I'll take your word. You're not of age anyway, so a contract would not be binding."

And so an agreement was made. Ted was highly elated over his success for it made sure of the possibility of his attending school.

The first month passed satisfac-

tory to both parties and the agreement was lengthened for the school year.

One day Ted was approached by another business man by the name of Samuel Taylor, a rival to Joseph Miles.

"Do I understand you are clerking for Joseph Miles?" he asked Ted.

"Yes, sir, I am."

"Do you like it?"

"Yes, sir, I do."

"I understand from the school coach that you will be one of the star basketball players this year," Mr. Taylor went on to explain his approach to Ted. "Under the rules of this school, players can play on other amateur teams. I have a team representing my store each year, and if you will play with my team, I'll give you work in my store, just as you are doing for Joseph Miles, only there will be larger salary with mine. Will you consider it?"

Ted opened his eyes in surprise. This was a real offer! But Ted shook his head. "I can't consider it," he stated, decisively. "I've hired out to Mr. Miles for the school year, and I wouldn't think of leaving him."

"Did you have a contract so he can hold you?"

"Just a verbal agreement, but it is more binding than a contract to me. I gave my word of honor, and I'll keep it."

Samuel Taylor looked at Ted, a strange gleam in his eyes. "Better think it over," he advised. "I'll see you again."

"It won't do any good," Ted declared.

He thought that settled the matter, but a few days later it was brought up by his employer.

"I understand you have a chance to work for more money," he said one morning as Ted entered the store.

"Yes, sir, for Mr. Taylor," Ted replied, not hesitating in the least.

Joseph Miles nodded. "And you wouldn't go, so I was told last night. You certainly have kept your word with me, but if you really wish to accept this position at a higher salary, I'll release you from your agreement here. I won't stand in your way for a better job."

"Thank you, Mr. Miles, for your kind consideration of me," Ted said, realizing the sincerity of his employer. "I appreciate what you are doing for me. I have no desire to leave you. You see I am a Christian, and when I gave you my word, I did so as a Christian. I am acting in this matter as I believe a Christian should, and I know I won't be the loser in the end. There are other things besides the financial side which enter into this."

And Ted did not lose. He found that by honoring Christ in his life, he was the gainer in the real things which make the best in life possible.—Selected.

Call for Fasting and Prayer

New York, Jan. 27—American Protestant women are being urged to keep a 24 hour vigil of fasting and prayer for peace on the 64th annual World Day of Prayer, Friday, February 9.

The appeal for fasting and prayer is issued by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. The Council's General Department of United Church Women is American sponsor of the day of prayer which is observed yearly on the first Friday of Lent in over 17,000 American communities and 91 countries overseas.

The Department, which represents women of over 80 Protestant denominations, is asking church women in local councils and churches to keep the 24 hour vigil in addition to their regular observances of the day.

Mrs. James D. Wyker, of Columbus, Mo., chairman of the Department, explained that the prayer vigil and fasting were suggested in letters from women in all sections of the country.

The church women are being asked to fast for the 24 hours of the World Day of Prayer, she said, so that "physical hunger can help us to understand the people of the world who are hungry and suffering through no choice of their own."

In a message to over 1700 local councils of church women, both councils and churches are asked to keep the prayer vigil for peace, and the councils are asked to urge every woman "to continue in prayer all day, wherever she is." The women are also asked to write their Congressman that the nation's church women are praying that their lawmakers will have divine guidance.

"Time is short," the message concludes, "but 'with God all things are possible.'"

—Selected

Our golden age lies before us, and not behind.—Sir Daniel Wilson.

WHY JESUS WEPT

Eld. A. L. Sellers

Those that stood by thought that it was because of the love that He had for the bereaved family that caused him to weep. He loved that family, but there was a greater cause. Christ saw what people were missing, had missed, and were going to miss because they did not know. Here He was with a blessing for them, and he knew that Martha was going to object to him doing what he would have to do to give them the blessing. He had not asked for the stone to be moved from the tomb, but he knew that it had to be, and that Martha was going to object, believing that Lazarus had already decayed, and she did. Could she have avoided it, he would not have opened the tomb. What a blessing she would have missed! Christ tried to tell her that he had a blessing for her, but she would not believe.

If Martha had been the only one that had not understood him, it would not have been so sad. It was going to be but a few days until the controlling power of the world was going to refuse the greatest blessing that has ever been offered because they did not understand him. He knew this was coming. He had already experienced the sad condition of Jerusalem because they did not understand him.

Notice the difference now and at the beginning. "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good, and the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Christ was there: Jno. 1:1-3, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." According to these statements, Jesus was there and had a part in the creation with the Father, and claiming every good thing and very good. "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

And it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart." (Gen. 6:5-6).

He is having something to contend with that was not in his vision in creation. For He said, "God saw the wickedness of man that it was great in the earth." Then He became grieved, and reason teaches us to know that while Noah was building the ark that he tried to tell the people of the destruction that awaited them, but they would not believe, for Christ tells us that they knew not till the flood came and destroyed them. Truly it was a sad day with the Father and Christ when they had to close the door of the ark, and let the thunder begin to roll, and the clouds begin to appear that should bring that great flood that should destroy every thing living that was not in the ark. When the waters began to rise, the people with their little ones began to hunt for safety, but found none. A sad scene! He had brought them into existence that He might get joy, but instead sorrow beyond expression for Him and them too, because they just would not let Him instruct them.

Some will not agree with me that God did not know in the beginning that man was going to do as he said; but I can't think of God doing things that he knew, when He was doing them, that they were going to bring him trouble like that, and has been doing ever since. I believe he could have known if he had wanted servants, but he wanted a family of children that he could enjoy seeing them enjoy the blessings that he had for them, and that it was wonderful for them until Satan came on the scene. Then it was too sad for all. Satan caused them to lose their confidence in God as their friend, and he caused them to lose the joy of life. Life never was any more to them what it had been. They really died to the pleasures of that garden. The day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt

surely die came true to them. They had never known fear until then, but fear and trouble followed beyond expression.

Having experienced what Christ had with man, and seeing the conditions of those at the grave of Lazarus, and knowing that in just a few days the people were going to take him, their best friend, and hang him on the cross as their enemy, and do their best to destroy the greatest blessing that had ever been offered them, because all the powers of love could not show them the destruction that they were bringing on themselves. A blessing given them but they would not have it. Then he looked into the future and saw those that would be crying for rocks and mountains to fall on them to hide them from the great wrath that await those that will not believe. Yes, Jesus wept! and I believe he is weeping today as he looks on the strife that is going on in the world, in the face of what love has done that they might know the way of peace.

My prayer for you, dear reader, is that you do always those things that please the Father and he will never leave you. Then it will be your happy lot to join that happy angel band and sail to the glory land, and to enjoy the blessings of salvation while eternity rolls her ceaseless rounds. Pray for me.

DRINKING—RIGHT OR WRONG

By Bishop W. E. Hammaker

This is a timely and important message. It is high time that our young people and their parents do some straight thinking about morals. Send 50c for a copy of this splendid book to Methodist Headquarters, 100 Maryland Ave., N. E., Washington, D. C., and loan it to persons who should read it.

Our American forefathers, by making this a land of "templed hills," have claimed our country for Christ. Are we keeping the fires burning upon the altars they erected? How much do we value the glorious heritage of freedom of worship? Attend church every Sunday.

THE CRAGMONT STORY

By Loy Everette Ballard



The first Free Will Baptist organization in our state to experiment with assembly, or summer retreat projects was the Free Will Baptist League. Many years ago, leaguers founded "Camp Leach," conducted each year in a rented camp on the Pamlico. The venture was a success. Each year around 100 young people came together for a week of fellowship, wholesome recreation, and instruction—and to dream of the day when they might have their own camp. Came the time when the camp ground on the Pamlico could be had no more, and disappointed hearts began to pray more earnestly.

The movement for a statewide sponsored assembly for Free Will Baptists of all ages, took concrete form at the first meeting of the N. C. State Sunday School Convention-Institute in 1940. The convention and the movement were born twins. The assembly was the big subject in the convention, and the convention made itself subject to the leadership of the Lord in promoting the movement. Very soon other state-wide organizations fell in line. Leaguers rallied, warm with memories of Camp Leach. Sunday schools rallied deep in conviction of need. The Woman's Auxiliary came with a burning desire for closer fellowship and better training. The ministers (who at that time had no statewide organization) were invited to come in as the honorary group in the confederation.

Interested parties, official and unofficial, began to look over the state for suitable sites for an assembly ground. Coves and beaches on sounds and bays were looked over. The grassy banks of river bends attracted some eyes. Abandoned youth camps in the foot-hills came under observation.

Finally everybody got to Cragmont, whose spreading white building, nestling in a grove of trees, near Black Mountain in the land of summer assemblies, enchanted and captivated those who saw it. Dreamy eyes saw great possibilities in the large tract of timberland surrounding the buildings. Prayers were prayed all over the state. The owners of the property were approached. Yes, Cragmont could be bought at a very reasonable price. More prayers were made to God, and the Lord answered, Buy it!

But where was the money? Ten thousand dollars was needed at once. Ten daring people were found who were willing to venture out to seek \$1,000.00 each. Rev. James A. Evans, who had captained our orphanage through depression and war, agreed to direct the campaign. Each of the ten solicitors had friends to give in units of \$100.00 and to help make contacts with others. Those who were not able to make it an individual matter of giving \$100.00, teamed together through church organizations and gave co-operatively. The \$10,000.00 came in. It came from FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA. But more money was needed to furnish the buildings, and make repairs absolutely necessary. Encouraged by the original response the Directors borrowed this money. Cragmont soon began its history of usefulness. Each year a glorious chapter has been written in the lives of hundreds of young people, ministers, Sunday school leaders and women, who have attended its various conferences and camp weeks. Each year, too, the Free Will Baptists of N. C. have responded with funds to take care of payments on the loan against the property.

Now a new chapter is to be written. It is to be a glorious chapter. Cragmont, through the regularly appointed campaign director, is daring to ask the people of N. C. to raise \$6,000.00 during February to retire all the loan against the property. This will clear the way for development of the property into the great institution we all dream of. There are more Free Will Baptists in North Carolina now than when the \$10,000.00 was raised. There is more knowledge of, and appreciation for, Cragmont. The new chapter of the Cragmont story can be written according to plan. Let's begin to write right now!

It is conferring a kindness, to deny at once a favour which you intended to refuse.
—Publius Syrus

Text of Statement on the International Situation Adopted by General Board of National Council, Churches Of Christ, U. S. A., January 17, 1951

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., taking into account the grave crisis with which the world of nations is confronted, calls upon the people of our churches to be steadfast in prayer that, under the guidance of Almighty God, the conditions of peace with justice may be established and a general war may be averted.

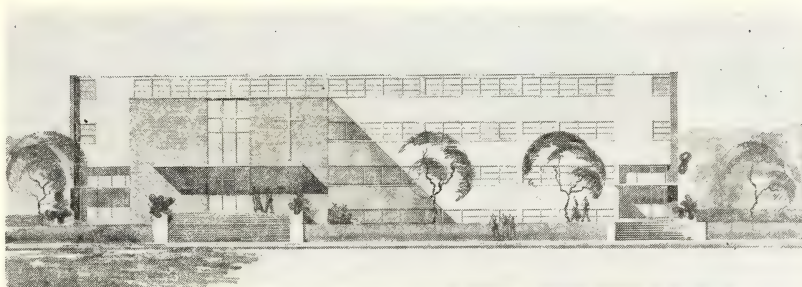
We reject the view that a third war is inevitable. To believe that nations are being driven into war by some blind destiny beyond their power to resist, is fatalism of the most pagan sort. Let those who have taken upon themselves the name of Christ, resist such counsel of despair.

The National Council has approved a study looking toward the preparation of a message on the Churches and the Nation in the Crisis. Pending the preparation of this message we express the following views:

1. We believe the United States should seek to strengthen the ties by which the freedom loving peoples in all the nations are bound together. All nations are members of one human family under God. This truth will be ignored only at the gravest peril to ourselves and others.
2. We believe in the United Nations.
3. We believe the United States should negotiate without appeasement with other governments both within and without the United Nations, in an effort to reach agreements that will secure peace with justice.
4. We believe the United States, preferably through the United Nations, should implement with all possible dispatch, a program of assistance to the underprivileged people of the world.

A just and durable peace cannot be fully achieved except as people everywhere become responsive to those moral and spiritual imperatives which are of the essence of our faith in Christ. To carry forward with increasing zeal the world mission of the Church is to hasten the day when our own and succeeding generations may be delivered from the scourge of war.

It is our fervent prayer that the President of the United States, his advisors, the members of Congress and our people generally, may have recourse to that spiritual power which is of God. It is in the spiritual power derived from a relationship to the righteous and love of God that our nation must and will find the strength and the guidance to fulfill its international responsibilities.—Reprinted by permission.



Construction to Begin Soon On New College Building

The new auditorium and class room building pictured above will be under construction in the next few days. It is the plan of the College administration to erect at this time the auditorium and office space as well as providing an auditorium for larger denominational assemblies.

To Cost \$20,000

The Bible College auditorium will cost \$20,000 with the side walls, roof, floor, doors and windows, electrical wiring, heating system and plumbing. This does not include the brick veneer on exterior, neither the plastering of the interior. However, it will give a serviceable building which

can be completed as funds are available.

100 Friends are needed

The Bible College needs, to complete the building, 100 friends who will make a gift of \$100 to the building fund. The name of each \$100 donor will be carried on the memorial bronze plaque in the auditorium vestibule. Individuals, churches, Leagues, Sunday Schools, Union Meetings and Auxiliaries are invited to share in the completion of this task.

Registration at All-Time High

The second semester registration on January 22 brought the total enrollment for 1950-51 to the all-time high of 103 students. They are registered from 17 states and represent

the finest and best of Free Will Baptist youth.

First Degrees to be Awarded in May

The first A. B. degrees with a major in Bible will be awarded at the commencement on May 30. This will be the first time in the history of the Free Will Baptist Bible College that a class has earned a degree.

Freshmen Quartet on Tour

The Quartet of the Freshman Class accompanied by Rev. Henry Melvin, business manager of the college, is on tour of Eastern North Carolina and central South Carolina in the interest of the Building Fund for the new auditorium. The quartet is being received and the financial response is very good.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING SCHOOL AT WILSON, N. C.

Raymond T. Sasser
Wilson, N. C.

Eight Sunday Schools in Wilson and Johnston Counties began a teacher and officer training school on Monday night, Jan. 8, in the Wilson, N. C. Church. Raymond T. Sasser, president of the N. C. F. W. B. Sunday School Convention-Institute is the instructor.

The school meets each Monday night in a different church, and at the time of this report two other classes have been conducted, January 15, at Marsh Swamp Church and January 22 at Milbourne Church. The attendance has shown a steady growth with the third class being twice the size of the first. The school will meet each Monday night through March 12. Classes are scheduled as follows: January 29, Saratoga Church; February 5, Staniel Chapel Church; February 12, Daniel Chapel Church; February 19, Selma Church; February 26, Little Rock Church. Announcement will be made later for the March 5 and 12 classes.

The school is open to any and all churches in the immediate vicinity of Wilson, and any Sunday School officer or teacher, or prospective officer or teacher is cordially invited to attend. No fees are charged, the school is operated entirely on a free will offering basis.

The course is in two parts: one group of lectures deals with practical methods of studying and presenting the Sunday School lesson. These methods are "down to earth" ones that anyone can follow. The other group of lectures gives the fundamentals of a well organized Sunday School and a progressive Bible class.

HOW TO HAVE YOUR OWN WAY

I have a secret which I should like to whisper to the boys and girls if they will put their ears down close enough. I don't want Father and Mother to hear—for it is to be a surprise on them.

You have long wanted your own way. You have become tired of hear-

ing Mother say, "Come right home after school." "Don't be late," "Be sure and tell the teacher." It is "Do this" and "Don't do that" all the time. You are sick of it, and would like to have your own way. Well, put your ears down while I whisper one word, "Obey."

Oh, you think I am making fun. No, I am not. I know a boy who decided to do just what his father said. He never offered excuses, never tried to get out of work, until finally his father came to trust him perfectly. His father said, "I know that Harlie will do what is right." When he went out nights, or to school, or to play, his father never said a word, for he had come to have perfect confidence in his boy.

Honestly, obedience is the road to freedom. If you want to have your own way just begin to obey.—Watchman.

:- Department of Foreign Missions :-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE

HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

KAMALA KANAKA'S HEAVENLY HOMEGOING

Laura Belle Barnard
Glennville, Ga.

"It is with much regret and deep sorrow I write this to say that Miss Kamala Kanaka died of cholera on October 2, 1950, within ten hours. I never thought that such a calamity would befall. She was a very good student. Thought she was older than I, she was polite and obedient, doing everything as a young student. She was keen in her lessons and tried to do her best. On the 2nd, early in the morning at 4 o'clock I was told that Miss Kanaka was sick. At once I took her to the hospital and at 8 o'clock A. M. we removed her to the Hospital here, in an ambulance. I went with her. She asked me to write to her elder brother in Coimbatore. I sent a telegram. Her nephew came at 2:30 P. M. He and I went to see her and she was very much better. She wanted water and spoke well. At 5 P. M. news reached me that she had died at 4:55 P. M. It was a sudden shock.

"By the time her nephew had gone. I had sent a telegram at 2:30 to Kotagiri and so expected at every moment some one would turn up. The Government Hospital did not allow us to have the body till next morning, and so we had to bury her at 12:30 A. M.

"Every moment Kamala is before me. I cannot do my teaching in the class or do any thing elsewhere. She was an inspiration to everybody. She loved the school and the lessons. She used to tell me, 'I don't like the food, but that doesn't matter, I like the school.'

"Her brother from Kotagiri came and I was very sorry to hand over her

things instead of producing Miss Kanaka.

Signed: (Miss) H. Balaiah"

The above is a letter from the manager of the Woman's Training School where our beloved Kamala Kanaka had been studying for a Teacher's Certificate. Kamala had served our Mission for nearly five years and had proved herself so valuable to the work, and so worthy in herself, that last February our Field Council agreed that we ought to sponsor her training. She had come to us without training but with a determination to render a praiseworthy service, and had so perfectly succeeded that we felt it a pity she did not have the formal qualifications necessary to meet Government requirements. This, for the sake of our school as well as for her own sake in the future. So arrangements were made, and about July 1 Kamala had exchanged the hills of Kotagiri for the plains and heat of Dharapuram and had begun her schoolgirl days again. These school days were to close so soon, in the way the letter describes.

Kamala's parents had died long ago, and she had become the 'mother' for her younger brothers and sisters, and, although they are all married now, they have leaned hard upon her. Early in the days when Kamala began to work with us she often found herself torn between two wholesome interests, two loves: that motherly instinct that naturally turned to attend to every call of family, as in times of sickness, when the new babies were born, and other special occasions; and the call of duty to the beloved work which she had espoused. In some instances she confessed failure in having neglected her work to attend to the needs of the family. An outstanding victory in Kamala's life was when like Jacob she wrestled with the angel and made her resolve to always put the

Lord and His work first and to trust Him to meet the needs of her brothers and sisters. That very day marked the dawn of a new era of victorious service in Kamala's life, as our own Brother and Sister Woolsey can testify. She grew to be outstanding among our faithful workers, always the peacemaker, always willing to go the second mile, and always the one who had at her fingertips minute information on each child's circumstances. It is not a reflection on the other teachers to say that Kamala was the one most loved by the pupils. The girls in the sewing class will never forget her encouragement and practical helpfulness. She would urge them to bring their torn clothing, and would find patches and teach them to mend them. But the thing that touched me most was to find that Kamala time and again secretly had taken her own salary (about \$8) and bought garments for some ragamuffin child whose shabby clothing made him or her conspicuous, or who could not come to school at all for lack of clothing. She had a great heart of compassion. Truly, Kamala Kanaka was a woman who pleased God. She had made her choice and God honored her.

As I write these lines I see before me a letter in Kamala's own handwriting, dated the very day of her death, but reaching me long after I had received the sad news. I am amazed that in this letter there is not a single reference to her illness, only a definite purpose to go on in the will of the Lord. Surely she has done just this.

"O, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out." From one and another have come the puzzled word, "I don't understand it." It seemed so clear to us that it was God's plan for her to go away to study, so we urged her to go and even stood behind her financially. This one thing we do know: We are not to question His judgments. We commit our loss to Him and trust Him to bring yet greater blessing out of it, as He has already begun to do. I can testify personally

that Kamala's call Home has brought its own message to my needy heart. I know she is with Jesus and it will be a glad re-union one day in His presence. I wish all you dear friends had known her, but you will yet see her, and now your first sight of her will be a glorious one. I imagine you won't need to be introduced, for you shall know even as you are known. Along with Kamala will be another faithful fellow-worker, who went to Heaven while I was here at home before, Mrs. Mark Kanaka. Also many of our other humble Indian folk, children and adults, who died trusting in Jesus. They were never privileged to see you who had prayed for them and given for them here, but you shall meet in His glad presence, and exchange radiant testimonies to His everlasting glory. In the meantime, you can best memorialize Kamala by praying that the fragrant influence of her life among our Kotagiri folk will never wane, but increase in fruitfulness until Jesus comes. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Foreign Mission Literature

We have on hand several attractive Posters containing the pictures of all of our missionaries, their names and their field of labor. These Posters contain the date of February 4th as Foreign Mission Sunday, but can be used any time during the year and serve as constant reminder to pray for our workers. Please send for yours today.

We have sent out hundreds of these but we are quite anxious to get these Posters in every Free Will Baptist Church in America. If you do not have one on display at your church, please let us know at once and we will forward same to you.

Penny a meal stickers may be had upon request, also other tracts and pamphlets available. Send all requests to Foreign Mission Board, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park 3, Michigan.

Names and Addresses Wanted

The Foreign Mission Board would like very much to have the correct name and address of every Free Will Baptist preacher in the land. Many State Directors have sent in State Minutes containing names and addresses of preachers in their state. This we appreciate, but still there is more

than one-half of the Free Will Baptist preachers whose addresses we do not have. We want to keep everyone informed and use every preacher as a channel to release information. Any help anyone can render in supplying this needed information will be appreciated.

Foreign Mission Sunday

The time is near at hand for every Free Will Baptist to observe Foreign Mission Sunday as recommended and approved by the National Association of Free Will Baptists. It is hoped that pastors will preach a Missionary Message, either on that Sunday or the nearest Sunday to that date possible. Missionary programs should be presented, special prayers offered for missionaries and a special missionary offering for this great cause.

If you cannot observe February 4th as Mission Sunday, then choose the next best Sunday to do something special for Foreign Missions.

Write to your Foreign Mission office for information and literature regarding this phase of our work.

Rev. Raymond Riggs
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

MISSION ITINERARY

By J. C. GRIFFIN

February 1—Macedonia, Craven Co.
February 2—Juniper Chapel, Craven Co.
February 3—Bethany, Pitt Co.
February 5—Gethsemane, Craven Co.
February 6—Core Creek, Craven Co.
February 7—Wintergreen, Craven Co.
February 8—Mosley's Creek, Craven Co.
February 9—Pilgrim's Home, Jones Co.
February 12—Friendship, Jones Co.
February 13—Whaley's Chapel, Jones Co.
February 14—Smith's New Home
February 15—Deep Run, Lenoir Co.
February 16—Gray Branch, Lenoir Co.
February 17—Sweet Gum Grove, Pitt Co.
February 19—Gum Swamp, Pitt Co.
February 20—Parker's Chapel, Pitt Co.
February 21—Greenville F.W.B. Church
February 22—Rose Hill, Pitt Co.
February 23—Black Jack F.W.B. Church,
Pitt Co.
February 24—Pleasant Hill, Pitt Co.
February 26—Ayden F. W. B. Church
February 27—Reedy Branch, Pitt Co.
February 28—Winterville F.W.B. Church
March 1—Arapahoe F. W. B. Church
March 2—Oriental F. W. B. Church
March 3—Bethel, Pamlico County

Watch for extension of listed itinerary.

On motion the Board authorize the publication of the itinerary for the showing of the film, "A Letter to Melittino," under the direction of Rev. J. C. Griffin, and that we inform our people that at this time this

Board has not authorized anyone else to solicit, or to work in any of the churches in North Carolina in the behalf of Missions. This action does not interfere with the authority and operation of the Foreign Mission Director, Rev. Rashie Kennedy.

By the N. C. State Mission Board

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

Due to the burden on my heart for lost humanity, in a crucial hour like this, when the clock of time is striking midnight, I have decided to devote the greater part of the summer in Evangelistic services. I am preparing a series of sermons on the dispensations from the age of Innocence through the present dispensation of Grace, and on into ages to come. My ultimate desire is to point many to the Lamb of God before the Rapture takes place.

I shall be happy to bring these messages to you good people, if you let me know in time.

Yours in search of the lost,

Rev. J. R. Bennett
Box 131
Bridgeton, N. C.

Morehead City Church Has New Pastor

Morehead City church goes forward, since our new pastor, Brother Therman Smith, has been with us. He surely brings us some soul stirring messages each Sunday morning and night.

In our prayer meeting we are studying the book of Genesis. Much interest has been shown in the prayer meeting.

Our Sunday School is growing. Brother Asa Cannon is our superintendent. One of our aims for '51 is more Sunday School rooms. These we need very much. Two of our classes have to meet in the church. This brings hardships on the teachers and students.

Brother Smith has consented to hold us a revival, beginning on Easter Sunday night. We are praying that many souls will be saved.

We are asking the dear readers of the Baptist paper to pray for our church here at Morehead City. Pray that many souls will be saved, and the church revived, that we may go forward with zeal, new ambition, and with great love in our hearts to do greater things for the Lord this year than ever before.

Church Reporter

LOOK ON THE FIELDS

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest—John 4:35.

Never in the history of the world were those words more true than to-day. It seems that World War III is inevitable. Nations are uneasy and the whole world is in confusion.

As we lift up our eyes and look on the fields (world) with so few laborers, may we pray that "the Lord of the harvest may send forth laborers into His harvest."

INDIA

In India, with a population of over 400,000,000, there are less than 25 missionaries per million people. There are more than 600,000 of her 700,000 cities and villages that do not have in them a single resident Christian.

Approximately one-half of India's population is either Hindu or Mohammedans while the other 200,000,000 people are unevangelized. India offers one of the greatest missionary challenges in the world to-day. Our own Missions Director has asked for 16 new missionaries to be sent to India as soon as possible. May this challenge encourage you to "Pray without ceasing."

CUBA

Even though Cuba is our next door neighbor she has been neglected and still offers wonderful opportunity for the gospel.

Pray for the Bible School there and also for the indigenous church. In recent years many false doctrines have crept into Cuba which can be damaging to a people, not too well informed. We have a great need for medical missionaries and a challenging need for an orphanage.

CHINA

China constitutes one-fourth of the world's population, (440,000,000) and offers a tremendous challenge for the Word of God. We are told that 85% of China's masses are illiterate, thus it is a most needy field. They are hungry for the gospel. Some from our ranks have acknowledged the call to China. Shall we pray that soon they may go. We must "redeem the time because the days are evil."

SOUTH AMERICA

Reports indicate that South America has a population of 87,000,000. Some three or four hundred tribes with 60,000,000 unevangelized. Twenty-one missionaries per million.

Let's pray that God may call some of our fine Cuban Christians even to South America.

EUROPE

Europe has 550,000,000 population, 400,000,000 live in unevangelized countries.

JAPAN

Recently, General MacArthur called for 1000 missionaries to go to Japan. Missionaries who have been there tell us that the Japanese people are responding to the Gospel. How long before we shall occupy Japan for Christ?

AFRICA

With a population of 150,000,000, Africa has been considered the most fruitful of the major mission fields, but still less than three per cent of her population is Christian. The Roman Catholic church is fast growing stronger which calls for an early occupation by the evangelicals.

The recent breakdown in Mohammedan allegiance makes this field one of the greatest opportunities for evangelization of this day.

THE NEED

Yes the need is great. Some one has said, "The need, the knowledge of that need, and the ability to meet that need constitute a clear, definite call to the foreign mission fields." It seems to me we should concentrate on "the ability," to meet the need. The man who has once heard the gospel message certainly does not have the same right to hear it the second time as the man who has never heard it at all. There is a need in all parts of the world, including the home land, but who is there in the home land that cannot hear a gospel message these days if he would. With a gospel message almost any hour on the radio, with many gospel programs being televised, with Christian literature obtainable just for the asking, and even a whole Bible for as little as twenty-five cents, and with more churches than schools. Where is there an individual that cannot learn the way of salvation if he really desires it. On the other hand, consider the tens of millions in distant lands who have not once heard that there be a Jesus Christ who has died that men might have eternal life. At home there is one ordained minister, not taking into consideration the thousands of other Christian workers, for every 514 of our population.

On the foreign mission fields of the world there is one missionary for every 51,663, and in many parts of the world missionaries have a potential parish of 100,000 or more.

Statistical Survey taken in 1938 revealed the following:

The "Christian" population of the world is estimated at 718,000,000 or about one-third of the total 2,095,000,000 and of these 18 per cent are Roman Catholic, 7 per cent are Orthodox Catholic, and 10 per cent are Evangelicals (Protestant). Probably less than 2 per cent of the world's population is vitally Christian. Most of this "Christian" population is found in Europe and America, where there is an average of only one Christian to every 105 people.

Dr. Charles R. Watson, one time presi-

dent of Cairo University, uniquely describes this situation:

"The occupation of all the unoccupied fields is the distinctive and growing challenge of this missionary age. Upon the Church's acceptance of that challenge great issues seem to depend: issues affecting the vitality of the Christian Church, issues determining the welfare and happiness of nations, issues upon which God Himself has been pleased to hang the unfolding of His eternal purpose in Christ. The unoccupied fields must be occupied: and what is the price of their occupation?"

The pathway which leads to their occupation lies across other unoccupied fields—great fields these, in our own lives and hearts, and yet surrendered to the will of Christ, not yet fully occupied by His Spirit, not yet touched by the flame of a perfect love and consecration. Only as He is permitted to fully occupy these nearer areas in our own lives will He be able to gain entrance into those more distant fields of the unoccupied world.

Pray! Pray!

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above;
Of Jesus and his glory
Of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story
Because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story
'Twill be my theme in glory;
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story
More wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies;
Of all the golden dreams.

I love to tell the story
It did so much for me;
And that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee.

I love to tell the story
'Tis pleasant to repeat;
What seems, each time I tell it
More wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story.
For some have never heard
The message of salvation
From God's own holy word.

I love to tell the story
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it, like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory

I sing the new, new song;
 'Twill be the old, old story
 That I have loved so long.

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"Much Every Way"

Rev. O. M. Hilburn
 Darlington, S. C.

(Article Two)

As we stand upon the threshold of the new year, and look upon the fields, white already to harvest, we see there is much land to possess. The great challenge from the Master is: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." With the burning zeal in our hearts, and the passion for lost souls, we are to visualize the door of opportunity, as it echoes in our ears, saying: "Come over into Macedonia, and help us."

While our young preachers are in training, studying to show themselves approved unto God, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, we local preachers who do not have the care of a church, and are available for evangelistic work, should pray a prayer as big as the world. We should pray a prayer that would arouse us from the drowsy spirit of lethargy. Then should God look down from the battlements of glory and say: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then we would give a quick reply, saying, "here am I, send me."

If the late Rev. Roger Williams had loitered around in the State of Massachusetts, he might have been tripped from the hanging scaffold, October 27, 1659, in company with those two great men of God, Marma Duke Stephenson, and William Robinson. But Roger Williams had a broad vision with a great determination, and a passion for lost souls. He knew no defeat, but was possessed with the Spirit of keeping on, and by so doing, God had a Rhode Island waiting for him to take over. By the help of the Lord he removed the rubbish, and began to lay the foundation for the great city of Providence.

We think of such great pioneers of the Free Will Baptist faith, as the late Rev. J. J. Baggett, Rev. Tom Polston, and others, who trod the soil of the State of South Carolina, putting forth every effort in their weak way to sow the seed of evangelism. They walked to and from their appointments, and rather than to disappoint their congregations, if a freshet should swell the stream, they would remove their clothing, wade the stream, take good care to keep them dry, redress, go on their way to their appointment, and fall upon their knees, and pray till Heaven's gates seem to swing open. They would rise from their knees, preach, and get so happy that it would seem as though God had turned a tub of honey over in their souls.

It makes us feel like hanging our heads in shame when we think what they suffered for the sake of the ministry. We say we are called to carry the good news. With the best modern ways of traveling, we should put forth every possible effort to break up the fallow ground.

Once upon a time, a very able minister, as he was taking in one of the late Rev. Billy Sunday's evangelistic campaigns, he was much moved within his soul at the visible results, and went to make a pop call to Mr. Sunday's private study. He said, "Mr. Sunday, I have a personal question to ask you." In reply, Mr. Sunday said, "What is the question you desire to ask me?" "The question is this: "Will you please tell me what is the secret of your success in your evangelistic campaigns?" Mr. Sunday paused for a moment, then sprang out of his seat, running his fingers thru his hair, walked across the floor a few time, and said, "Do you see them people out there on the streets of the city?" The pastor replied in the affirmative. Then Mr. Sunday, yelled to the top of his voice: "They are going to Hell, they are going to Hell. Will you promise God that you will put forth every effort possible for the salvation of lost souls?"

Preachers, let's pray God to give us the greatest year of our lives, in the spirit of evangelism.

Churches of West Florida Start League Rallies

It was suggested and passed at the Quarterly Conference which was held at Christian Home church, McDawd, Florida, the fifth Sunday in April, 1950, that a League rally (Youth for Christ) be started and the meetings rotate between the churches, meetings to be held every two weeks on Saturday nights.

The first League rally was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Pensacola, on May 13, 1950. Up to the present date there has been 18 League rallies held in our churches with an average attendance of 110.

Truly in these days the church should promote all the spiritual entertainment possible for our youth.

We believe that our League rallies are another channel in which we have found to help our young people to cultivate their talents in the service of God. We urge our young folks to take a part on the programs, using what ever talents that the Lord has given to them.

We thank God for the success of these League rallies and for the interest that has been shown by the youth and older folks alike.

These special services have been a blessing and a spiritual uplift to every congregation.

Hebrews 10:25:

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner so some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the day approaching."

Yes, these are the days when we should assemble together, using every opportunity that is afforded us to unite in prayer and worship unto our Lord.

We find, too, that through our League rallies each congregation has come to know each other better, as we all work along together in these services.

At the close of each service there is a period set apart for a time of fellowship together. These are the kind of services that draw us closer together and closer to God.

Again we say, we thank God for his blessings upon our League rallies and we desire that each one who reads this will pray that our League rallies will continue to grow, and that through them many, many boys and girls might come to know Christ as their personal Saviour.

Millie Donaldson, Secy.
 Pensacola, Florida
 Route 2, Box 97

He drew a circle that shut me out—
 Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
 But Love and I had the wit to win:
 We drew a circle that took him in.

—Edwin Markham.



Jesus Meets Human Needs

(Lesson for February 11)

LESSON: Mark 6:7—7:23. Mark 6:34-44.

GOLDEN TEXT: Mark 6:34

I. The Heart of the Lesson

1. Our lesson title and topic, "Jesus Meets Human Needs," might well be the descriptive title of the entire quarter. Jesus did not come to earth to satisfy some personal ambition, or to break up any monotony in his eternal existence, or to perform some amazing feats to attract attention. He came on serious business—to meet human need by providing redemption for a lost world and by showing men how they ought to live. But because his heart was a heart of compassion, he was moved by human distress of any kind. That is why he healed the sick, and even provided food for the hungry. An unprinted verse of our lesson says: "And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole" (Mark 6:56).—Arnold's Commentary

2. It was indeed a needy time. The Baptist had just been executed so foully. The people were horrified. Did God not care? Revolution was in the air. Could not something be done? The twelve had come back from a tour to report and were also excited. It was a critical time. Jesus led them apart, out of the territory, it seems, of Antipas, and to as much seclusion as he could, but it could not last. The crowds came and he must help them as he could. All day he taught and healed, giving the best that God could give. Then he fed them, for they needed that too, and in the feeding, so simple, he intimated that higher

supplies in him which he had spoken of all day, and tried to move their souls to those supplies. But it was made fuel by them for their revolutionistic fires and up it blazed threatening a national conflagration. See John 6:15.—Arnold's Commentary

3. Verse 36, **Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and in the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.**

The disciples here were thinking of the physical need of the multitude. That is too often the way some ministers and religious workers think of the physical well-being of the church and its auxiliaries. They stress most frequently material growth and expansion, when more time and talent should be given to the spiritual life of the church and community. Christ did not want to send the people away, because he had in store for them something wonderful and satisfying to their minds and hearts.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

4. V. 37. He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat? The disciples were astonished at Jesus' reply, for He bade them feed the people. They estimated that it would take two hundred pennyworth of bread. The money value of the bread required has been placed at various amounts by different commentators, even as high as \$400 by Dr. Amos R. Wells. Perhaps they did not have the required amount, whether it was \$50 or \$400. John tells us in his account of the incident (chapter 6, vs. 6) that Jesus knew what He would do when He bade the disciples feed the people. But before He took the matter in hand He wanted them to do what they could. He makes the same requirement of His people today.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

5. All did eat, and were filled (Mk. 6:42). God is never skimping in His supplies. God is not poor. It is our faith that is poor, if there be any poverty. He can "do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20). "An entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into

the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord" (II Peter 1:11). "Always having all sufficiency in all things, (we) may abound to every good work" (II Cor. 9:8).—Selected

II. The Lesson Illustrated

The Very Same Jesus

No more remarkable native woman has appeared in India than Ramabai Sarasvati, commonly known as Pundita Ramabai. She was the daughter of a learned Brahman and was educated by him. After her relatives died she became much interested in the education of women and was honored in the highest circles. In 1883 she visited England, and was there genuinely converted. She taught Sanscrit there for three years. In 1886 she visited America and raised much money through lecturing for the establishment of a school for Hindu girls, especially child widows. In 1889 her first school was established in Bombay, which was later transferred to other places. Most of the girls she gathered about her became devout Christians, and her good work extended well over into the twentieth century.

At one time Ramabai was greatly in need of new building that would cost about \$1,500. She summoned her entire group of fifteen hundred students. To them she explained the need. The day was spent in fasting and prayer. Rising from their knees, they thanked God for answering their prayer, and went about their work. In the prayer book of the school they entered their request, giving the day and the hour. As soon as mail could reach them from America, they received a letter containing a check for \$1,500, from a friend of the school living in Syracuse, New York. He wrote that one night he was unable to sleep, and was impressed that he must send \$1,500 to Ramabai. At length he rose and said yes to God. That was the day and the very hour when the students at Mukti rose from their knees. He who could provide for the needs of the multitude can provide for men still.—Arnold's Commentary

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor
MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

801 Pollock Street
New Bern, N. C.

Goodspring Auxiliary Holds Meeting

The Woman's Auxiliary of Goodspring Church held its regular monthly meeting at the church on January 11, 1951, with 10 members present.

Mrs. Sallie Ford was in charge of the program, assisted by the following:

Mrs. Lizzie Hunter, Mrs. Hazel Dowlen, Mrs. Mai Parker and Mrs. Vera Parsons.

At noon, a fellowship lunch was enjoyed by all present.

The meeting adjourned with plans to meet at the church second Saturday in each month.

By Reporter

Burdine Auxiliary Reporting

Burdine Free Will Baptist Auxiliary met at the church on Thursday, January 11, for a manual study. The study was opened with a song, "Victory in Jesus." Bible reading was from Ephesians, chapter 3, verse 7 through 21. Prayer was by Mrs. Ansel Depriest. A very interesting talk on the Ten Point standard of achievement was

given. The study began with a discussion of officers' duties.

The afternoon session began with song, "You Never Mentioned Him to Me." Silent prayer was by all. After the study was finished it was discussed that each member make a prayer list for the unsaved of our community. At the close of the meeting three women joined our auxiliary. They were Mrs. Dallas Kelly, Mrs. Eugene Adkins and Mrs. Williams.

Mrs. C. I. Whitaker

FINANCIAL REPORT

Following is the report of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church of Kenly for 1950.

Raised for orphanage, \$78.00; Foreign Missions, \$23.97; Home Missions, \$5.00; Superannuation, \$6.90; Christian Education, \$17.00; Dues Received, \$125.62; Supper profits, \$336.60; Used locally, \$498.90; Co-Labor Band, \$35.90; Flowers, fruit, cards, \$30.85; Benevolences, \$17.14; Flavoring, sponges, \$719.60; Gifts, \$26.13; Cragmont, \$10.00; Total, \$1,241.69.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Luther Kirby, Treas.

A Time for Honest and Serious Thinking

Whether or not beer shall be served to men in the Armed Forces is not a small matter; it is an exceedingly serious matter, and the failure of many people to realize the long-term implications involved calls for a full display of the facts.

1. In 1941, there were 600,000 alcoholics in this country. Today, there are 950,000, according to Dr. E. M. Sellinek, in August, 1950.

2. If the extent of alcoholism among veterans was made known to the people of the United States, they would be immediately and terribly concerned!

3. We do not believe that a can of beer is a can of depravity. One can of beer a day will not cause drunkenness. Considered without regard to anything else, it is perhaps, of slight importance. The matter of great importance is that it introduces many men, not previously drinkers, to the custom of drinking an alcoholic beverage.

The brewers, in their trade papers have boasted that cooperation between the United States and the Armed Forces in the Second

World War made millions of new customers for them. A speaker at a meeting of the Wholesalers Beer Association of Ohio, in 1947, told the delegates: "Uncle Sam has been your sales manager and the best you ever had."

An advertisement of the Charles S. Jacobwitz Company, Buffalo, New York, appearing in the Brewers' Bulletin, June 13, 1946, boasted that more people were drinking beer than ever before "because our recruits were furnished with plenty of beer."

4. One can of beer a day to the soldier from the hands of the United States Government will in due time create a liking for beer—which will lead to heavier beer drinking and which, in thousands of cases will lead to addiction and alcoholism. Of those who begin to drink, (and the beginning is almost always beer), one-in-sixteen will become an addict, and one-in-fifty will become an alcoholic.

5. The contention that the water in the fighting areas is unfit, begs the issue. Of course it is unfit; of course the men want something to drink; of course they will drink beer and demand beer if nothing else is provided for them. The Armed Forces should show some enterprise in getting

cokes, fruit juices, vegetable juices and soft drinks of every description to the fighting front. Many of the men do prefer soft drinks, and have complained to their homes because only beer has been furnished to them.

A very large proportion of the men in service have never consumed intoxicants before entering the army; they have been taught in their homes and schools and churches that it is better to leave alcoholic beverages alone. The United States Government ought not to align itself with the brewing industry against the homes from which these young men come and in opposition to the teaching of the schools they have attended, to say nothing of the teaching of their churches.

6. A policy should be adjudged on its results. Let the facts be known. Let the men who know, tell the American people how many alcoholics there are among veterans. Let us consider in all honesty how much of the great increase in alcoholism it due to drinking by the unfortunate men who were subjected to heavy environmental pressure to drink after they entered the Armed Forces.

Above all, let us have no more of the statements that the boys at the front are "not compelled to drink beer." They are compelled to drink beer so long as that is the only notable beverage furnished them.—From the Clipseet.

Union Report

The meeting convened with Pleasant Hill Church in Wayne County in October.

THE DIGEST

Donations to Conference, \$136.50; Missions, \$1,724.46; Education, \$591.30; Orphanage, \$1,800.56; Superannuation, \$305.52; State Promotional Service, \$44.78; Church Finance Assn., \$29.50; Local Purposes, \$8,400.32; Number enrolled in Sunday School, 3,272; Number enrolled in the Auxiliary, 556.

Meeting for Dec. 30, 1950

Convened with Piney Grove Church, Johnston County.

Donation to Conference, \$133.50; Missions, \$245.72; Education, \$220.62; Orphanage, \$1,710.58; State Promotional Service, \$3.00; Church Finance Assn. \$100.00; Local Purposes, \$11,573.42; Number enrolled in Sunday School, 3,421; Number enrolled in Auxiliary, 520.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Luther Kirby,
Kenly, N. C.

P. S.—This is the digest of reports from the Union meeting of the First District of the Western Association of North Carolina.

He who can take Advice, is sometimes superior to him who can give it.—Von Knebel

Portsmouth Church Going Forward

Greetings from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Portsmouth, Va.

The Rev. J. A. Alexander began his services as pastor of this church the first Sunday in October, 1949, succeeding the Rev. A. B. Chandler. However, at this time Brother Alexander could fill the pulpit only two Sundays a month, as he had already accepted calls to the Union Chapel Church in Washington County, where he had served for three years, and and Hickory Grove Church in Pitt County. The Lord heard our prayers and ministers were obtained to supply for him in these churches. On the first Sunday in June, 1950, Bro. Alexander began full time work with us, and the Lord continues to bless.

At the beginning of Brother Alexander's pastorate, we were holding our services in the Dale Home Community Hall. However, we were only permitted to use this hall on Sunday and Wednesday evening. This hall was used principally for what is called entertainment for teen agers, and this consisted of dances and other worldly amusements.

The Lord had blessed all our efforts, and as a whole the church felt the need of a building that could be dedicated to Him. The church had already bought lots in Prentiss Park—the corner of Des Moines and Randolph Street—an ideal location for a church. At this time our membership was about 45, and only 15 men were wage earners. We had approximately \$1,300.00 and with material and labor high and increasing continually, it did not seem advisable for us to try to build. Brother Alexander continued to lay before us in his messages that if we would humble ourselves and be led by the Holy Spirit, God could and would supply all our needs. (Philippians 4:19).

October 22, 1949, was the date set for the ground breaking. In spite of the rain and cold there was quite a number present. The ministers who participated were the Pastor, J. A. Alexander, A. B. Chandler, and D. W. Cherry. The bad weather pre-

vented any further work except the pouring of the foundation until the middle of April, 1950. At this time the lumber began to be put on the lot, and the members began building on the foundation.

We have put our trust in the Lord and not in man, and He has supplied our needs for the building. The heating system has been installed, the pews have been bought and paid for, and the building is near enough completed to begin holding our regular services on the first Sunday in February, 1951. We are thankful to our blessed Lord for His leadership and blessings. We also want to thank everyone who has made a donation to the work here, but most of all we want to thank you for your prayers. Only through answered prayer has this work been possible.

The value of the church property has been estimated at \$25,000.00 and our indebtedness is about \$2,000.00.

Our members have been loyal and have given their time and means. With the exception of pouring the foundation, the church has paid only \$202.00 for labor.

People of other denominations in Portsmouth have assisted in money and labor. Brother Flowers, a member of the Fourth Street Baptist Church, has been in charge of our building. After doing his regular day's work at the Navy Yard, Bro. Flowers would work at the church until around 10 P. M. We thank God for all of you who have had a part in any way for what has been accomplished in the work, but most of all our thanks to Almighty God, our Heavenly Father. Please continue to pray that the Lord's will may be done.

Our church has continued to grow numerically. We now have a membership of 77. Even more important, however, is the continued spiritual growth.

The church and pastor extend to you an invitation to be with us in our worship service the first Sunday in February at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

L. F. Strickland,
Chairman, Bd. of Deacons

The Fruits of Sin

I want to say a few words through the columns of the Baptist paper concerning sin. I want to state how it has brought trouble upon our nation and upon individuals alike. Sin caused Adam and Eve to be driven out of the garden of Eden. It caused them to hide themselves from God. By being disobedient to God's command they became transgressors, thus they became sinners. In like manner, when we transgress the law of God, we become sinners. In this state of life we will do things that we will have to regret later on. But when you are out in the presence of sin, you should heed that pleading voice, calling you to return unto the Lord. Knowing the penalty for sinfulness, I am begging you to turn from evil practices and obey the Lord's command. People are to be spiritual-minded and leave off the sinful things of the world. The Word tells us that the wages of sin is death.

How can people continue on in doing things that will produce death to the soul. To be separated from God by sinful acts means death for the people who persist in committing sins. Remember that it was Cain's sin that found him out, because he had committed a great crime. He came to the conclusion that the punishment was more than he could bear. He was in a bad condition because of the way he treated his brother. Well, that is what sin will do for people today, if they will let the Devil take charge of their lives. There are other characters in the Bible who had committed great sins, and the Lord found them out, and punished them for the crimes that they committed.

Brother preachers, let us fight sin wherever we see it coming against anyone. Let us work harder than we have ever done before. The rich man was bound down because of his sin. He tried to pray, but was his prayer answered? When he refused to comfort the poor beggar he transgressed God's law and was punished for his neglect to help the beggar. He had no idea then that the time would come when he would want the poor beggar to comfort him. But

that time came to him. Dear ones, if we want salvation or eternal rest, we must not indulge in sin because then we will be subject to God's punishment.

We learn that when the rich man's prayer was not answered, he made a request that a messenger be sent to the Father's house to tell his five brothers about the awfulness of sin. He did not want them to go to that place where he was in torment. Unless sinful people repent and turn to the Lord, they will be in torment, like that rich man.

Dear friends, the reason that I speak out against sin is the fact that sorrow and trouble have brought individuals and families down because of sin. We preachers are not to preach any other doctrine than that sin will bring trouble and disappointment. Our Lord is able to cleanse us from all sin if we will turn unto him and make a full surrender of our lives unto him.

Dear readers, if it were possible, I feel that I would have enjoyed delivering these words to you from some sacred pulpit. But while you read this message, please pray for this writer that he may be able to stay in the way that God wants him to be, and do what God wants him to do.

W. A. Sellers
Camilla, Ga.

THE WAY TO CAST OUT THE DUMB SPIRIT

Dear Baptist Readers:

I know you have seen churches where the members would stir up strife and the church would almost go dead. A coldness would exist and it seemed there was not any spirit there. Hardly enough members would go to hold services. That is caused by members wanting to rule or ruin. That is what I call a dumb spirit existing there. When a church gets in that shape, you can get the best preacher you can find to go there and preach as loud or low as he can with all his heart, but there will be no results. You might get a wonderful preacher there that will get a few members, but this won't build up the

church. They will feel cold there and soon get unconcerned and start dropping out.

If you know of a church of this kind, call a prayer service and get all the people you can to go that really knows the Lord, and all fast and pray to the great God of Heaven to remove that dumb spirit, so your church will revive again. I feel assured that it will revive again. It takes prayer and fasting to remove a dumb spirit, for Christ said so and he will not hear you unless you obey him. You try this, and if you can't get over three to go, just go ahead, for God has promised where two or three are gathered together that he will be in the midst.

The twelve Apostles could not cast out the dumb spirit and neither can you without fasting. So try this and see how wonderful the good Lord will bless your efforts.

Dear people, I have had this experience, and I know what I am talking about. God won't visit a church with a dumb Spirit in it, but he has got the power to move the Devil out and will, if you will go to him like he says.

Dear people, try this and see the old church revive again. I almost know that some of you want the old church to revive. See how wonderful the Lord will bless your efforts when you do what he says do.

Your brother in the Lord,
B. E. Coxwell
Blountstown, Florida

How About Your Church Letter?

By L. E. Ballard

Here are some of the reasons given by people for not moving their church membership when they come into a new community to live:

"Father and mother belonged to the old church." Why? Was it not because they lived there?

"The old church needs me." But, dear friend, does it get you? Just how much can you help the old church under the present condition. The Lord needs you more than any particular church needs you. Can you give the Lord more service by remaining a member of a family you can only visit now and then?

"The family burial lot is there." Per-

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, our loving Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from this earth to her reward, our beloved sister, Emma Dail Nobles, we, the members of Mosley's Creek Church, submit the following resolutions:

First, That though we are saddened by her passing, we bow in humble submission to the will of the heavenly Father who doeth all things well;

Second, That we extend to her family our deepest sympathy, and point them to God and the church which she served so well, for consolation and comfort in their bereavement; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Elizabeth Daugherty,
Viola White,
Committee

haps a good mother or father rests there. It is good for you to remember the place where loved ones sleep; but these departed saints will be even more sacred to you if you enter wholeheartedly into the work of the Lord in the place where you live. Live here! The undertaker will carry you back to the old family burial lot for burial, if you wish to rest with your loved ones there.

"The cost is too much." It will never cost you one cent more than you are willing to give. The church is seeking your good, not your goods! Anyway, your debt to God remains the same, no matter where you hold your church membership.

"I'm not ready yet." How long did it take you to find a new grocery store, a new meat market, a new doctor, when you moved to town? Do you depend upon a doctor fifty or one hundred miles away to look after your health? Your spiritual interest is far more important!

"I may not be here long." True! Some come to stay years and leave in days. Others come to stay days and remain years. Did you leave your bed, your clothes, and other things you need daily back in the old home because you didn't know how long you would stay here? You may not be in the world long; better give your best to God now. You are here now, why not worship and serve here now?

Yes, how about your church letter?—From "The Friendly Messenger"

A TORMENTING PROBLEM

I know that it is a problem to resist the customs of neighbors and friends. I do not live in a vacuum. I am aware of the social difficulties. At times, sharing the experiences of fine folks who need an outlet through conversation with an understanding friend, I go through the tension which is theirs. Vicariously I feel the pull of the customs of these days.

It is hard for many people to withstand, and then to stand. It seems easier just to drift with the tide. But is it easier in the long run? There are jeopardies to one's self, jeopardies to others—some of them mere acquaintances, some friends, some loved ones, some very dearly loved ones.

"Shall I drink or not?" Shall I go along when the social glass is proffered, or shall I refuse? It is boorish and maybe prudishly pharisaic to say, "No, thank you"? I realize that this angle presents a painful dilemma to many people. They are torn by conflicting desires. They are caught in a place where two seas meet.

Let me suggest a solution to this tormenting problem. Answer it before it presents itself in varying and tormenting situations. The easy, the natural way to refuse a drink is to say with great courtesy, "No, thank you. I do not drink. I am a total abstainer."

The Speaker of the House of Representatives told me lately that he never drinks beverage alcohol. He said it quietly, simply, naturally. He added: "When I was a little boy, my mother taught me that it was not good for me; that it would be bad for me. I believed her then. After many years, I believe her now." I suspect that he finds it not hard to refuse liquor in a city where it flows freely. My guess is that he finds it not too hard because he never takes one glass, because he never hesitates as to whether he will be "friendly in that fashion."

The solution to the problem of social drinking is total abstinence. It is an understandable position. It is easier to maintain than that of the person who absolutely takes one glass and one glass only. As a matter of fact, that "one-glass person" is rare indeed in the midst of a convivial crowd. Do you want to solve the problem of social drinking in its early stages? Many people do. The way to its solution is that of commitment "to the principle and practice of abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages as a wise way of life."—Reprinted from the Upper Room Pulpit.

ADDRESS CHANGED

After February 1, 1951, my address will be:

303 Meade Street
Greenville, North Carolina

Rashie Kennedy

Quarterly Meeting Report,
Jasper Association,
Alabama

Our Quarterly Meeting met with the Mt. Pleasant Church, December 30th and 31st. The following is an outline of the program.

Saturday Morning Session

Song service—led by Geneva Nix.

Prayer—by Elder I. D. Nix.

Reading Clerk—Elder A. J. Lambert, who read letters from the following churches with the accompanying delegates:

FREE WATERS—

Pearce Miller, Clyde Wates, Wise Holcomb and Fred Otts..

NEW OAK GROVE—

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnes, and Miss Geneva Nix.

PARRISH—

John Argent, Jim Moore, and Homer Goodwin.

POCAHONTAS—

Curt Hunter, Bill Manasco, Ollie Pike, and Lillie Bates.

GUM SPRINGS—

George Benson, Trellas Moore, and Clovis Tucker.

Brilliant, Boston, Mt. Olive, Bethlehem, and Winfield churches were represented, but failed to send letters.

Song service was directed by Elder A. J. Lambert.

Devotional—Elder P. P. Barnes.

Message—Elder Borden

Song—led by Geneva Nix.

Prayer—by Elder A. J. Lambert.

G. C. Lawrence expressed the appreciation in behalf of the Mt. Pleasant Church for the meeting and announced there would be refreshments for all.

Benediction—Elder H. L. Key.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Song service—led by Geneva Nix

Moderator's Address—Elder Louis Bates.

Business Session held deciding that the next session of the Quarterly Meeting would convene with the Parrish Church.

Song—let by Geneva Nix.

Church Covenant read and discussed by Elder A. J. Lambert.

Benediction—Annie Lou Shelnett.

Saturday Night Session

Song service—directed by Geneva Nix

Prayer—Luther Franks.

Devotional—Elder N. A. Patterson. Scripture reading Psalms 25, including a lively testimonial service.

Elder W. H. Ryland, Superintendent of the Children's Home of Eldridge, Alabama, and six of the girls of the Home were present. The girls sang some inspiring songs.

Brother Ryland gave a talk on the Home

and its needs then showed a picture of the many activities of the Home.

An offering of \$51.00 was given by the convened body for the Home which went into the Land Buying Funds.

Message—Elder H. L. Key

Benediction—Mrs. G. C. Lawrence

Sunday Morning Session

Song Service—directed by Geneva Nix.

Message—Elder Louis Bates

Song—let by Geneva Nix and Brother Bates.

Sunday School Lesson by Annie Lou Shelnett. Song Service and Morning offering.

Devotional—G. C. Lawrence

Prayer—Elder P. P. Barnes

Testimony service

Song—led by Elder W. B. Hughes

Message—Elder Wilburn Beasley

Text: "For the Wages of Sin is Death"

Invitation song led by Brother Hughes.

Benediction—Brother Franklin Sexton

Sunday Afternoon Session

Ladies Auxiliary Program

Song—led by Bro. W. B. Hughes.

Prayer—Annie Lou Shelnett.

Song—led by Wise Holcomb.

Special song—by Brother and Sister Hughes and Franklin Sexton

Mrs. Bob Early, President, took charge of the program. Scripture reading: Matt. 5:17-20.

Prayer—Mrs. Wilburn Beasley.

Special song—by Lorene and Adell Pollard.

The following topics were given by the ladies:

1. Righteousness and the Individual, by Mrs. Richmond Pollard.

2. Liberty of Liquidation, by Mrs. Geo. Wilson.

Special Song—by Pollard Duet

The ladies decided that the Ladies Auxiliary of the Pocahontas Church would present the program at Parrish.

Miller Trio sang: "Tis Stamped Upon My Soul" and "Looking for a City."

Choir number led by Brother Hughes.

Special song—by Hughes Trio.

Announcements.

Song and a farewell handshake benediction, Elder H. A. Pitts.

Yours truly,

Annie Lou Shelnett, Clerk

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

This is to advise that our new address is now 2305 Waverly Way, Norfolk, Va. (4).

Rev. W. A. Hales

He—A scientist says what we eat we become.

She—Well, then, let's order something rich.

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Selfish Prayer

How we, poor players, on life's little stage,
Thrust blindly at each other in our rage,
Quarrel and fret, yet rashly dare to pray
To God to keep us on our selfish way.

We think to move him with our prayer and praise
To serve our needs, as in the old Greek days
Their gods came down and mingled in the fight
With mightier arms the flying foe to smite.

The laughter of those gods pealed down to man;
For heaven was but earth's upper story then,
Where goddesses about an apple strove
And the high gods fell humanly in love.

We own a God whose presence fills the sky;
Whose sleepless eyes behold the worlds roll by;
Whose faithful memory numbers, one by one,
The sons of man, and calls them each his son.

—Louise Chandler Moulton

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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

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AN OPEN LETTER FROM SIDNEY F. W. B. CHURCH

Dear F. W. B. Family,

Greetings in the Name of our precious Lord Jesus.

It has been quite a long while since we visited you through the columns of the Baptist. Many things have happened both good and bad, or maybe I should say, all good, because I am sure the seemingly bad have been for our good. We are praising the Lord for all things.

We have extra good news for you from our little church at this writing. News that is making our hearts rejoice, and send up praises to our Saviour for visible results from our prayers of many years. Work has begun on our new church building. Yes, we have decided to use cinder blocks to build our church out of. The blocks have already been bought, and are on the church yard. An order has been put in for the windows, which will be ready in two weeks. These windows will be very pretty and attractive. We hope to have each of them donated to the church, as a memorial to some deceased (or living) friend or loved one of the church. The name of the person in whose memory the window is donated will be placed on a plaque at the bottom of the window. There will be eleven windows; they will cost \$40.00 apiece.

We have very little money to begin building, with the cost of material so high, but God knows our needs, and we are trusting Him through faith to supply them according to His riches in glory.

The men of the church and community have volunteered to do the building without cost. Praise the Lord for this, because we could not even begin, were it not for this much service donated by the men.

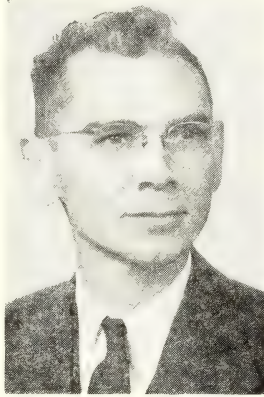
If any of you who read this letter feel led of the Spirit to send us a donation on the building, or would like to donate a window, we shall be very grateful, and pray our Father, through the Lord Jesus, to reward you.

Maybe some of our former pastors will take up this matter of building our church with their church groups, and ask for a donation from them for us. You know our need of a building and can explain it to others.

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THE RURAL CHURCH AND ITS PASTOR

William Mishler



"I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow thee: neither have I desired the woeful day; thou knowest; that which came out of my lips was right before thee" (Jeremiah 17: 16).

My hat is off to the young minister who lifts his eyes and looks to the green hills outside the city walls. When Solomon said, "Where there is no vision, the people perish," he must have had in mind the **Rural Pastor**, for vision, hope, courage and above all **faith** must dominate the life of the man who is called to be the undershepherd in the rural field. If these things are lacking, he will "grow weary in well doing."

The country church remains the cornerstone of rural life. And may I go further and state, the cornerstone of our nation also. The bigness of rural church opportunities and responsibilities is enough to stagger one's imagination. "It is likely to blow a 'mental fuse' for any of the uninformed," says Rev. L. G. Frey. I am sure I will be safe in saying that 75 per cent of the ministers, missionaries and Christian workers in the Free Will Baptist Church, came from the Rural Church, or at least have a rural background. Of the total number of Free Will Baptist churches in the United States, 80 per cent of them are rural. Of the 20 per cent that are City or Urban, the Rural Church has provided as much as 75 per cent of their constituency.

The rural churches have been criticized too much and too severely. What they need, and I'm sure have needed for a number of years, is sympathetic counsel. The recognition that they are an important organization, without which the world would soon fall a victim to stark heathenism. From the rural districts comes America's most rugged moral and spiritual leadership in both church and state.

We as a denomination are forced to look to our rural churches to produce for us the future leadership of our church. It is very interesting to note that since the founding of our

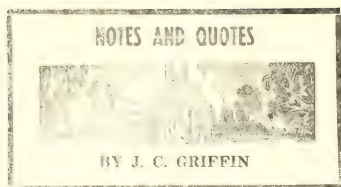
Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, that of the number of students who have enrolled there, 75 per cent of them came from our rural churches. This is not only true in our own college, but can be said of many other church institutions of learning. The men and women who serve in the offices and on the various boards of our Church (National Association), on down to the local work, are those who received most of their early training in the rural districts. They come to us from the rural church. It is said in the state of Missouri alone, "That 80 out of every 100 ministers, who speak from the pulpits, of that state first worshipped in the small rural village or open country church." It is further stated that, "From 50 to 85 per cent of the membership in the large city congregations of America, first worshipped in the country church." The communities that once produced our ministers and missionaries will become neglected if the rural church continues to die.

As a denomination we have been pleased to let our rural churches drift along, which other denominations, who were more far-sighted than we, have been launching their rural programs and realizing an astonishing harvest. Especially is this true in the work of the Roman Catholic church.

She is turning to our rural areas with great enthusiasm and a program to capture the country. Realizing that the cities are not reproducing themselves and that, "children are overwhelmingly in the country;" to the country she goes with a well planned program and purpose to gather in a harvest of thousands of Catholic members from the rural areas of America. In their program to capture the rural areas, they are building beautiful new churches and landscaping the grounds which has a tendency to appeal to the aesthetic minds of the individuals and community. These seem to say to weary souls, "Come in and worship." By referring to the above statement, we can, in part, realize the bigness of the task that has been assigned to the rural church, together with the important part it plays in the giving to our nation men and women who will in turn have the responsibility of leadership, both in church and state. Let us not over look its greatness.

One of the most perplexing problems in our rural churches today is that of the pastor. It has been very unfortunate for our rural churches to have to depend on partly trained or wholly uneducated leadership. Changing conditions in social life have made it a demanded necessity that our rural ministry be trained to efficiently perform their office. The day has come when the denomination that thinks any sort of preacher is good enough for the rural church will soon find itself without sufficient membership to exist. It is sad, but true, that very few college graduates, and practically no Seminary graduates, make the rural church their main objective. The rural church is used only as a stepping stone to bigger and better fields. This may be all right, but these stones are certainly showing a great deal of wear and tear; many have folded up and become a thing of the past. How are we going to supply our rural churches with rural minded pastors? This is a prob-

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Recently I read the report of a growing church, which church had spent \$10,741.22 for missions during the past six years. During this time 385 members had been added to the church. Six years ago there were 285 members. The Lord said "every branch in me that beareth fruit, I will purge it that it may bring forth more fruit." A church that is firmly fixed in the support of missions will grow and prosper in any land. A church that will not support Foreign Missions and what is called Home Missions, need not expect to grow. It is in a state of death and will breathe its last some day. No church or society can hope to survive that is not missionary minded. When you hear a report read out at conventions or conferences, something like this, you can find the cause of the "No," as often heard.—Here it is:

"No Baptisms; None received; None dismissed; Spent for pastor's salary \$300.00; given to evangelist, \$100.00; (one third as much as the pastor gets for the whole year); number in Sunday School 82; number on church roll 275; 15 in attendance at prayer meeting." This church usually puts on its bulletin board for the Sunday School offering about \$4.20. It has an Auxiliary with about fourteen. It has no Christian Educational program. Its pastor seldom goes to a State Convention, and is absent from almost everything that church does, except he gets in, and gives the church two sermons on Sunday, (some times only one); then gets in his car and goes back home and engages in some secular vocation for the six days following, and then off to another church often with the message that he preached last Sunday. He has had no time to study. No time to visit his sick and delinquent members, and then we wonder "Why don't the church grow?" The

reason is plain to those who search for the cause.

Now the statistics as given above are not taken from any bulletin board or from any statistical report as given in any conference or union meeting, but only an estimate as observed in hearing reports. So, if these figures happen to fit exactly your church and its general conditions, just remember that I am speaking only of general conditions.

How Can Such Statistics Be Changed?

Conditions as stated above can be changed to a great extent when churches get where they want something more and want to pay for what they get. As long as a church is satisfied to have a preacher drive in once a month, and preach a "rousing sermon" from some subject, get his dinner, and his \$25 or \$30 and go back home, just so long will that church fail to grow and to be an institution to win souls to Christ. When the church realizes that "Those who preach the gospel, should live of the Gospel," and be willing and ready to support a pastor to do pastoral service as well as preach on Sunday, then, preachers will be ready to leave their little home that they hired, or have acquired, and lay aside that job that often pays them as much as the average member of his church gets for the week, and make a sacrifice to carry the gospel of Christ. Quarter time churches will go on half-time, and half-time churches will go on full-time, and preachers will be pastors instead of preachers. The Missionary movement will be so definitely fixed in the whole church as to make it the primary business of the congregation to send the light of Christ into all the world. Then "tight-wads" will loosen up their purse strings, and give God the tenth of their income. They will quit robbing God. You will see the grand old ship of Zion mount the waves of opposition, and ride safely through the sea to victory.

One Mystery

As I think of the growth of the Free Will Baptist church in the past few years, it is a mystery to see what

has been done with so little. God has mysteriously multiplied the little that has been placed into His hands. Like the lad's lunch that was given to Jesus which was multiplied to the extent that after 5,000 had been fed "twelve basketfuls were taken up." The Lord has wonderfully blessed. Look at our college in Nashville, Tennessee. Take a look at the work in Cuba, under the supervision of Rev. T. H. Willey. Look across the seas and see Sister Barnard, Dan and Trula Cronk, Paul Woolsey and his good wife, and yonder in Africa, take a look at Mrs. Stevens. Then look at the many hundreds, and yea, thousands, perhaps, in the United States of better equipped church buildings and educational buildings. See the many parsonages that are going up in every state, and quarter-time churches already on half-time, and half-time on whole-time. In some places where they have had only a pastor, now they have as assistant pastor and educational directors. Praise God it is mysterious! It is the result of getting away from old methods of doing things and getting down to real sacrificial services.

When I look back to fifty years ago and see what we had, and the losing of what we had in the North, and the humiliation experienced by that loss in 1910. All educational institutions gone! All publishing houses lost! The wealth of the churches transferred to others! Our mission field blotted out. Well, there are so many that know nothing of those days.

Some of us in the South felt that everything was gone. Many crawled "under the Juniper tree," and felt akin to Elijah, saying, "It's enough."

But with a small, bank-rupt printing house left here in North Carolina, which was later recruited by a sacrifice of many who now sleep in the dust, we began to learn that every Free Will Baptist was "not slain." And as we circulated that little sheet called the "Free Will Baptist," we began to learn that over the mountains were comrades, and across the Mississippi there were more and gradually through the printed page we began to learn more and more. Know-

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THE TRIAL OF JESUS

Rev. Jay D. Bradley,
Decatur, Ga.

Many trials of history have shamed nations for a period of time, but the trial, (conviction, and execution) of Jesus has shamed the world for all time because it was nothing short of a farce and a mockery. Even in that distant day of more than nineteen centuries ago, the worst criminal was provided with every possible legal protection, whereas Jesus was provided with none, but was simply railroaded to the cross.

Jesus was tried before and by the Great Sanhedrin. It was composed of 71 members, 23 of whom constituted a quorum. Annas was Past High Priest and President of the Sanhedrin. He had been High Priest from 7 to 14 A. D. Caiaphas, the son-in-law of Annas, was High Priest at the time of the trial, and served as such from 18 to 36 A. D.

On Wednesday about 2:00 A. M., Jesus was first brought before Annas, the President of the Sanhedrin. (I say this because I do not accept the Friday crucifixion theory.) Following this hearing, He was carried before Caiaphas. Then around 5:00 A. M. He was brought before the Sanhedrin in full council session. The Sanhedrin had the power to try and convict, but must call upon the government of Rome to execute.

What were the charges against Jesus? Blasphemy, or calling Himself the Son of God or claiming to be equal with God. The Sanhedrin being doubtful of the sufficiency of this charge before Rome, added the charge of High Treason against the mighty Caesar. Neither of these charges could be proven, because Jesus was guilty of neither. Even to old Pilate, heathen that he was, these charges looked silly, and three times he made the statement that he found no fault with Jesus.

In what ways was Jesus' trial before the Great Sanhedrin illegal and unfair? Members of the Sanhedrin could not prefer charges, they were the judges. But that was exactly what they had done in this case. Hebrew law provided that the witnesses

must prefer the charges, also that the witnesses must prosecute the case. Jewish criminal law safeguarded the accused in every possible manner, and made it almost impossible to convict an innocent person. The Sanhedrin was called a slaughterhouse if it convicted one innocent person in seven years.

In a trial before the Sanhedrin, under Jewish law, it required a majority of two to convict. The first judge must speak for the acquittal of the accused, and he was not allowed to change his mind. No judge was permitted to speak against the accused, but a judge for conviction could change his mind. Trials could be held only in day time, and must be revived and concluded the following day. Both of these precautions were violated in the trial of Jesus. No trial could be held the day before the seventh day Sabbath nor the day before the Feast day Sabbath. This requirement was also violated. A unanimous verdict acquitted the accused, because of the presumption of prejudice. Then as a final safeguard to the cause of justice, on the way to execution a herald was required to lead the procession of convicted and executioners, waving a flag, and crying out, 'in the name of God if anyone knows anything favorable to the accused, let him say so.' If one such favorable voice could be found, then it was necessary to return to the judgment hall for a new trial. Of course this provision was omitted in Jesus' case. But had it been carried out, surely some one of the many friends of Jesus would have spoken for Him, but had they failed to do so, the stones along the way would doubtless have broken the silence held for ages and cried out, "innocent, innocent, this just man is innocent."

Further, the Sanhedrin was totally unqualified to try Jesus for the following additional reasons. The He-

brew law required a judge to be pious, of good report, courageous, and not an enemy of the accused. The judge was required to fast and pray the second day of the trial. In the case of Jesus there was no second day of trial, as Jesus was in the grave at that time. Caiaphas and fellow judges were burning enemies of Jesus. The Hebrew rule of law said that the robe of an unfair judge was to be no more respected than the blanket of an ass.

Why did these religious rulers of Israel hate Jesus as they did? Because He had condemned their wicked hypocrisy and blazoned it to the skies every day of every week for three and one half years. The Sanhedrin was composed of haughty, self-righteous men, and Jesus with Divine skill and rebukes that stung like line of fire on their naked back had said, "publicans and harlots shall enter the Kingdom of God before you."

Annas and Caiaphas and friends owned and controlled the stalls, booths and bazaars of the Temple and had a handsome and profitable income from the sale of lambs and doves for Temple sacrifice. Also from the money changers. When Jesus cleansed the Temple, which He did twice, He hit them in a vital spot. They hated him more for these Temple cleaning performances than for all of His miracles, they doubtless did not believe the latter anyway. The Sanhedrin had met no less than three times within six months with the destruction of Jesus as their chief objective.

From the standpoint of justice, Jesus' appearance before old Pilate was a farce pure and simple. Pilate was a murderer. His wife, Claudia, was the daughter of Julia, the daughter of Augustus. Julia was the outstanding woman of her day for coarseness, vulgarity and lewdness. Tiberius gave the governorship of Judea to Pilate to get him to marry Claudia. Pilate was nothing but a weak, lustful, vassilating and cowardly old hea-

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REPORTING OUR FIRST THREE AND ONE-HALF MONTHS AT ST. MARY'S

By J. R. DAVIDSON

On the first Sunday in October, 1950, we drove from Davis, N. C., to New Bern, N. C., for our first Lord's Day appointment with the fine congregation of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church. The day's fellowship was very pleasant and encouraging. On October 5 we moved into the parsonage and began our services as resident minister. On Friday evening of the week the door bell rang, and upon our opening the door we were met with almost innumerable faces with smiles of greetings. As these persons fled into the home, gifts of most every description were laid on the dining table, including a nice cash purse. Refreshments of finest quality were served, and every one seemed to enjoy the occasion immensely. The occasion was not considered complete until the company was called together to be led in prayer for our heavenly Father's blessings by our highly esteemed Brother and co-laborer, J. C. Griffin.

Soon after our getting settled here the chairman of the Official Board called a meeting of his board for the purpose of an acquaintance fellowship. During this meeting plans were approved for the launching of a few days of spiritual refreshing services. These meetings began on Wednesday night, November 8 and continued through Sunday, November 19. During these days of special fellowship the Lord dwelt mightily with us, and the climax came in order on the occasion of the final service. Most of the church was turned into an altar of prayer and decision—True Christians re-dedicated, backsliders repented, unsaved church folk were converted and sinners were regenerated.

During the first one hundred and ten days of our co-labors here, we have seen above thirty persons come into the church, with prospects for a process of enlargement. Sinners constantly report conviction, church members confess their shortcomings and new faces appear in our audiences for most every service.

The response of the constituency in devotional giving reveals a pressing on to higher ground in the stewardship of life. To sum it all up as from the heart of a true minister of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are very happy here (the family included) in the Lord's appointment that we labor with this people. Too, the people seem very patient with us so far. Keep us on your prayer-lists.

P. S.—We announce to all our friends, and especially to former pastors, and non-resident members a special Home-Coming Day on Easter Sunday. Begin to make your plans to be on hand.—J. R. D.

"Judge, I just had a coupla beers."

BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C.

Office of Campaign Manager
February 1, 1951

Dear Co-Laborers for the Master:

RE—February Campaign for Cragmont

Every Free Will Baptist church in North Carolina in co-operation with our State Convention Seven-Point Program is waiting for a proposal of a goal for our February drive for funds for Cragmont Assembly. The Board of Directors of the assembly have asked me to set that goal, and direct the drive for funds. I venture to do so with confidence that we will all strive to reach the goal, for Cragmont is OUR institution of GREAT BLESSING to our church in Christian fellowship, instruction and inspiration.

The goal for 1951? It's a DARING ONE, I know, but our people have proven in the past that they DARE to undertake GREAT THINGS FOR THE LORD. It's the "Pay-Cragmont-out-of-debt goal"—it's the goal that will make possible the realization of our dreams of making much needed improvements at our assembly; it's \$6,000.00!

Now, don't get frightened! For a minute let's not look at HOW MUCH it is, but HOW LITTLE. We have over 30,000 Free Will Baptists in North Carolina. Divide this number by 5 (I don't know why!) and you have 6,000. So you see one fifth of our Free Will Baptist people in N. C. giving an average of \$1.00 each would bring us the full \$6,000.00. But suppose we just don't divide.

\$10.00 from each Free Will Baptist

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY, INC.

League of ten members; \$25.00 from each Woman's Auxiliary of twenty-five members; \$50.00 from each Sunday School of fifty pupils—and IT'S DONE!

Let's get it straight, folks. I WANT \$6,000.00 FOR CRAGMONT! All the Free Will Baptist Churches of the state are my field. But you are the REAPERS IN THE FIELD. The HARVEST will be what the REAPING is. Here's what I'm asking you to do:

If you are a pastor put Cragmont before your people during February. Help organize a plan for a drive through the various organizations of the church with the objective being to raise a sum equal to \$1.00 for each member. (Now, don't read that \$1.00 FROM each member for some cannot, and some will not give, but others will give much more.) If you are a Sunday School superintendent, a Woman's Auxiliary president, or a Free Will Baptist League director or president, insist that your organization co-operate with the church plan for this drive, or, if there is no church-wide plan, work out your own plan to make a liberal contribution. Whoever you are, please do WHATEVER YOU CAN for Cragmont during February.

Watch *The Free Will Baptist* for reports. Help make those reports worth watching for.

SEND ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TREASURER, MR. FOUNTAIN TAYLOR, RICHLANDS, N. C. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Yours in Christian Service,

Mrs. L. E. (Gertrude) Ballard

America Should Wake UP!

From an Editorial in The Pentecostal Herald

We need a great awakening among our preachers and teachers to meet the present immoral situation. We have tremendous laxity and looseness in the pulpit and platform these days. Dr. Wm. Ward Ayer, former pastor of the great Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, in a burning message said:

"The church is infested with 'nice' preachers, wearing soft raiment and beautifully schooled in the pulpit art. On the average, their messages are icily nice and splendidly nil. They give sermonie syrup in palatable doses to self-satisfied and religiously-lavaghty audiences. Their theology is the 'lavender water' variety, and their pronouncements nicely flavored with 'sugar and spice and everything nice.'"

"The world smiles indulgently at this sort of religion and condescendingly says, 'It is really beautiful, even if impractical; and society needs such an escape from the

world of reality into the world of religious make-believe.'"

"These are the professional 'priests' who claim they keep men on good terms with Deity in spite of growing evil, drunkenness, divorce, juvenile delinquency, broken homes and broken hearts. They are specialists in administering sedatives for sin, psychological peace of mind for neurotics, psychiatric comfort for moral weaklings. They assure their congregations that the poison of evil can be made more palatable by a religious frame of mind; and, indeed, while sin is present with us it is getting to be more beautiful day by day."

The social life of the nation is clad in the purple of lasciviousness, steeped in sensuality of the jungle, and stamped all over with the mark of the beast. Society seems keyed up to the "lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life." The amusements of the day are considered passe if they are devoid of the "pep" and "spice" of the sensual; the fashions are the loudest, lowdest that hell ever invented.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS

COLLEGE QUARTET ON ITINERARY

Reverend Henry Melvin, Business Manager-Treasurer, and the F. W. B. Bible Quartet, are now touring North and South Carolina, visiting the churches in the interest of raising funds for the College Auditorium. They gave recently musical programs in a number of churches in eastern North Carolina, and told of the pressing need of funds with which to erect the building for office space and auditorium facilities.

In his lectures, Brother Melvin stated that the student body is growing and more room is vitally necessary for convenience. Twenty thousand dollars is now needed to enable the college management to lay the foundation, set up the walls, roof, flooring, electrical and heating fixtures, and the like, so that they can use it for assemblies and other purposes.

We were glad to hear Brother Melvin say, while he was in our office on a brief visit, that the different churches, where his programs had been given, responded cheerfully and liberally. Many expressed gladness to know that the work is to be started at once on the new building. Several promised to make additional gifts to the College Building fund in the very near future. Interest is growing all the while in the college work, since the college is on a Four-Year basis now. This graduating class in May of this year will receive the first Bachelor of Arts degree from the college, with a Major of studies in Bible.

A CALL FOR EASTER MANUSCRIPTS

This year we are sending out a call for Original Manuscripts of Easter messages for the Easter issue of the Baptist paper. Along with each message, we should like to have a good photograph of the writer, so that we can have a cut made from the picture to go with the article. The length of each article should not run over a page in the Baptist paper. Some shorter ones will be fine.

We will select the best prepared and arranged messages, and publish them in the Easter issue. We will be able to use as many as five or six of these special Easter messages for that issue. Ministers, as well as lay members, are requested to submit manuscript for this special purpose.

BAPTIST SUBSCRIPTIONS AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH

Some thought that the subscriptions to the Baptist paper would drop, since we raised the price from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per year. But this has not been the case. In fact, the subscription list is above par, and the outlook is even better for the months ahead. At two dollars per year for the Baptist paper is still less than some other denominational papers of similar character. In content and purpose, the Baptist paper is equal to most any other church paper. That is what we have been told by some people of other churches of other denominations.

While we are pleased with the present interest of our church people in the paper, yet we feel that a great many more church people should take the paper and read it for the good that it will do them. As interest is growing all the while in our denominational work in the various states, certainly there are a great many more of our church people who should subscribe for the paper. We do not see how they can do without it in their homes. It certainly does not look well for a Free Will Baptist home not to have the Baptist paper in it for every member of the family to read.

Pastors, tell your church people about this, and urge them to subscribe for the Baptist paper, and then insist upon them to read it, and to learn what is being done in the various churches over the denomination. Well informed church members become better church workers. Church interest begets church activities, and church activities develop new goals, greater progress, and builds for broader expansion programs of the denominational work.

TESTED AND FOUND FAITHFUL

The Weather Test—Are you a sailboat Christian—making progress in the Lord if the winds are favorable? Or are you a tugboat Christian—plowing right ahead even though the gales are against you?

The Worry Test—"If you trust you do not worry; if you worry you do not trust." Have you found that He keeps him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Him, because he trusts in God?

The Worldliness Test—Do you think as the world thinks; go where the world goes; act as the world acts? Does your life give evidence of having your affections set on things above, not on things on the earth?

The Wallet Test—What proportion of your income last year was turned over for the work of the Lord? Was it at least as much as the tithe which the Jew paid before the grace of God was revealed in Christ?

The Work Test—How much of your energy is being given to the work of the Lord? Is it a reasonable proportion of what you are expending in the day-by-day task of making a living?

The Witnessing Test—Are you by life and lip commending Christ so that He is attractive to those who do not know Him as a personal Saviour and Lord? Is the vote of your life for Him or against Him? —From an Exchange.

Arise, Go to Bethel

As many as God loves He will remind of neglected duties, one way or other, by conscious or by providences. God bade him go to Bethel and dwell there, that is, not only go himself, but take his family with him, that they might join with him in his devotions. In Bethel, the house of God, we should desire to dwell (Ps. 27:4). That should be our home, not our inn. God reminds him not expressly of his vow, but of the occasion of it: "When thou fleddest from the face of Esau." The remembrance of former afflictions should bring to mind the workings of our souls under them (Ps. 66: 13, 14).

-:- Department of Foreign Missions -:-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

FROM THE FIELD

Rev. Raymond Riggs—

Inclose please find inclosed \$5.00 for foreign mission sent from Central City Free Will S. S. We have passed a resolution to send all of our 5th Sunday offering to this work.

Mrs. Cora Nance, Secy.
Route 1, Box 73, Lavaca, Ark.

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109 Spring Road
Durham, N. C.

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
242 Victor Ave.,
Highland Park, Mich.

Dear Brother Riggs:

Inclosed you will find money order for \$30.00. This is for our missionary's salary in Cuba. Our people are enjoying giving towards this most worthy cause, and the blessings of God are so many upon us. I certainly hope many of our churches will quickly come to realize that God is expecting us to help now the unenlightened as never before. It certainly seems to me that we do not have much longer to "send the Light."

Yours for Missions,
F. A. Rivenbark

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Bryan, Texas
Route 3, Box 208

Rev. Raymond Riggs
242 Victor Ave.,
Highland Park, Mich.

Dear Brother Riggs;

I would like to relate an incident recently occurring which reveals some of the Lord's working in behalf of the Foreign Mission program. A Christian man, of a different denomination than ours, came to our parsonage Sunday morning, December 17, and asked if my churches received an offering each Christmas for Foreign Missions. When I explained to him that our churches received offering regularly for the Unified Program and occasionally for Foreign Missions, he stated that his church received an offering each Christmas for Foreign Missions known as "The Lottie Moon" offering, and thought perhaps the Free Will Baptists did also. He then added he would like to give an offering to our Foreign Mission program through two of my churches.

Upon this he took from his pocket two sealed envelopes each containing \$50.00 in

bills. He stated the Lord had blessed him during the past year and he wanted to do something for Him and His Cause. Letting this be a challenge to the members of the two churches, they were given an opportunity to give a gift to Christ for Foreign Missions during Christmas season.

The thing that is unique about this incident is that this fine man, who requested that his name be anonymous, who wholly unaware of the great need during this particular time for the funds for the Foreign Mission programs. The Lord knew of the crisis and laid upon his heart to give liberally to another denomination than his own.

Alvin F. Halbrook

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 1, 1950, to January 1, 1951

FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION Pinar del Rio, Cuba

Cash on hand, Dec. 1 ---\$ 31.91
Cash in bank, Dec. 1 ---- 1,058.44
\$1,089.45

Cash Received

Check from Mr. Riggs (less exchange) -----	\$1,598.00
Leading Church, Leadington, Mo. -----	5.65
Student Fund -----	160.00
Cuban Assn. (Printing) -----	25.00
Cuban Assn. (Hospitalization) -----	25.10
Student Fees -----	4.00
Sale of pigs -----	18.00
Sale of oranges -----	21.85
Miscellaneous sales -----	11.00
Refunds:	
Food -----	10.78
Kerosene -----	1.87
Hospitalization -----	1.50
Cash from check 2808 -----	50.00
Total Receipts -----	\$1,932.75
Total -----	\$3,022.20

Expenses

Salaries—	
Bellero Castillo (farm worker) -----	\$ 45.00
Simon Castillo -----	23.25
Felipe Castillo -----	15.75
Eufamia Castillo -----	2.00
Jose Valle (student kitchen worker) -----	2.00

Orlando Flores -----	2.00
Manuel Betancourt (cook) -----	30.00
Aleyda Hernandez (field worker) -----	30.00
Heriberto Sanchez -----	55.00
Santos Romeu -----	30.00
Victor Pedroso -----	30.00
Oneljo Valle -----	30.00
Mario Perez -----	30.00
Nene Corrales -----	30.00
Erundina Castillo -----	15.00
Pedro Rojo -----	60.55
Maximina Sanchez -----	42.50
Juana Perez -----	15.00
Edelmiro Cuba -----	30.00
Virginia Estevez -----	15.00
Gertrudis Salamon -----	15.00
Clotilde Concepcion -----	89.25
Benito Rodriguez -----	55.00
Mrs. Mabel Willey -----	150.00
Bessie Yeley -----	77.00

Total Salaries ----\$ 919.30

Food -----	449.82
Building -----	432.68
Rents -----	111.50
Maintenance of	
Equipment -----	168.71
Hospitalization -----	49.65
Building of new church at Cabezas -----	50.00
Fuel -----	139.00
Sewing Machine for school -----	53.33
Office Supplies -----	6.56
Passages -----	20.86
Care of animals -----	22.35
Bank charges and exchange -----	2.75
Medicine -----	3.55
Miscellaneous -----	23.56
Check 2808 for cash -----	50.00

Total -----\$1,584.32

Total Expenses -----	\$2,503.62
Total balance -----	\$ 518.58
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1951 -----	\$ 21.46
Cash in bank, Jan. 1, 1951 -----	497.12
	\$ 518.58

I certify that the above is a true and correct statement of receipts and disbursements during the month just passed.

(Signed)
Jereleen Wilfong
(Mrs. Robert Wilfong,
Bookkeeper

Date: January 15, 1951

"Your every voter, as surely as your Chief Magistrate, under the same high sanction, though in a different sphere, exercises a public trust."—Grover Cleveland.

Communitistic Radicalism is a deadly foe of liberalism. It is the ally of paganism and the relentless enemy of Christianity.

MISSION ITINERARY

By J. C. GRIFFIN

February 9—Pilgrim's Home, Jones Co.
 February 12—Friendship, Jones Co.
 February 13—Whaley's Chapel, Jones Co.
 February 14—Smith's New Home
 February 15—Deep Run, Lenoir Co.
 February 16—Gray Branch, Lenoir Co.
 February 17—Sweet Gum Grove, Pitt Co.
 February 19—Gum Swamp, Pitt Co.
 February 20—Parker's Chapel, Pitt Co.
 February 21—Greenville F.W.B. Church
 February 22—Rose Hill, Pitt Co.
 February 23—Black Jack F. W. B. Church,
 Pitt Co.
 February 24—Pleasant Hill, Pitt Co.
 February 26—Ayden F. W. B. Church
 February 27—Reedy Branch, Pitt Co.
 February 28—Winterville F.W.B. Church
 March 1—Arapahoe F. W. B. Church
 March 2—Oriental F. W. B. Church
 March 3—Bethel, Pamlico County

Watch for extension of listed itinerary.

On motion the Board authorize the publication of the itinerary for the showing of the film, "A Letter to Melittino," under the direction of Rev. J. C. Griffin, and that we inform our people that at this time this Board has not authorized anyone else to solicit, or to work in any of the churches in North Carolina in the behalf of Missions. This action does not interfere with the authority and operation of the Foreign Mission Director, Rev. Rashie Kennedy.

By the N. C. State Mission Board

THE MINISTER'S CALL

The minister called upon one of his parishioners who had grown lax in his church duties and asked him for a subscription to the church budget.

Before he had finished his request he was impatiently interrupted: "It seems to me," said the member, "that this church is always asking for money." "It is," answered the minister and then continued:

"I had a little boy once. When he began to grow he was always costing me something. He was ever needing shoes, stockings, or clothing of some sort; but one day he died and he does not cost me a dollar now."

Every need is an unfailing sign of life and of growth. Body, mind and soul have their needs, and they must be met continually.

When the church is constantly needing funds it is convincing evidence that the church is alive and growing. A dead church is different.—An Exchange.

You cannot find a right way to do a wrong thing.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor
 MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

801 Pollock Street
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PACKSVILLE AUXILIARY MEETS

The Woman's auxiliary of Packsville Free Will Baptist Church, Packsville, West Virginia, met at the home of Mrs. Hubert Bias for the January meeting. Plans were discussed for a study course of our Manual of Methods during the business period. It was reported that food baskets had been given to five needy families for Christmas.

We had two new members to be with us in our auxiliary meetings. There were three visitors whom we were very glad to have in our meeting.

The program for study was presented by Mrs. Robert Williams, president. The subject was: "Working Together with Him through Our Chief Aims." Mrs. John Scarboro, Treasurer, Mrs. Jarvis Combs, Fifth Vice-President, and Mrs. Kenna French had part on the program.

We are asking the Christian people to pray with us for a better year this year in the auxiliary work.

Mrs. Ralph Stover,
 Marfork, W. Va.

MT. BEULAH AUXILIARY REPORTING

The Ladies Auxiliary of Mt. Beulah Church of Rockingham, North Carolina, convened in the home of Mrs. Myrtle Brown for the January meeting, which was held on the 3rd Sunday in January. It was a wonderful meeting. A total of sixteen members were present. Refreshments were served and our visitors were the Ladies Quartet from the Mt. Zion Church in Kannapolis.

We have elected new officers for the year 1951, and they have already made splendid progress. We have decided to have a Study Course on the book, "His Name Among All Nations," and get Mrs. Walter Carter for our teacher.

Our pastor, Rev. Noah Brown, gives every Vice-President a chance on Sunday morning for a ten (10) minute talk to make her plea to the church of what she stands for.

All members are in hopes that we will be able to do more during this year than we did last year.

Our next meeting will be held at the church in February.

Our pastor has also assigned to the Auxiliary every 3rd Sunday night to entertain. Last month they presented the Ladies Quartet from Kannapolis. Had a wonderful service, two souls were saved and saints were shouting and praising the Lord. We are looking forward to the 3rd

Sunday night in February for a wonderful service. Hoping and praying that you will come and worship with us.

We invite the ladies to come and join us in our auxiliary work. We will be more than glad to have you. Pray for us that we will do whatever we can for the Lord.

Church Reporter of Mt.

Beulah F. W. B. Church

PATMOS AUXILIARY MEET

The regular meeting of the Patmos Ladies Auxiliary met Wednesday afternoon, January 24th, at the church with ten members present.

The meeting was called to order by president, Mrs. Myron Shivor. Devotional was by Mrs. Steve Bush, and prayer by each member present. Song, "Nothing but the Blood," was by the group.

After business was attended to, we had our program on the Auxiliary Manual. It was very helpful to each one present because we are anxious to learn our duties so we might do them better than we have in the past. "The Doxology" was sung by the group as the closing prayer.

We ask your prayers that we might be better laborers together with God.

Mrs. Steve Bush

INSTALLATION SERVICE

An installation service was held at Ruth's Chapel, Friday night, January 19, with Mrs. L. E. Ballard of Greenville, North Carolina, in charge. The officers of the Woman's auxiliary of Ruth's Chapel, together with the officers of the Missionary Society of the Bridgeton F. W. B. Church, entered in formation with the presidents of each group leading. The pianist, Miss Emma Ruth Benett, played while the group sang, "Jesus Calls Us." A prayer was led by Mrs. Ballard.

Lighting a candle, which represented the light of Jesus, Mrs. Ballard presented candles which she had lighted from hers to the two presidents. As Mrs. Ballard presented candles which their presidents had lighted to each of the other officers, she charged them with their duties. With heads bowed, all sang softly, "Have Thine Own Way."

The church was lighted with candles and decorated with the Ladies' Auxiliary colors which are Red for the blood of Jesus, White for purity, and Blue for sincerity. The following officers were installed:

Ruth's Chapel

Mrs. Jack Ragan, President
 Mrs. Henry Stilley, First Vice-President
 Mrs. Walter Bell, Second Vice-President
 Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Third Vice-President
 Mrs. Mortie Fulcher, Fourth Vice-President
 Mrs. Clyde Lamm, Fifth Vice-President
 Mrs. Marcell Perry, Sixth Vice-President
 Mrs. C. R. Carroway, Secretary
 Mrs. Lee Purifoy, Treasurer

Bridgeton Church

Mrs. Warren Whealon, President
 Mrs. Mayhue Bennett, First Vice-President
 Mrs. Vernon Ringgold, Second Vice-Pres.
 Mrs. Cedric Boyd, Third Vice-President
 Miss Julia Ann Pate, Fourth Vice-President
 Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Fifth Vice-President
 Mrs. Robert Flosse, Sixth Vice-President
 Mrs. Carl Ipock, Secretary
 Mrs. Richard Bryan, Treasurer

The regularly weekly prayer meeting was also conducted by Mrs. Ballard, which followed the installation service.

Mrs. Mortie Fulcher
 507 Blades Avenue
 New Bern, N. C.

THE RURAL CHURCH AND ITS PASTOR

(Continued from page 3)

lem that must be solved or we as a denomination will decrease instead of increase. Many assume that the same type training will do for both classes of ministers, (city and rural). Personally, I do not agree. The problems that confront the rural pastor are far from being the same as those of the city pastor. Therefore their training cannot be the same. Since the larger percentage of our churches are rural churches, and very few of our ministers that are now enrolled in college will ever serve city churches, would it not be more advisable to train them for the rural fields? If there is to be no difference in the training of our ministers, would it not be best to provide training for the larger percentage that will serve in rural churches?

The rural program launched by the Roman Catholic Church, calls for, "quality priests," trained not only in theology and tradition of the church, but in rural sociology and economics as well. In the "Manifesto of Rural Life," published first in 1939 and again in 1944, on the chapter "The Rural Pastorate" is described the new type Priest for the rural work as follows: "The large city parish can to some extent depend on its pres-

tige, but the standing of a little country parish depends upon the personality of the pastor. In the open country, judgment, diplomacy, activity, progressiveness and leadership are the natural virtues required of a priest. The country pastor must be a community leader. He must know rural problems. He must have sympathy with rural ideals and aspirations. He must love the country; he must know country life: the difficulties that the farmer has to face in his business, some of the great scientific revelation made in behalf of agriculture, the great industrial forces at work for the making or unmaking of the farmer, the fundamental social problems of the life of the open country." Is it not clear that the Catholic Church purposes that the rural priest be as good as the best with special training for the rural field? Does this not challenge us to do something about the training of our rural pastors. I am looking forward to the time when our own college will offer a much broader type of training for our rural pastors. Training that will include not only Biblical study, but also rural economics, rural sociology, and problems faced daily by our rural constituency. Yes, it is he who tills the soil that is more closely associated with the miraculous and the supernatural than any other worker. The man who tills the soil is inspired with a reverence for God that a man never gets simply working with machines. Dr. Frank W. Price says; "The rural vocation can keep alive in us, in the men and women of our generation as of the past generations, the realization and our utter dependence upon a wisdom and power greater than our own.

In labor on the land we touch the mysteries of birth and life, of death and resurrection, as nowhere else. We feel and see, though we cannot explain the miracles of growth."

The rural pastor must be one that loves the rural people and life. His whole heart must be set on making a success of his work. He must be willing to take the things of nature as they come, and esteem his office as that given to him by God. He

must be one that loves the farm or at least takes an interest in this type of work. Many times I have had to talk about raising hogs, beef cattle and the kind of cow that I thought would give the most milk, the breed of poultry that is the most productive, or the type legume that should be grown on a certain type soil; all of this just to interest that unsaved man or member of my parish. But, you ask the question why, did you have to talk about all of these curious things? Rural pastor, this is the reason: by me showing my interest in the things that this person was interested in, I was winning him as a friend, and I knew that I would eventually win him to Christ. If he were a Christ all ready, by me showing interest in the things that were of interest to him, I in turn would be able to interest him in the things that I was interested in, the Church and its work. So I must needs know something about the different kinds of domestic animals, types of soil, legumes and farming in general. Personal visitations, friendly chats across the fence, visiting the farm clubs, home demonstration clubs, and above all making yourself to be present at every youth gathering possible, for the loss of our youth in the rural districts is enormous. Take care of these for they are your future members. These and countless other things will the rural pastor be called on to do. And may I add here, you will be expected to do them, and rightfully so, for you are a rural pastor. You have been given a charge by God. Be faithful and fulfill your office.

Young Minister, the rural field lies before you, it is challenging you with the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." The lambs are bleating, the sheep are lost. Won't you help to rescue them?

In conclusion, the rural pastor should thank God for the golden opportunities given him. I lift my voice in praise to God for those humble saints who have worn their lives out ministering to the needs of the rural folk. I see Quincy Perry, for fifty-five years a rural Sunday School Superintendent. Safford Putnam, giv-

back to its donor a rich bottom farm because he had been called to preach: putting himself through school by splitting eighty cords of wood in a term, walking fourteen miles each Sunday for service, dying at twenty-eight, burnt out in the service of his Master. I see Lola Sargent, sent back from China half blind and broken in health, returning to her rural villages to give the remainder of her life teaching the youth, and until she dies radiating joyous faith in her God. I see George W. Scott, Jr., riding horse-back over the Ozark hills, daring the rain, wind, snow and sleet; visiting those little country churches; delivering to those plain hill folk the words of life; caring for them as a shepherd would his sheep; counting his own life as nothing that he might give to them Christ. I can see a thousand housewives and farmers whose unshaken devotion to their God has put a shout of triumph into the rural pastor's heart. Yes, "Thars gold in them thar hills," let us dig it out. Neglect the rural church and its pastor, and as a denomination we die.

We thank thee, dear Jesus, for making us undershepherds of the poor and humble, thou hast marvelously honored our efforts. In joy we praise Thee; in sorrow we love Thee; in temptation we cling to Thee. Sustain us, Dear Lord, in all discouragements, and may we lift our eyes and look to the green hills far away outside the city walls. Amen.

(Note: A timely message. Editor)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION-INSTITUTE NEWS

By Rev. R. P. Harris

The State (North Carolina) Sunday School Convention-Institute will convene Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in April at the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middesex, N. C. All Sunday Schools in the state are hereby notified to begin making arrangements to send delegates, Sunday school officers and teachers to the Convention. The general theme of the program this year is Accountability. Every interested worker in this field should know how

to give an account of himself to God and to man. God is holding responsible persons responsible for the great Crusade for Christ in the world.

A program for the Convention-Institute has been drafted and will appear in the Baptist paper soon. There will be interesting and vital discussions by prominent Christian workers. These speakers have proven their worth and the program committee promises, barring any unforeseen complications, that the program this year will be the best one yet presented, and some good ones have been presented.

Every Sunday school in the state is urged to represent and to bring a contribution for each of the following: Convention-Institute expenses, Cragmont Assembly, Inc., and Field Secretarial Work. There are about three hundred Sunday schools in the state. If one dollar from each is sent for Convention-Institute expenses, two dollars for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., and three dollars for Field Secretarial Work, we will have three hundred, six hundred and nine hundred dollars for each respective cause, or eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800.00) in all. While this is not probable it is highly possible. One good way to approach the goal is for every interested officer, teacher or district, or responsible person to see to it that all Sunday schools are notified and urged to make a generous response to this great cause.

The program both days will consist of a Sunday school workers' institute. The one on Thursday (the first day) will center around the need of a promotional field secretary and how we shall soon realize this and hire the worker. The Institute on Friday will deal more with methods of presenting the lesson. This will be very interesting and you should not want to miss it.

Any information concerning the program and what is expected of you can be obtained by writing Mr. R. T. Sasser, 207 W. Broad St., Wilson, N. C.

When we go to a hotel and see a bellhop delivering liquor to a bedroom, we always look around for the nearest fire-escape.

Attention, Young Folk!

There will be the first meeting of the Tri-County Youth for Christ Rally on February 10th at 7:30 P. M. at Little Creek Church, on highway 102 at the county line between Pitt and Greene, near the creek called Little Creek.

All the churches in that district are invited to be represented, especially in their youth group. Anything that you can bring along by way of good spiritual singing please do so, and if you can, notify Rev. C. L. Patrick, Grifton, N. C., Route. He has charge of the music end of the program. We are looking forward to a good time in the Lord that night at Little Creek. Come praying for its success.

We have been observing a Youth for Christ Rally over in the Goldsboro section every since last Feb., and plan to observe the first anniversary February 3rd which will be history by the time you read this. Since space will not permit a lengthy article, I will brief the year's results, which are very gratifying. We have had about 14 conversions as a result of this Rally. At one meeting which was held at Walnut Creek Church, after the services was otherwise over, there was a last appeal made for all who wanted to consecrate their life to full-time service. There were 17 who took their stand at the altar, taking their turn in saying what they thought their full-time call was. These were the very Youth of our churches. At the present time there are several of those 17 who have already entered active training. Others are looking forward to the same. In our churches those who have been born again are very active in our youth groups.

Youth, if it's Christ's Commission to seek the lost, and it's our wishes, let's band together to gain as many as possible. Christ may come and your friend may be lost. Let's do something about it.

Will be looking for you at Little Creek, February 10, 1951, 7:30 P. M.

N. D. Beaman,
Publicity Committee



JESUS THE CHRIST

(Lesson for February 18)

LESSON: Mark 7:24—9:1. Mark 8:27-37.

GOLDEN TEXT: Matthew 16:16.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

Our first consideration in this lesson is Peter's great confession of faith in Christ as the Son of God. This is one of the important events in the life of the Master. The faith of any person in Jesus hinges upon this eternal truth: Christ is the Son of God, the Redeemer of lost souls. Our Lord's teachings and his miracles serve to prove his divinity, authority and power.

The second part of this lesson is a discussion of the way a person must live in order to be a true follower of the Lord Jesus. A complete yielding of one's all on the altar of God is essential for a person who would follow Jesus, and live in accordance to his great command.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. Popular opinion is reflected in the answer which the disciples gave Him, and, as usual, it was all wrong about spiritual matters. Taking into consideration what the other Gospels relate, four different opinions were expressed.

2. Herod is a representative of those who said that He was "John the Baptist" (Matt. 14:1, 2). It was the answer of a troubled conscience, for he gave this answer when he heard of the mighty works of Jesus, and he thought that John whom he had beheaded must have arisen from the dead. His conscience troubled him, for he knew John to have been a righteous man.

Others there were of a confused mind, and they said He was "Elias." They did not know how to divide the Word of Truth aright. They confused the first and the Second Coming of Christ. Instead of recognizing in Je-

sus the Messiah they looked upon Him merely as the Messiah's forerunner. It is an unfortunate thing not to be able to make proper distinctions between things that differ.

4. Then there were some whose answer was that of unlightening sympathy, and they thought Jesus was "Jeremias" (Matt. 16:14). These were kindly disposed toward Jesus. They beheld His sorrows and griefs and sympathized with Him. They remembered the sufferings of Jeremias the Prophet and believed he had reappeared. It was a kindly opinion, but it was wrong just the same.

A last group was very indefinite and simply said that He was "One of the Prophets." These could not arrive at any definite conclusion and so they generalized in this way. All four, with the possible exception of Herod, had favorable opinions, but they all fell far short of the Truth. No one needs to be in any doubt about the Lord Jesus, for God has given sufficient revelation concerning Him that all may know Him to be the Christ.—Selected.

6. It is an interesting fact that Mark, who records the preaching of Peter, tells about the humiliating rebuke which Christ gave to Peter, but does not tell of the praise given him, as recorded in Matthew. Peter later was a humble man. Get thee behind me, Satan—These were practically the same words Jesus used during the temptation at the beginning of his ministry (Matt. 4:10), and the temptations were similar. The easy and popular path which Peter desired him to take was the path that naturally appealed to the human heart. In calling Peter Satan there is no implication of moral evil on Peter's part. Rather, Peter is addressed as an adversary or tempter, advocating a way of life contrary to that which Christ had come to earth to take.—Arnold's Commentary.

7. There have been many instances where Christian parents have objected to their sons and daughters answering God's call to service in heathen lands. It is natural for the "old man", as Paul calls our human life, to stress human love for children and dear friends, but our spiritual life

will recognize the right of our Lord to lead and direct us wherever His wisdom and love deems best.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

The Very Same Jesus

In the unprinted portion of our lesson there is a record of numerous miracles of healing, including one of the casting out of a demon from a daughter who was not in Jesus' presence, at the intercession of her mother (7:25-29). At the time we write this, word has recently been received from an acquaintance of ours in Japan, Rev. E. C. John, of something strikingly similar that has occurred in the early summer of 1949.

A young Japanese who is studying to be a minister in a seminary in Osaka came to Mr. John with a sad story. The only son of his widowed cousin was dying with pleurisy, and if he could get some streptomycin for him it might save his life. Tears ran down his cheeks as he begged Mr. John to get some for him. Mr. John, greatly moved himself, explained that this was one of the drugs missionaries were not allowed to bring into Japan. He breathed a prayer to God for guidance. Like a flash some promises came into his mind, and he said to the young man that he knew One who was greater than the drug.

Mr. John called his wife and another missionary, Miss Fensome, and they knelt and prayed. Then they all laid their hands on the young man and in faith implored Jesus to heal the distant sick boy at that very moment. The assurance came to all of them that God had heard, and they could do nothing but praise him.

The young man wrote to the mother of the boy about it all, and in reply received a letter saying that the son had been instantly healed at the exact time the prayer had been offered. That pagan mother said that she and others could not understand the healing that had suddenly occurred until she received the letter from her cousin, and as one reaction the mother said she wanted to become a Christian. How thrilled the young man was at this news!—Arnold's Commentary.

NOTES AND QUOTES

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ledge was obtained and a closer relationship was sought and began to lift up our eyes and see great possibilities. We heard the Macedonian cry across the seas, and through our organizations and the publications that were brought into greater and larger facilities, we have reached the present status. Yes, it is mysterious. God has used a little to bring about much. Let us be careful not to destroy what we have accomplished, by doing as the Israelites did in "Departing from the Living God." Let us not boast of what we have done. Let us praise God. Let's not get too big for our field. We don't want to follow those who are substituting man's ideas for God's.

The Doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ is all the Doctrine that we need; it will stand the test of all enemies. The Devil would like to destroy it by getting us tangled up with modernism. Let's stay by the "old land marks." In these days of destruction, may we "Put on the whole armour of God, and be able to stand against the wilds of the devil." "If God be for us who can be against us?" There are more on our side than on theirs. God and one make the majority. I want to remain with the majority, so I will believe everything the Bible says about my Christ. Amen.

Regular Giving

"The Free Union Auxiliary has decided to send \$2.00 a month to Foreign Missions." They said, "We are filling out the card you gave us." (This is a card that I offer to women Auxiliaries, S. S. classes, and individuals to sign as a special regular weekly, monthly or annual support of Foreign Missions.) Those ladies took a card and took the matter up with their auxiliary, and this is the report given by Mrs. Oscar Webster, a member of the Auxiliary of Free Union Church in Beaufort county. Every auxiliary that possibly can ought to follow the example of the Free Union Woman's auxiliary. We thank you, Mrs. Webster, and your auxiliary for making the promise to the request

on the little card that we left when we visited your church with the picture "A letter to Melitino."

Picture Interesting Many

Mrs. R. C. Bell of Blount's Creek, and member of the Smyrna church, said, January 29, while attending the showing of the Cuban picture, "We want you to come to our church (Smyrna) and show the picture."

Request is coming from several people. This shows that people are not only showing interest in foreign missions, but that they are aware of the fact that through the eye we can learn more and retain more than we can through any other channel. This picture, "A Letter to Melitino," is informative and inspiring. People who see it are loud in praise, in general. Of course, there are exceptions.

May we say to those who desire to see the picture, just wait patiently, for I am sure that the State Mission Board of North Carolina will send the picture by some one into every section of the State, before the work is closed.

A Pleasant Visit

Recently it has been our happy privilege to have in our home Rev. H. M. and Mrs. McAdams of Texas. These servants of the Lord were not strangers to us at all. About thirty years ago these servants of the Lord helped us in a series of meetings at St. Mary's here in New Bern, and the Lord wonderfully blessed their efforts. Some of the work done at that time is bringing forth much fruit now to the glory of God.

These laborers in the vineyard of the Lord will appear at Ruth's Chapel at 7:30 P. M. on the 9th day of February, where they will conduct services to their own liking. The public is urged to attend.

Our Mission Itinerary

Since the second day of January, 23 churches (at the time of this writing) have been visited by me in behalf of missions. We have had some very cold weather on some occasions and the congregation was small in some places due to the severe cold weather. Other places we have had rain which caused very small atten-

dance. But with all the disadvantages of winter weather it has been a real pleasure to visit the churches, many of which I pastored or either conducted revival meetings, and it is always a happy privilege to get back where we have learned to love dear Christian people. Too, the fellowship with the pastors has been great. These pastors are: Rev. Ralph Osborne, of Pinetown, pastor of Sidney and Trinity churches. Rev. J. W. Alford, pastor of churches in Tyrrell county. Charles W. Brown, of Elizabeth City and pastor of the St. Paul's church there, and E. E. Edwards, pastor of Palmetto Chapel and other churches. Also I had a little time with Brother L. A. and Richard Ambrose of Creswell.

The Cragmont Picture

We have a silent film of the Cragmont Assembly, Inc., which was taken while the Ministers Conference was in session. This film includes three years of the assembly of ministers. It is a real pleasure to see the fellows with whom you have associated, however, there is a vacancy that will appear in future assemblies in that there are three good fellows to associate with when they were on the grounds that will be missing from all future meetings here below: Revs. W. B. Everette, J. P. Woodard, and E. G. Holland. All of these were interested in the Cragmont Assembly. It may be that others who were there during these years will be absent before another meeting. Let us pray that all of those who are in the picture will be on hand next June and

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ADDRESS CHANGED

After February 1, 1951, my address will be:

303 Meade Street
Greenville, North Carolina

Rashie Kennedy

The liquor traffic is always going to clean up. Why doesn't it do it? Because it can't. There are plenty of men in the liquor business who would like to clean up, but the stuff they sell isn't the kind of stuff which will permit it.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

A LEAF IN PIGMY LAND

We were starting out on a Gospel trip through the dense forest, where there are many native paths, so it was necessary to have a guide who knew the way. Securing other natives, we started on our journey.

The Pigmy loves the forest, even more—shall I say?—than we love our towns and cities, and he knows the various paths as clearly as we know our main streets and intersections.

I am sure the boys and girls who read this, and who play "Follow my leader," would feel happy following a Pigmy as he darts around, around one bend, then another; over this log, then that, walking the full length of a fallen tree, though it may be thrown across the chasm or a river, with the agility of a cat. He is as sure-footed as a deer or a mountain goat, while we have to go slowly, our shoes not being a help but a hindrance here, because of the slippery nature of the bridge.

Did I ever fall? you may ask. I have to admit that on two different occasions I did; once while crossing a river on a fallen tree. I made a grab, however, while coming down, thus saving myself the chagrin of splashing into the water. I am sure you would all have laughed if you had seen me in this predicament, as heartily as my family did when I told them about it. Once again I fell. And this time while crossing on another tree over a ravine. The tree was very slippery because of a recent rain, and I had not gone very far when I fell. Fortunately for me there was a large limb on the tree; this I clutched, and managed to scramble back again, and reach the other side in safety.

The Pigmies and I were traveling fast, leaving the other natives far behind. The question naturally arises: How will the others be able to find which way we have gone if there are so many paths? This question brings me to my leaf story.

One of the guides was in front of me, the other immediately behind. I noticed that the Pigmy in front of me, as he passed quickly along, pulled off a leaf here and there, dropping it behind him. I asked him "What do you mean by dropping them behind you?" He answered, "I am showing to those behind that this is the right way."

Oh, how those words from the lips of a poor ignorant Pigmy spoke to my soul! I thought about our carelessness in allowing people, boys and girls as well, to pass on to eternity without giving them any warning as to what is the right way. This Pigmy was doing a service for others, and do-

ing it quietly; but how necessary it was for those behind that he should be faithful. He could easily have put them off the track, thus causing bewilderment to those far behind who were coming along with the baggage.

What a twisted, tangled mass this part of the forest was! To get through to the village ahead was quite an undertaking. We arrived, however, about two hours before the others.

I asked the Pigmy, "Iko kweli babu tayua njila muzuri?" which means, "Is it true they will know the right way?" He answered, "Babu tafika hapa sababu mie alionisa njila ku baba no mayana mie aliangukisa," which means, "They will arrive here, because I have shown them the way by the leaves I dropped." Sure enough, my anxiety for the rest of them was speedily ended as "the gang" began to trudge into our home for the night.

What lessons there are in this for us. Let all of us who love the Lord be true to others by showing them the right way that leads unto life eternal. True, there are other ways, but they lead to destruction, and many there be which travel on them (Matt. 7:13, 14).

It is a fine thing to be a guide, especially in the Lord's service, and every Christian should serve Him. Remember, a true guide knows the way, and God has His guides here and there pointing people to Christ. May I ask you, Who is the Way to God? (John 14:6). Are you one of these guides? Or are you still one of those who need to be shown the way? If so, will you not come to Him who died that He might bring us to God? (I Peter 3:19). Oh, do not delay, but come at once!—The S. S. Visitor.

Can You Feel the "Tug"?

Chester E. Shuler

A boy was busy flying his kite. The wind was strong and it soared upward in a way to delight any lad's heart. Finally it had vanished entirely from sight.

A gentleman came along and noticed the boy hanging onto the strong cord which anchored the kite to earth.

"What are you doing, son?" he asked, smiling.

"Flying my kite," answered the boy proudly.

"Your kite? But I cannot see any kite." "It's up there, sir—way up out of sight!" declared the boy.

"How do you know it's up there?" "I can feel it tug, mister! That's how I know it," was the apt answer.

Shortly afterward, this Christian man met an infidel. A discussion of religion ensued, because the infidel never lost an opportunity to try to undermine some Christian's faith, if possible.

"You believe in a God?" he said, laughing lightly. "Well, I don't see how you know there's a God up there in Heaven."

"I know it by the Spirit, my friend," the Christian replied. Then, remembering the kite incident, he quickly added: "I can feel the tug of Heaven and God. I know they are up there!"

Do we feel the "tug"—today, in the trying place, in the quiet hour, during the severe trial or temptation?

Let us remember the lad and his kite. The Spirit (the string) beareth witness with our spirit—and thus we can feel the tug of God!

WHAT SHALL I RENDER, LORD!

(Based on 16th Psalm)

What shall I render, Lord, to Thee
For all Thy benefits to me?
In the presence of the people now
Unto Thee, Lord, I'll pay my vow.

What shall I render, Lord, I pray?
For Thou hast heard my prayer today.
Return my soul unto Thy rest,
For God has given what is best.

Thou hast delivered my eyes from tears,
Thou will guide my feet through the years.

Gracious and merciful is the Lord,
Yea, how righteous is our God!

What shall I render, Lord, to Thee
For all Thy benefits to me?
The cup of salvation, I'll take it now,
As in Thy courts I pay my vow.

Julia Shackelford Hyers
3319 Verdun Ave.
Norfolk, Va.

MIDWAY F. W. B. CHURCH UNDER CONSTRUCTION

ROANOKE, ALABAMA

This New Church in Need of Help

Through the mercies of God and by his marvelous grace in Christ Jesus, we are going forward, and may his name be praised. On July 5, 1949, Rev. A. J. Lambert began a revival meeting. The Lord leading during the meeting there were many souls revived, and the community as a whole drawn closer to the Lord. They were drawn closer together, for we wanted a church erected in our community. But it had seemed that we just could not get together of what church. We had been praying that God would send someone our way, who might help us to have a church.

We are indeed thankful that the Lord did send to us a helper. After the meet-

ing came to the close, Brother Lambert asked if we would like to set up a Free Will Baptist church here. Well, the majority of the people was in accord, and on July 30, 1949, Brother Lambert returned, bringing with him the following ministers: Reverends R. P. Ritch, Charlie Carlile, and Moyers. They were to help him in setting up our church for the glory of God.

We are progressing very slowly with our building, for it seems sometimes we are going very slowly, but we are trying to build without going in debt. Being few members that makes it seem much slower. But by the help of the Lord we are going forward. We have the church lot bought and paid for. We are building with concrete blocks, and the foundation is already laid. We are now ready to begin laying the blocks. So far everything is paid for, but our building funds are very low.

Due to this fact, Brethren and Sisters in Christ this is my plea to you: If you have an offering or a donation, be it great or small, and will give it for a worthy cause, will you send it to our church clerk. We will certainly appreciate whatever amount you will send to help us build our church for the glory of God. Send your offerings to the following:

Mr. Leroy Dunson
Route 2
Roanoke, Alabama

P. S.—Here is a list of things we need: 11 windows, one single door, one set of double doors, flooring for building 30 ft. by 40 ft., and the roof material for this building.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Mrs. E. W. Knight, Jr.,
Sunday School Secretary and
Treasurer
R. M. Star Route
Roanoke, Alabama

AN OPEN LETTER FROM SIDNEY F. W. B. CHURCH

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We shall be very, very grateful for any interest shown us in our building program. We are a group of poor people, financially speaking, but rich in Spirit, we pray. We are few in number, but we have Jesus in our midst.

We are blest with having a pastor in whom we have implicit confidence. One who is humble and on fire for Jesus. He has a passion for lost souls, and is eager to see the work of the Lord go forward.

He is willing and ever ready to help in any way he can. We count ourselves fortunate, indeed, to have Brother Ralph Osborne to lead, encourage and help us in our building program.

You who read this letter don't pass it off lightly and say, "Just another letter begging for money." We need your help! If you can't give you can pray.

Jesus is coming soon! He only asks of

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Mr. Exum Dail was a faithful member of Bethany Church. For many years he served as Superintendent of the Sunday School, and Elder of the church.

The members of Bethany Church wish to submit these resolutions of respect:

First—Almighty God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we commend to thy special care and keeping of a beloved brother.

Second—That we extend to his family our sincere sympathy, may their hearts be filled with assurance that with Thee nothing is impossible and that all things work together for good to them that love Thee.

Third—That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Edna Craft,
Thelma Avery,
Estelle Dail

ELDER IRVIN W. RUSSELL PASSES

Elder Irvin W. Russell, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Russell, born on July 18, 1869, died on December 26, 1950. He was converted at the age of 18 years old. He attended Beaufort High School, and went to Chapel Hill. He began teaching his first school at Russell's Creek. He taught at other places as Wire Grass, New Port, Salterpath, Harker's Island, Hog Island, Cedar Island, Stacy, Davis Shore, South River. He preached at all of these places where there was a Free Will Baptist Church.

By the request of his relatives, we are running here a copy of Brother Russell's Ordination papers:

"This is to certify that Irvin W. Russell

everyone his best. Have you done what you could for His cause? Are you ready to meet Him when He comes or calls for you?

May God bless each of you is our prayer.

Mrs. Edwin Roper,
Church Treasurer,
Ransomville, N. C.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Father grant us now Thy peace,

has been duly ordained as a regular minister of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and is free to act and administer all the ordinances, and to fill all of the offices of the Church of God, as long as he preaches the true Doctrine of the Bible; and when he fails to discharge his duty, and walks disorderly, these credentials are null and void.

"This done by the presbytery, ordered by the Church at Russell's Creek, Saturday before the third Sunday in April, 1894.

"This given and signed by Elders:

W. H. Slaughter
and

W. H. Springle, Clerk"

Sent in for publication by Reverend W. E. Anderson, Morehead City, N. C.

SAMANTHA MCFATTER OWENS ASLEEP IN JESUS

On October 11, 1950, our loving heavenly Father called from our midst our beloved Sister, Samantha McFatter Owens to her heavenly reward. She was known to a great many of us as "Aunt Mamp" who was born on May 11, 1874, making her stay on earth 76 at her death.

She was one of the charter members of Piney Grove F. W. B. Church, which was organized in 1896. She was an active member for 54 years.

Aunt Mamp was a person who never said much, but through the quiet serene look on her face one could see a real beauty that comes from a dear soul satisfied by having lived in the center of God's will.

Aunt Mamp has left a place that will never be filled in our church. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Mr. S. W. Owens, two sons and two daughters. She was laid to rest beneath an enormous mound of beautiful flowers, showing the esteem in which she was held by her community and her many friends.

Aunt Mamp is not dead. She is just away, and one day we expect to meet her in that land that has no sorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

Etha Mae Owens,
Vera Peel,
Frances Gainey,
Committee

Make Thou the terrors of war to cease,
That all men everywhere may be
Released from bondage and slavery.

Lord forbid that we should trust
In earthly powers to defend us.
Help us each to realize
That in Thy might deliverance lies.

Fill each heart with love we pray,
All hatred and malice take away,
For when the heart with love overflows
Man will be at peace with even his foes.
—Julia H. Hyers.

HOW A GREAT DOCTOR LOOKS AT MODERATE DRINKING

"I do not wish to make out a strong case; I desire to make out a true case. I am speaking solemnly and carefully in the presence of truth, and I tell you I am considerable within the mark when I say to you that, going the rounds of my hospital wards today, seven out of every ten cases there owed their ill-health to alcohol.

"Now what does that mean? That out of every 100 patients which I have charge of at the London Hospital, 70 per cent of them directly owe their ill-health to alcohol, to its abuse. I do not say that 70 per cent were drunkards. I do not know that one of them was a drunkard.

"On the whole it is not the drunkards who suffer so much from alcohol. No, the men to whom I allude are the men who are habitually taking a little too much . . . These are the men who, taking a little more than they require, or can use, looking well, yea, often feeling well, are yet sapped and undermined by this excess.

"Day by day, just as the grass grows, and you cannot see it, day by day this little excess, often a little one, is doing its work. It upsets the stomach, the stomach upsets the other organs, and bit by bit, under the fair and genial and jovial outside, the constitution is being sapped; and suddenly some fine day, this hale, hearty man, whose steps seemed to make the earth resound again and the rafters re-echo with his tread, tumbles down in a fit."—Sir Andrew Clark, M. D., F. R. S., when Senior Physician to the London Hospital.

I Believe in Missions

Because the greatest mission ever known was when God sent His only begotten Son into the world to save it.

Because the world will never be brought to Christ until men bring Christ to the world.

Because Jesus Himself taught us that missions was the only way to make disciples.

Because I am a disobedient lover of Jesus if I do not obey His command when He says, "Go."

Because if salvation means everything to me, I cannot be happy unless I share it with others.

Because a Christian who does not believe in missions always gets narrow and loses his world-vision.

Because the missionary spirit is the greatest hope of the world in its present historical crisis.

"My weight is exactly 176 pounds,"
"When you got weighed you must have had your overcoat on."

"Indeed, I did not. I held it over my arm."

THE CHURCH'S BATTLE CRY—ONWARD!

In his book "Divine Dynamite," Dr. J. E. Conant tells how Napoleon planned his masterly campaign to defeat the Austrian army at Marengo. On the 20th of May, he was on the heights of St. Bernard. On the 14th of June, after working awful havoc among his foes, and having sent General Desaix forward on the right, he advanced to consummate his plan of campaign.

But General Desaix was hindered by the suddenly swelling waters of the river Po, and Napoleon was compelled to stand on the field of battle and see his old guard giving way. Just as the day was lost, Desaix came sweeping across the field at the head of his forces. He had with him a little drummer boy he had picked up on the streets of Paris. As the column halted, Napoleon shouted to the boy, "Beat a retreat. Beat a retreat." But the boy never stirred. Again Napoleon shouted, "Gamin, beat a retreat."

Then the boy stepped forward, and grasping his drumsticks a little tighter, he said, "Sire, I don't know how. Desaix never taught me that. But I can beat a charge that would make the dead fall into line. I beat that charge once at Mount Tabor; I beat it at the Bridge of Lodi, and I beat it at the Battle of the Pyramids. Shall I beat it here, sire?"

Napoleon turned to Desaix, and said, "We are beaten; what shall we do?" Desaix quickly replied, "Have him beat the charge—the charge—the old charge of Lodi and the Pyramids." And, a moment later, following the gleaming sword of Desaix and the furious roll of the boy's drum, Napoleon's forces swept down on the hosts of Austria, drove the first line back upon the second, and the second upon the third, and though many of them died, their line never faltered. And when the smoke of battle cleared away, the boy could still be seen in the front of the line, beating his furious charge.

Men and women of the Church of the Living God, let us arise out of our lethargy and obey the Great Commission of our risen and glorified King, lift the crimson banner of Immanuel above the mists of hatred, despair and unbelief, and press forward, overcoming the passions, prejudices and pride of the God-hating world, overthrowing all false systems of faith and sweeping aside all opposition, until everyone has heard of Him.

"I've always believed in saving money."

"Is that so? How much have you saved?"

"Oh, I've never saved any, but just the same I believe in it."

"The temperance cause is the foundation of all social and political reform."—Richard Cobden.

THE TRIAL OF JESUS

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then. He was the tool of a people he hated and held in contempt. But when treason was mentioned, fear gripped his heart, since he was totally lacking in principle and without one iota of courage to stand for his conviction, if he had any. He fell upon the foolish scheme of saving Jesus by the Barabbas plan. He died some years later at Rome, a suicide, doubtless because of remorse of conscience.

For those who tried, convicted and crucified Jesus, there is one word which is a fitting epitaph for them all—"TEKEL" (Daniel 5:27). They were weighed in the great balances of God and found wanting. They are all dead and roasting in hell, unless they repented, while the banner of King Immanuel, the Christ of God, goes marching on, and will continue to go marching on until time shall be no more.

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that others will join the assembly and that the picture which is a history, within itself, will be enlarged so that future generations can see those who were in the lead during the infant days of Cragmont Assembly, Inc. Come on, young fellows, and let us get acquainted, and lock our arms in the forward march to a complete "going over the top" at Cragmont, where we always get a blessing.

We are asking the churches to urge their pastors, and to help to pay the expenses of the week while in the Ministers Conference. Brother preachers, make a special effort to go if Jesus does not come before June, 1951. If the Lord should come we can go to a larger Assembly—An Assembly above the stars.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

This is to advise that our new address is now 2805 Waverly Way, Norfolk, Va. (4).

Rev. W. A. Hales

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With doubt and dismay you are smitten,
You think there's no chance for you, son?
Why, the best books haven't been written,
The best race hasn't been run,
The best score hasn't been made yet,
The best song hasn't been sung,
The best tune hasn't been played yet;
Cheer up, for the world is young!

No chance? Why the world is just eager
For things that you ought to create;
Its store of true wealth is still meagre,
Its needs are incessant and great;
It yearns for more power and beauty,
More laughter and love and romance,
More loyalty, labor and duty,
No chance—why there's nothing but chance!

For the best verse hasn't been rhymed yet,
The best house hasn't been planned,
The highest peak hasn't been climbed yet,
The mightiest rivers aren't spanned;
Don't worry and fret, faint-hearted,
The chances have just begun,
For the best jobs haven't been started,
The best work hasn't been done.

—Berton Braley

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LUKEWARMNESS

Frederick Fabor
From "Message of the Open Bible"

Lukewarmness is nothing more than a clogging up of the avenues of the soul with sins of omission, so that the cool and salutary inundation of grace are hindered.

The symptoms of lukewarmness are: a great facility in omitting our exercises of piety, negligence in those we do perform; a feeling that we are not altogether right with God, joined with an unwillingness to vigorously face the inquiry as to just what is wrong and to buckle to the triple task of discovery, punishment and reformation; carelessness about forming habits of virtue; contempt of little things and of daily opportunities; thinking rather of the good we have done than of the good we have left undone; resting on the past rather than striving for the future; loving to look at people below us rather than at people above us.

Why does God hate lukewarmness so? Because it is a quiet intentional appreciation of other things over God. It cheapens God and parts with Him secondhand. It pretends friendship; hence it involves the twofold guilt of treachery and hypocrisy.

It thus has a peculiar ability to wound God's glory by the scandal it gives. It has God's honor in its power and treats it shamefully and cruelly. It profanes grace by the indifference with which it misuses it.

Cause for Blushes

The Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church has a letter from an excellent lady, of prominence in her state, who says:

"One young man in church the other evening remarked that he was going once again to the wars, but he hopes sincerely he won't have to do again what he did in the last war: fly to London to get liquor for his officers. A young lady spoke up, 'My brother had to do the same thing.'"

Another letter tells of a young man who tried to buy a Coca Cola at a bar operated by the Army in Germany and was told that they could not sell it to him if he wanted nothing with it; it had to be saved to be mixed with whiskey as needed.



REVIVAL RESTRAINTS



"They . . . limited the Holy One of Israel."—Psalm 78:41.

It is a painful thing to see even a bird or beast, made for freedom and longing after it, caged or chained and kept in captivity. Yet more, is it distressing to see a man of noble aspiration, of lofty capacity, of patriotic spirit, and intent on doing good, confined or imprisoned by petty prejudices, mean jealousies, base motives of vile conduct, on the part of those around him. But how often such a sight has been seen. What a barrier in the way of blessings do such limitations set up! If this is bad, what must it be to limit God? How sad and deplorable that must be.

Yet, that is exactly what Israel did, according to the text. The event to which it refers is connected with the history of Israel as recorded in the Book of Numbers. Israel was poised on the border of the Promised land, and spies were sent out to explore the land. When they returned the majority brought an evil report of a good land, representing the inhabitants as giants. The people became panicky and turned their backs. Thus: "They . . . limited the Holy One of Israel." God had for them a land flowing with milk and honey. But they limited His attempt to lead them into it.

It is the Lord's purpose, plan, pleasure and promise to lead His people on and up, to a higher spiritual altitude. And this is accomplished primarily by spiritual revivals. The history of God's dealing with people dis-

By Rev. Clinton Lupton
Bayboro, N. C.

closes this fact. Note: The great Jewish revival during the reign of king Hezekiah, at which time: "The burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings and the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the house of the Lord was set in order, and Hezekiah rejoiced and all the people, that God had prepared the people" (II Chron. 29:35, 36).

Again under the leadership of the prophet Ezra a revival was experienced. "Make confession unto the Lord God of your fathers, and do His pleasure and separate yourselves from the people of the lands, and from the strange wives. Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice. As thou hast said so must we do" (Ezra 10:11, 12). With the ministry of John the Baptist came a great revival. "Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region round about Jordan confessing their sins" (Matt. 3:5, 6).

At Capernaum with Jesus Christ preaching. "Straightway many were gathered together in so much there was no room to receive them. No, not so much as about the door and He preached the word to them" (Mk. 2:2).

Also at Pentecost, people heard Peter and cried out, Men and brethren what shall we do? and being instructed there were three thousand

added to God's people (Acts 2:37-41). Likewise under the ministry of Philip, "Who went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ unto them, and the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake and there was great joy in the city" (Acts 8:5-8).

And since those marvelous days whenever anyone had been manifestly sent from God, and has born witness to the truth of God, there has resulted a revival. Luther in his day. Wesley and Whitefield in their day. Moody and Sunday of yesteryear. And some even in our own present day.

Many read these accounts with sorrow in their hearts, because it has been so long since a genuine spiritual revival has been experienced in their church, if there ever was one. Though time and time again formal attempts have been made to have a real revival. Why can't you have a revival? Why can't any church have that great spiritual awakening? Why didn't Israel enter into Canaan? "They . . . limited the Holy One of Israel." Is it possible that God has been limited in your revival attempts? Yes, indeed, there is every probability that restraints have prohibited you and your church from enjoying the powerful revival that God would like to lead you into. Please do not miss the next installment of this article in The Free Will Baptist Magazine.

(To be Continued)

Explanation and Apology

Just as we were getting ready to go to press with *Youth's Banner* for February, word came that the national meetings, including the Nationwide Free Will Baptist League Conference, would meet in Florence, South Carolina. Hurriedly an article was prepared and inserted in the *Banner* about the meetings, taking the place of another article scheduled for the space. Also hurriedly our

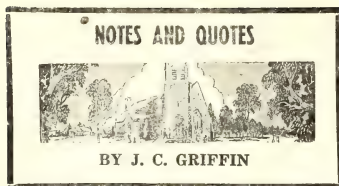
files were searched for a picture that might be used, and we came across a cut labeled "East Florence Church." Instead of checking closely as we should have, we depended too much upon our own thought that the picture was of a church in "Florence, South Carolina."

Rev. Paul Kettelman very kindly calls our attention to the fact that we used a picture of a Free Will Baptist Church in "Florence, Alabama," for "Florence, South Carolina." We

apologize to all concerned. The church was a very attractive church, and the people of Florence, Alabama, are to be congratulated upon it.

L. E. Ballard,
Editor, *Youth's Banner*

"I verily believe that if strong drink could be wiped out of the earth tonight, humanity would wake in the morning with more than half its sins and sorrows gone."
—Hall Caine.



As I start to write in comes the news, telling of the railroad strike, and the war development yonder in Korea, and the tornadoes and blizzards and the threat of war in Europe. Embargo going on vital materials for war and all-out production. More strikes right in this important hour when everything is needed to win the war. Along with this comes the news of higher taxes. The wicked are certainly in the saddle, and are riding to their own advantage. Millions of men don't care a thing about the welfare of others, so they get the desire of their own selfish hearts. Millions of people in the world would sink the other fellow to Hell to get more pay for less work. The communists are back of all this trouble. Certainly the apostle Paul knew what was coming when he said, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves" (2 Tim. 3:1, 2).

The perilous times are here. "They cry peace, when there is no peace." Ungodly, selfish, Christ-rejecting, liquor drinking, gambling men and women will never bring peace to the earth.

Yes, the perilous times are paralyzing the railroads, with the prospect of 200 thousand steel workers, to be idle, and when steel is needed so much. But what do they care if they get what they want? Let others suffer, if I can get what I want. Let others drown, so I float. This seems to be the attitude of a great many people of the world.

God Is Blessing

In spite of the rainy, cold weather and the measles, flu, and chicken-pox, cold and other hindrances we are still presenting the picture of Cuba "A letter to Melitino," together with the Cragmont (A North Carolina project) and "The Door to Hea-

ven" with success. While offerings are small on such nights due to the conditions mentioned above, the spirit of cooperation is taking hold of many, as information brings inspiration.

When we showed the picture at Ruth's Chapel two boys and four girls went to the altar and knelt, giving their lives as a "Living sacrifice" to go anywhere the Holy Spirit leads, to do service for our Christ. And at Bridgeton, a lady went to the altar for "rededication and her husband followed, confessing the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. He asked for baptism. Yes, God is blessing. God does wonderful preaching through the projector when men are ready to accept that which God offers. A lady said, "After seeing the pictures I wonder how any one can refuse to be a real Christian?"

"Preach the Word"

A young pastor, who had followed a very successful former pastor of a certain church, wanted to out-do his predecessor, so he began to put on suppers and programs to catch the young people and get more money into the treasury. He used many schemes to make money for his church program, even to the extent of gambling devices. But in spite of his many programs and schemes, the congregation began to dwindle and finally it became very low; so he wrote to the old pastor and told him of his many programs and how that his congregation was going away. He asked, "What can I do?" Then the old pastor wrote back and said, "Son, if all your plans have failed, why not preach the Word? (Read II Tim. 4:1, 2.)

Why Was Trophimus Left?

It has been a question in my mind why Paul should leave Trophimus sick. Here is the word as Paul gave it. "Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick." (2 Tim. 4:20).

Paul who could shake serpents off from his hand and not be hurt, Paul who could say, "I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour" (See Acts 16:18). The apostle Paul could sing and pray in jail,

and he was the one whom God would answer by sending an earthquake, (See Acts 16:25-34.)

"And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the disease departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them" (Acts 19:11, 12). Yes, I have wondered why Paul left Trophimus at Miletum.

I prayed for a sick lady one day in the presence of a preacher who thought that he had the power to heal. In my prayer I asked the Lord to heal her if it could be his will. This preacher said later to me, "You should not pray if it be God's will to heal, for it is not God's will for one of His children to be sick." This man condemned doctors and hospitals in no uncertain terms. But he was taken sick and died in a hospital with doctors and nurses doing all that they could for him. Yet he preached to me that it was not the will of God that one of His children should be sick. If his doctrine was true, then he was out of the will of God, and perhaps he was not a child of God. But I believe that he was a child of God, and that he really loved God, and, when he died, that he went to be with his Lord. But here is the truth: It is not God's will to heal every one. I know that God can take us to heaven without our getting sick. He took Enoch and Elijah without sickness, so far as we know. But some of the greatest Christians of all ages have been great sufferers. Here is the trouble with many of us. We get fanatical. We run ahead of God. I have seen people act like two puppies with an old stocking in their mouth, one pulling for life and the other just the opposite. There are people who go fanatical about Divine healing and will drive hundreds of miles to get into a "Healing service." They will not go five blocks to get in a service where an old-fashioned sermon on "How to Be Healed of Sin" is delivered. I have known sinners to be healed, after promising God to live for Christ if they were healed, but after the healing of the

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Friends of

Cragmont!

My purpose in writing this article is to appeal to the friends of Cragmont Assembly, in the mountains of North Carolina—the old friends, and the new friends, and the friends who may be made friends!

I am sure Cragmont has a lot of friends. Perhaps the ones who pray most earnestly for the assembly are the ones who are not out in the front in the lead, and who think that they can do little more than pray. They are the women, some of whom

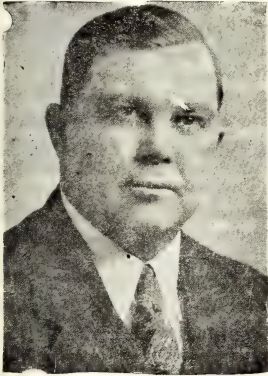


Rev. R. B. Spencer

first statewide movement for an assembly ground, and has hollered for it ever since! Also there is Rev. R. P. Harris, who has conducted more of the youth camps and institutes at Cragmont than any other one person, and has tirelessly worked.

Time fails us to tell of—O, well, so many others that we dare not start to naming names. Their pictures may not be on this page, but their pictures are in our hearts, and in the heart of God.

These are your friends, too. They want you to have Cragmont for the years to come, the years when they and many of the rest of us have gone on to the great assembly in heaven. They join me in asking you to give to Cragmont during the remaining days of this fast-flying month of February. The first Sunday many were "frozen out." Now let us "thaw out," and be sure and get that special offering in



Rev. James A. Evans

have reached the "stay at home" age, who thrive on delightful memories of precious fellowship with other women at Cragmont. They are the girls and boys who got a bit of inspiration and uplift during the few days they spent at Cragmont, during one or more of the short but wonderful years of her history. They are the folks who have always wanted to go, but never could quite make it, but who still hope and pray.

Presented on this page are the pictures of four who have been great friends of Cragmont from the very beginning. There is Rev. R. B. Spencer, chairman of the first Board of Directors and first president of the corporation, who tirelessly labored with others in securing the property, and in setting up the first staff of workers who conducted the first assemblies. There is Rev. James A. Evans, who is the present president of the corporation and chairman of the Board of Directors. His labors are well known to North Carolinians. We remember how he led the first drive for the \$10,000.00 we just had to have in a short time. We remember also how he has labored since he became our president. Then there is Raymond Sasser, who directed the

from every Sunday School, every Free Will Baptist League, every Woman's Auxiliary, every church in North Carolina. Send it to Mr. Fountain Taylor, treasurer, Richlands, North Carolina.

Please, Friends, don't disappoint your Great Friend God, your friends who are the friends of Cragmont, and your friend of the future—Cragmont.

Gertrude Ballard,
Campaign Manager



Rev. R. P. Harris

Because of Thy Great Bounty

Grace Noll Crowell

Because I have been given much,

I, too, shall give;

Because of Thy great bounty, Lord,

Each day I live

I shall divide my gifts from Thee

With every brother that I see

Who has the need of help from me.

Because I have been sheltered, fed,

By Thy good care,

I cannot see another's lack

And I not share

My glowing fire, my loaf of bread,

My roof's shelter overhead,

That he, too, may be comforted.

Because love has been lavished so

Upon me, Lord,

A wealth I know that was not meant

For me to hoard

I shall give love to those in need,

The cold and hungry clothe and feed,

Thus shall I show my thanks indeed.

—Selected



Raymond T. Sasser

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

801 Pollock Street
New Bern, N. C.

Study Course Conducted

On Saturday, January 27th, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, the State Field worker, conducted a study course of the "Manual of Women's Auxiliary Methods" at Hull Road church, Greene County. There were about 50 ladies present, representing 8 auxiliaries.

A devotional period was conducted by Rev. Griffin.

Her lecture throughout the day was inspirational and beneficial. The duties of each officer were fully explained and additional suggestions were offered. We were urged to study the manual before electing officers and then select according to talent. Every officer should be a tither.

Mrs. Griffin urged the presidents to feel a deep responsibility toward all their duties. Start the meetings on time, keep things moving and stop on time is very important.

She pointed out that all the Vice-Presidents help "feed" the new members after the 1st Vice-President brings them in. The absentees should be spoken to kindly of their absence and told where the next meeting will be.

The chief aim of the 2nd Vice-President is to promote the Christian activities of our youth in the church. She should see that at least one Anna Phillips Loan Fund chart is filled each year, thus enabling Christian boys and girls to borrow money to further their education. The Youth Assembly at Cragmont and Vacation Bible School should be something for the youth to look forward to each year. A good church library would do much toward raising the reading standards of our youth.

It becomes the duty of the 3rd Vice-President to have charge of all study courses in the auxiliary.

As chairman of the programs the 4th Vice-President also should stress the need of having a "Week of Prayer" preceding Easter and Thanksgiving. All departments of the local and National work should prayerfully be on the hearts and minds of the members.

The duties of the 5th Vice-President are to uphold the Orphanage work by regular donations and social programs.

Helpful suggestions were given the 6th Vice-President in promoting personal service which were: send cards to superannuated ministers and inclose a gift of money on their birthdays, also holidays; to send donations to the superannuation chairman; offer assistance to bereaved families; be sure there is a Bible in every home; distribute tracts.

A notice of all meetings should be sent out by the secretary. Her minutes should be so accurately and interestingly written that absentees of previous meetings will feel that they missed a blessing.

The treasurer should possess much business ability so that she can keep all figures and records correct and make disbursements through proper channels monthly.

We feel that every one present was greatly benefitted by this study course. The motto: "Laborers Together with God," gave us a new meaning and we believe every one went home enlightened, encouraged and determined to follow more closely in the steps of the Master.

Mrs. Carl Barrow,
Secy., Hull Road Auxiliary,
Snow Hill, N. C.

MRS. GRIFFIN HOLDS STUDY COURSE AT WHITE OAK CHURCH

Theme: "The Manual of Methods"

We were very happy and fortunate in having at our church on January 25, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, field district worker, and Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Editor of the Woman's Auxiliary Department of the Free Will Baptist paper.

"Jesus Calls Us," was the opening hymn. Mrs. Griffin conducted the devotional. The seventh chapter of Luke, 36 through 50th verses were the scripture chosen. Mrs. J. R. Davidson offered prayer. Mrs. Griffin gave a very inspiring talk on these verses of scripture, and following which "Have Thine Own Way," was sung.

Mrs. Lupton talked on the qualifications and duties of the president. Mrs. Griffin proceeded to explain the duties of the officers and Vice-Presidents of the auxiliary. At this time we were dismissed for lunch. Lunch was spread in the Sunday school rooms. It was enjoyed by all present. After the lunch hour, we assembled again in the church.

"Send the Light" was sung by all. Mrs. Davidson conducted the devotional. She chose the 23rd Psalm for the scripture.

Mrs. Griffin then proceeded with duties of the officers and vice-presidents with the assistance of Mrs. Lupton.

Mrs. Lupton talked on the first "Ladies Aid," as it was then called, and the difficulties she had in getting it organized, and the progress that has been made since that time.

Mrs. Lupton spoke briefly on how she

organized the leagues from 12 years old and up.

The president of the local auxiliary made a short talk recognizing the visiting churches, which included Daly's Chapel, Indian Springs, LaGrange and the local church. Mrs. Seth Dawson pronounced the benediction.

Everyone enjoyed the study course and went away with much interest to make their auxiliary better.

We thank the Lord for such a fine meeting. May we be "Laborers Together with God."

Fourth Vice-President,
Mrs. Ben Herring

Program

CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT WOMAN'S
AUXILIARY CONVENTION TO
CONVENE WITH THE BRIGHT
LIGHT CHURCH, MARCH 13,
1951

Program Theme: "Workers Together with Him . . ." " . . . that His way may be known upon the earth" (2 Cor. 6:1; Psalm 67:2).

- 10:00—Convention Hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee," No. 310—To be sung prayerfully
- Prayer, for the power and presence of the Holy Spirit during today's convention
- Reading of the Scripture responsively, No. 323
- Hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be," No. 172
- 10:10—Welcome, Mrs. N. C. Cole
- Response, Mrs. W. F. McDuffie
- 10:15—President's Message, Mrs. H. Ray Berry
- 10:25—Roll call and reading of minutes
- Appointment of committees
- 10:35—Pleylet, "Mrs. Prospect Receives Visitors," directed by First Vice-President, Mrs. Gaston Clary
- 10:50—"Workers together with Him through Our Youth"—Second Vice-President, Mrs. Ruby Maxwell.
- 11:00—Report of Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ray Trant
- 11:10—Recess
- 11:20—Special music
- 11:25—Sermon, the Reverend R. B. Crawford

LUNCH

- 1:15—Devotional, Mrs. Edith Wade
- 1:30—A Mission study demonstration, "Bifocals Needed," directed by Third Vice-President, Mrs. Walter Lawless
- 1:45—"Working Together with Him in Building Better Programs," Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook
- 1:55—"Working together with Him thru

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: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

ALL OUT FOR CHRIST

There is no time for slackening zeal for the cause of Christ in the world. Christian soldiers must continue the fight against Satan and the forces of evil wherever they find them opposing Christ and His cause.

Every church unit, urban and rural, must stand resolutely for right principles, and combat sin on every hand. Every minister, all officers and lay workers of each local church need to stand, in the midst of the evil about them, for truth, justice, honor, purity, and everything that go to make a church strong for the Lord and His great cause among the children of men. There is no half-way ground. There is no compromising with the evils of the world. There is no half-way mark. It is for Christ, or against our Lord and His Church.

No minister of the gospel can afford to sanction those things that are causing so much crime in this land. No Christian leader can afford to take sides with people who say it is all right to indulge in strong drink, to corrupt the Sabbath, to cheat and rob others of their rights and privileges, or to do anything that will corrupt society and wreck the nation.

The Christian forces of the land should arise, and take their stand as a mighty host against war, modernistic teachings contrary to the Gospel of Christ, and against communism and all of its forces of evil. All true followers of Christ need to go all out for the Gospel, and wage such a movement in the world for truth, peace and salvation that will cause the forces of evil to feel the impact of their strength, and then yield to the way of life

that leads to righteousness, brotherly love and human kindness.

LEADERS OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Quite a number of the leaders of the Woman's Auxiliary department of the work of the denomination have been complimenting the editor for the editorial note which he write in a previous issue of the Baptist paper, asking that the usual monthly auxiliary reports of the local auxiliaries be dropped from publication, unless they contain interesting and worthwhile matters of progress shown by such local auxiliaries. These women think that the Auxiliary Department of the Baptist paper should be used for more interesting and noteworthy achievements of the auxiliaries of the churches over the country.

In order to be fair to everyone, we solicit the best messages, reports, programs and news articles, and the like from the field. Constructive messages, and interesting news of what the auxiliaries are achieving in their field of work for the cause of Christ will be of more value to those who read the Baptist paper than so many brief items of monthly auxiliary reports of routine matters.

Moreover, for this new year, we are expecting the leaders among the various auxiliary works to keep the Auxiliary Department of the Baptist paper filled each week with things of interest and great concern for the church people to read. Keep the manuscripts coming to us.

Program

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Personal Service," Fifth Vice-President, Mrs. Lenora Loving

2:05—Hymn "Make Me a Blessing," No. 173

2:10—Treasurer's Report, Mrs. J. L. Vance

2:15—Report of Field Worker, Mrs. H. M. McAdams

2:25—Business

—Report of committees

—Miscellaneous business

—Benediction, "If at this closing moment we feel the slightest degree closer to Thee,

If we leave here with a joy in our hearts and a keener sense of Thy goodness to us,

a new determination to give of our best to our work,

Then we have not met in vain.

Dismiss us with Thy Blessing and direct our ways until we gather together again to learn more of Thee;

In Jesus Name we pray: Amen.

Mrs.—Am I as dear to you now as I was before we were married?

Mr.—I can't actually say. I wasn't keeping account of my expenses then.

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ENDURING PERILS FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST

"In perils oft" might make a suitable title for a missionary article, the contents of which could be introduced with the following excerpt from Mrs. Dan Cronk's letter just received:

"On Monday morning about one o'clock John came over for me to go and see about Sundri. Their nice, big baby girl was born at 4:15 A. M. and about five o'clock (still dark) I started back home. I was just near the gate when something hit me. Next thing I knew I was down on the ground fighting some animal. He had his teeth buried into my leg. I was screaming like mad, but John, the nurse, the rickshaw driver and the pundit were all too scared to help me get away from it. Finally I got his teeth out of my leg but he caught my hand and I nearly lost the end of one finger. The animal got away and in the dark I was never able to tell what it was. All evidence seems like a jackal. Anyway, here I am (in Patna) taking the Pasteur treatment. I've had only one shot so far and it wasn't too bad—my stomach is a bit sore. I suppose the dose increases daily. I have to take a shot a day for 14 days, so I'll be home again in less than twenty days if no ill effects come. I'm feeling fine now but they say I'll be sick after the first few shots. The worst thing is the shots with those big needles in your stomach."

That is the beginning of the letter, and then apparently Mrs. Cronk became unable to finish it for several days, for in the closing paragraphs she tells of further progress of the treatments, but says that at that writing she is hopeful of normal recovery.

These little animals, as numerous as monkeys in India, are a great pest

and it is a great wonder our punera missionaries have not been harmed by them before. They carry off our chickens, cats, dogs and other small living creatures. The bard wrote: "The jackals wail in a distant tope—they wail and wail like a soul's lost hope!" A part of the missionary's initiation is to learn to go to sleep to their wails. We can tolerate all else, but we don't like it when they actually attack our missionaries! There is a theory (whether true or not, I cannot say for I am not an authority) that jackals never prowl around unless they are mad, and that they do not ordinarily attack human beings when they are in their pack. I do know that it is the habit of jackals to move about in packs, and there is always something wrong when there is a 'lone jackal.' So it is the more necessary to take the treatment which Mrs. Cronk is taking. This note is published, not just to be sensational, but to ask special prayer for our missionary at this time. Also to suggest the appropriateness of continual prayer for the safety of our missionaries on all fields, from dangers seen and unseen.

Another kind of "peril" is the peril of persecution for righteousness' sake, and one of our fine Christian young men is facing the need of prayer for his spiritual safety in trials. I have written recently to you of Rajamanickam, the young man for whom prayer was answered and who had undertaken the responsibility of Kamala Kanaka's class of small boys. This lad has been working in an office in our town and has taken a stand against bribery and corruption and for truth and righteousness. A letter just now received says that he is getting into trouble for his stand. We are so grateful for the harvest God has given us of young men who are standing true to Christ, and so we earnestly ask your prayers for this one and others in similar dif-

ficulties. Rajamanickam is now desiring to return to school for teachers training. We are planning to baptize him, but if he is baptised he cannot receive the scholarship which is offered to him as a non-Christian. He, himself, will make the decision whether to postpone his baptism and open declaration of his faith, or to come right out and turn his back upon this opportunity to complete his education. India does not offer the opportunities of free education that we have known in America, and so this proposition is a much bigger one to a young man than to us here. Please pray that these testing experiences will be used of the Lord to his strengthening and that when he is tried he shall come forth as pure gold. (Job 23:10).

Laura B. Barnard

Are You MISSIONARY-MINDED?

On January 3, 1951, Rev. J. C. Griffin came to Free Union church, Beaufort County, and showed the mission picture, "A Letter to Melitino." To me it was the most inspiring missionary message I ever saw. When we see pictures of actual things, it drives home the message more vividly, than when some one tells us of them. In this picture you are given a message by Rev. Ramon Riggs and with the picture you see the message as well as hear it.

If you are not missionary minded, and this picture doesn't make you so, you should take an inventory of your Christian life and see what is wrong, because Christ didn't just die for you and me. He died for the world, for we are told this in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

If you are a born again child of God, you should believe in the command of the Lord Jesus when he said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

I feel that if we had been properly instructed in Missions in the past our missionary efforts would not suffer

now for lack of support. Therefore, if we are properly instructed we will be better stewards.

In His Service,
Alice Webster
Pinetown, N. C.

FACTORS INVOLVED IN TOTAL SUPPORT OF A FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSIONARY

(Reprinted from a pamphlet)

For the guidance of our missionaries and for the enlightenment of churches interested in assuming the full support or partial support of one of our missionaries, we present in this article an explanation of the factors involved in the cost of supporting our missionaries on the various foreign fields.

It should be said at the outset that this article is not expected to constitute the final word on these matters. Our missionary program is comparatively new, and some of our policies are still in the process of formation. Furthermore, changing and unstable conditions in the world will make revision necessary from time to time. This information on supporting a missionary, however, will give you an idea of some of the items involved.

To simplify the matter, the cost of supporting a missionary is divided into two categories: (1) Annual Support, and (2) Outgoing Expense.

1. Annual Support

The following are the items that must be considered in computing the amount for the Annual Support. Each item will be more fully explained in the subsequent pages.

1. Salary (basic field) including supplemental allowances for some things extra.
2. Transportation
3. Medical expense
4. Field expense. This figure to include the following items:
 - a. Building repairs, rents, etc.
 - b. Language study on the field.
 - c. Evangelistic work (as done by our missionaries, not including native workers).
5. Reserve for furlough year.
6. Children's support, which is determined by the age and the particular field to which the missionary is going.

Since these items vary, the Annual Support will vary in accordance with each field. Costs on some fields are higher than on others, therefore each missionary in view of the prices on his or her respective field will be able to justify the figures which must be presented to the supporting constituency.

II. Outgoing Expense

The outgoing expense involves the following items:

1. Initial passage to the field.
2. Outfit allowance.
3. Shipping of outfit to the field.
4. Language study before proceeding to the field if such is involved.
5. Deputation and publicity.

Each of these items will be more fully explained in the following paragraphs.

1. Annual Support

Let us now consider more fully the items involved in Annual Support. The supplying of items which recur year after year make it possible for the missionary to continue his service on the foreign field.

1. Salary:

According to the policy adopted by the National Foreign Missions Board the basic salary of each missionary, excepting the Field Directors, is \$900.00 per year. This applies to married couples and single missionaries alike, hence in the case of a married couple the two receive \$1,800.00. The exception as mentioned above allows the Director on the foreign field \$180.00 per year additional salary, or \$1,080.00 annually. This basic salary applies to all fields.

2. Transportation to Field:

Transportation is one of the larger items in the over-all cost of supporting a missionary, and it is one that is not easy determined under present travel conditions. Travel conditions are continually disturbed by the threats and outbreak of war, and therefore renders it difficult to give accurate information on this item. Sometimes it becomes necessary to use air transportation, which of course is some higher than ocean travel. To give you some idea of what it has cost to send missionaries to their fields, we submit the following information regarding fares:

India—By sea, \$700.00; by air, \$900.00; single fare.

Cuba—By sea, \$16.00; by air, \$23.00; single fare. (Air passage is more commonly used to Cuba because of it being but a short distance from Miami, Florida to Havana.)

Africa—By sea, \$600.00; single fare. (To southern part.)

Japan—By sea, \$650.00; single fare.

These figures are given as approximate estimates, but should not vary too much. Note: Free Will Baptists have no work in either Africa or Japan, but I mention these two countries because of the great opportunities that, at present, are ours to enter these fields.

In addition to the overseas transportation, there is the railroad transportation from the missionary's home to the port of embarkation which, sometimes, involves a trip from one end of the United States to the other, and the trip from the port of entry to the actual field. This part of the journey often costs as much as the overseas passage.

In estimating the annual cost of supporting a missionary, the cost of a round trip from the field to the missionary's home and back to the field must be taken into account (the initial passage to the field will be provided for in the Outgoing Expense).

On the above information the following figure has been adopted as an estimate for a round trip.

India—By sea, \$1,650.00.

Cuba—By Air, \$125.00.

Africa—By sea, \$1,375.00.

Japan—By sea, \$1,475.00.

To compute the annual amount divide this figure by the term of service. For example, India has a five year term for single missionaries and a seven year term for married couples. The figure given for the round trip to and from India divided by the number 5 or 7 as the case may be will give the annual amount needed to meet this transportation expense.

3. Medical Expense:

There has as yet been little provision made for the care of our missionaries in times of sickness. The plan and intention is to make more adequate provision along this line in the not far distant future. There is, however, a \$2.00 per month allowance for each of our missionaries in Cuba which allowance covers their dues in an organization which gives them hospitalization. There has been some negotiation between the Board and the India Director concerning an allowance for medical purpose, and something will soon be worked out along this line. In totalling the cost of a F. W. B. missionary there must be something allowed for medical purposes, as there must and will be more provision made for this in the near future. We ask our missionaries to labor for us in lands and under circumstances where their health is endangered from the day they make their first entrance into the foreign field, therefore, it is not only unfair, but wholly unchristian as well to expect them to live and labor without special provision being made for their medical care.

4. Field Expense:

Various things are to be considered under this item. Living quarters is an important matter. Concerning a place to live the missionary is compelled to do one of three things; they must build a house, buy a house or rent a house. Either one sometimes runs into considerable expense. Then there is the matter of language study which often enters into the work and program of the missionary after he enters the field. In most cases it is considered very difficult to obtain the language until after the missionary arrives on the field. Another item which must be considered under the heading of field expense is the matter of evangelistic work of the missionary. This is one of the most important phases of all missionary activity, and a work which must be done, but it sometimes runs into quite a bit of expense as it costs for the mission-

ary to travel about over the field. Then too, there is more or less miscellaneous field expense because of unforeseen matters which must be given consideration from time to time.

It is difficult to give an approximate figure for the annual coverage of field expense for one missionary, as the cost of these things differ in different countries, and also one's place of living and plan of work may differ from that of another missionary. However, I think a safe and yet reasonable figure to give here as an approximate estimate of the annual field expense of one missionary would be \$600.00.

5. Reserve for Furlough Year:

It should also be borne in mind that even so often a missionary returns to the United States for a year furlough, and during this year at home should receive a higher salary than while they are on the field. Until now we have never made any difference in the salary received either on the field or at home, but I would like to admonish any church or organization taking the support of any one missionary to give consideration to an increase in salary while the missionary is on the home field on furlough. They are usually compelled to dress differently while in the States, and usually expenses are higher from many angles. Therefore it is necessary that they receive at least a few dollars more per month while at home.

6. Children's Support:

This must be determined of course by the age of the child and in consideration of the field to which the missionary is going. Free Will Baptists until now have never had the care of any missionary children except Tommy and Barbara Willey. We have always made an allowance for them. Since they became old enough to enter school their allowance has been \$360.00 each annually. It is always considered the responsibility of any foreign mission board to see that the missionary's children are cared for and educated. So in the consideration of the support of a missionary or a missionary couple it must be remembered that if they have children provisions must be made for them along with the missionary. Concerning the matter of the children's travel to the field it might be well to state here that a child 3 to 9 years of age requires only half fare in ocean travel and full fare above that age.

II Outgoing Expense

Let us now take up the items involved in getting the missionary equipped and ready for service on the field. We will call this "Outgoing Expense." Following are the items involved.

1. Passage:

This must include the actual initial amount that will be needed to transport the missionary from his home to the station. The actual amount will depend on the field to which he is going and the amount of expense involved in transportation in this country to get the missionary to the port of

embarkation. This may be estimated at approximately \$800.00 for a single missionary, and \$1,600.00 for a couple. Where children are involved they will also need to be taken into consideration in computing this amount.

2. Outfit Allowances:

The Board recognizes that in sending a missionary to a foreign field the purchase of certain special equipment is necessary. Missionary outfits vary according to individual tastes and preferences, and the particular needs of the field and the availability of the various equipment items on the field.

It should always be borne in mind that the outfit allowance is for the purchase of equipment necessitated by the missionary's going to the foreign field and is not intended to cover the purchase of the usual items of clothing or food; it is assumed that the salary is adequate for these needs.

It is difficult to give an estimate as to the overall figure to cover the outfit allowance, as some missionaries require more than others and the going to certain fields necessitates more equipment than that for some other fields. However, at the least it will run into perhaps several hundred dollars. I would say from 4 to 5 hundred dollars. Of course in the case of married couples it is apt to require more. Whatever the amount of equipment desired, the missionary will be expected to raise it together with sufficient funds to cover the cost of shipping it to the field. If the missionary receives most of his equipment as gifts he will not be required to raise the amount, but will be required to see that funds are in hand to take care of the shipping expense.

3. Shipping Outfit to the Field:

It will no doubt be surprising to learn that the shipping of a missionary's freight from his home to his field often costs as much as the missionary's passage for himself.

The problem of freight involves the following items which when added together may incur quite an expense. It is liable to run into hundreds of dollars, and the more of course for married couples with more equipment. Following are some of the items involved in this expense:

- a. Packing (which for some items cannot be done by the missionary).
- b. Hauling by truck to the freight depot.
- c. Overland railroad freight or express charges, (sometimes involving a distance from one end of the United States to the other).
- d. Charges for various services on the part of the shipping agent.
- e. Overseas freight charges.
- f. Insurance.
- g. Payment of duty at port of entry.
- h. Overland transportation from this port to the mission station.

4. Language Study:

The amount involved in this item is to cover the cost of language study in the United States before proceeding to the field. Language study after the missionary arrives on the field is provided for in an item listed as Field Expense in the schedule of Annual Support.

It is the Board's policy that as far as possible appointees avail themselves of the special linguistic studies.

5. Deputation and Publicity:

It is usually necessary for a new missionary appointee to spend several months, or as much as a year, doing deputation work on the home field before going out as a missionary to a foreign country. During this period the missionary appointee will work in the interest of raising his support, accumulates his equipment, acquaints himself with and endears himself to our people over the field and engages in preliminary language study.

Since our treasury never has funds sufficient to support a new appointee during this period, but usually has to provide for a percent of his offerings taken in deputation work to cover his expense during this period, it is therefore urged that where a church is interested in taking his support as a missionary that they begin paying him a home salary as soon after his appointment as possible.

MISSION ITINERARY

By J. C. GRIFFIN

February 24—Pleasant Hill, Pitt Co.
February 26—Ayden F. W. B. Church
February 27—Reedy Branch, Pitt Co.
February 28—Winterville F.W.B. Church
March 1—Arapahoe F. W. B. Church
March 2—Oriental F. W. B. Church
March 3—Bethel, Pamlico County

Watch for extension of listed itinerary.

On motion the Board authorize the publication of the itinerary for the showing of the film, "A Letter to Melittino," under the direction of Rev. J. C. Griffin, and that we inform our people that at this time this Board has not authorized anyone else to solicit, or to work in any of the churches in North Carolina in the behalf of Missions. This action does not interfere with the authority and operation of the Foreign Mission Director, Rev. Rashie Kennedy.

By the N. C. State Mission Board

"Leave drink alone, absolutely! He who drinks is deliberately disqualifying himself for advancement. Personally, I refuse to take such risk. I do not drink."—William H. Taft.

"I have never used alcoholic beverages, and for many years have been in favor of total abstinence."—Mary E. Wooley, President, Mt. Holyoke College.

Report of Treasurer of State Mission Board for January, 1951

Missions

Albemarle S. S. Convention	\$ 7.50
Smithfield	1.90
LaGrange S. S.	11.31
Mrs. Rebecca Mills	5.00
2nd U. M. Central Conference	7.85
St. Mary's S. S., Wilson Co.	28.00
Sts. Delight S. S., Ormondsville	4.00
Malachi's Chapel (Mrs. Albert Spencer)	20.00
5th Eastern S. S. Convention	10.00
4th U. M. Aux. Conv., Cent. Conf.	10.00
Selma Church	8.50
Selma L. A.	6.55
Elm Grove S. S. Sr. Class	10.25
5th Eastern U. M.	25.00
Sandy Plain	24.13
Highland Pines	6.67
Rocky Mount S. S.	2.56
Davis	25.00
Union Grove S. S., Adult class	22.75
Shiloh	22.86
Free Union, Beaufort Co.	21.00
Belhaven	31.00
Sidney	25.44
Trinity	14.50
Union Chapel, Washington Co.	7.25
Piney Grove, Washington Co.	10.00
Mt. Olive	11.57
Corinth	13.36
Mt. Tabor	18.28
Gum Neck	26.00
Free Union, Tyrrell Co.	6.00
Malachi's Chapel	36.42
Sound Side	35.96
Elm Grove League	2.00
Robert's Grove S. S.	1.00
	\$519.61
Expenses	163.00

	\$356.61
50% to Foreign Missions	\$178.31
50% to Home Missions	\$178.30

Foreign Missions

Pleasant Hill Inter. League	\$ 50
Goldsboro	6.00
2nd U. M. Cent. Conf., Dist. League Conv.	7.07
Swannanoa Church	28.58
Swannanoa S. S.	16.78
Marsh Swamp S. S.	53.40
Mosley's Creek League	10.00
Kinston League	5.32
Albemarle U. M.	10.88
3rd U. M., Western Conf.	29.18
Washington Mission	5.00
Mrs. Wm. Webster	10.00
Mrs. J. E. Singleton	10.00
King's X Roads Sr. League	2.00
Wilson, Cuban School	21.67
3rd Eastern U. M.	25.00
King's X Roads League	.60
Carteret Co. U. M.	20.00
Piney Grove, Johnston Co.	8.37

S. S. Convention, Cent. Conf.	17.00
Deep Run	20.72
Core Creek	105.67
Sweet Gum Grove	25.38
Hull Road League	5.00
Greenville S. S., Willing Workers Class	5.00
Avery's Creek	1.00
3rd Dist. League Union, Cent. Conf.	12.28
People's Chapel League	1.00
Horney Heights, India	10.00
Pearsall's Chapel S. S., Adult Class for Cuban student:	
Celia Izzuierdo	10.00
Edgemont	25.00
Marsh Swamp	31.23
Free Union Leagues, Beaufort Co.	3.00
Shady Grove League, Durham Co.	5.00
Morehead City L. A.	6.00
O. J. Peede	12.00
Sound Side	12.01
Newport News, Va.	5.00
Hull Road	80.00
Hull Road S. S., Birthday offerings	20.00
Spring Branch Leagues	5.00
Free Union L. A., Beaufort Co.	2.00
50% Mission Account	178.31
Total	\$867.95
Check to Rev. Raymond Riggs	\$867.95
Home Missions	
Balance	\$1,942.31
Pleasant Hill Inter. League	.50
2nd U. M. Cent. Conf. League Conv.	1.86
Albemarle U. M.	134.17
3rd U. M. West. Conf.	12.87
King's X Roads Sr. League	1.00
King's X Roads League	.33
Carteret Co. U. M.	5.00
Church Finance Ass'n., Int. on Loan	67.50
People's Chapel League	1.00
Free Union League, Beaufort Co.	3.00
50% Mission Account	178.30
Total	\$2,347.84
Paid Out Home Missions	
S. R. Wilcox	\$25.00
Mrs. M. E. Price	25.00
George Webster	40.00
Total paid out	90.00
Balance on hand	\$2,257.84
Mrs. Stevens Fund	
Swannanoa	\$ 5.00
Laurelton Chapel	4.00
Beaverdam	10.00
Barnardsville	2.00
Avery's Creek	4.00
Horney Heights	10.00
Shoal Hill	18.00
Shoal Hill L. A.	9.00
	\$62.00
Check to Rev. Raymond Riggs	\$62.00

Respectfully submitted by the treasurer,
who wishes to thank every one of you for

the fine support you have given the work during the past several months.

J. W. Alford, Treasurer,
Columbia, North Carolina

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"You are more likely to fail in your career from acquiring the habit of drinking liquor than from any of the other temptations likely to assail you. I have known of but few exceptions to the rule."—Andrew Carnegie.



GLORY AND SERVICE

(Lesson for February 25)

LESSON: Mark 9:2-50.

GOLDEN TEXT: Mark 9:7.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

Christ's transfiguration, and his act of healing a lunatic boy immediately after he had descended the mountain into the valley where the people were gathered about his disciples constitute the chief phases of our lesson-study for today. Our Lord's glory, as shown in his transfiguration, and his miraculous power, as manifested in the cure of the demon possessed son, whom the disciples had failed to heal, give us spiritual food for thought in this lesson. The transition from this manifestation on the mount of Christ's glory to the expression of human need in the valley among the people suggests our Lord's great concern about Christian service which should be rendered by his followers unto those standing in need of spiritual blessings. May this study bless greatly everyone who meditates upon its truths.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. Some people never enjoy fellowship with the Lord because it takes too much time (Mark 9:2).

2. Fellowship with the glorified Lord is best enjoyed when we are alone with Him (vs. 3).

3. The brightness and glories of this world can never compare with the glory that comes from Heaven (vs. 3).

4. Moses and Elias could not suffer in the place of sinners, they could only confer with Him who came to do this work (vs. 4).

5. The disciples to whom the poor sufferer was brought no doubt did their best. On other occasions evil spirits had been subject unto them (Matt. 10:8, Luke 10:17.), but this time they failed. Previous successes

may be encouragements to us, but they will never supply the needed present strength. More than a memory of the past is needed to give us power in the present. That is true of a church organization, and it is true of the individual believer.

6. A full realization of our own helplessness is sure to be followed by the coming of Jesus to our help (vs. 15).

7. The scribes knew the letter of the word, but it only made carping critics of them because it was not mixed with faith (vs. 16).

8. A true father will grieve over his unsaved child and bring him to the Lord Jesus in prayer (vs. 17).

9. The devil loses power and must obey where men believe and the Lord commands (vss. 23-26).

10. The devil would much rather kill a man than release his hold upon him (vs. 26).—Selected

11. On this mountain, we see two dispensations, the law and the prophets, giving place to a third, the Gospel Age. The former dispensations were fulfilled in the One who had come to set up and head the third. The law and the prophets had filled their mission in the plan of God for men. The disciples were to take up the great work of the Church of Christ, and serve in the new order which He had set up in the world. All plans of God for men, and all people who are redeemed by Christ, find a common level in Him.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. Into the company of the confused and discouraged disciples, and into the company of unbelieving and faultfinding Jews, Jesus came.

We should not copy the father's doubts and fears, but we may learn from his earnestness and honesty, yes, and from his deep concern for the child. He manifests hope, but the failure of the disciples has engendered doubts. So his prayer was wrong in doubting the power of Jesus. He said, "If Thou canst do any thing." "You are wrong," said Jesus. "It is not, If I can, it is, If you can. It is not the measure of your faith. It does not depend upon Me, but upon you."

13 Please read what Matthew and

Luke have to tell about the transfiguration.

II The Lesson Illustrated

Demon Possession More Than Insanity

A remarkable incident with a strange and sinister aspect occurred near us in the territory of one of our missionary co-workers. There was a woman who had what the Korean Christians believed to be a case of demon possession. They met together and prayed for her. As they did so, suddenly the woman remarked, "I'm leaving here." She made this remark while still as irrational as she had been.

"Where are you going?" the Christians asked, believing it was another personality, and not the woman who was speaking.

"I'm going to X's home over in—," the voice answered, naming a certain personality in another locality. With these words uttered the woman was again in her right mind. The Christians were confident that the evil spirit had departed. Some time later one of the workers had occasion to visit that particular place. He decided to go to X's home and inquire.

"How is everyone here?" he asked, as he reached the house.

"We're all well here, except one member of the family who has suddenly become demon possessed."

The worker checked up on the date, and it coincided with the time the words were uttered by the woman, just before regaining her right mind. The demon had evidently left one body and entered another at the time he said he would.—William H. Chrisholm, M. D., in *Vivid Experiences in Korea* (1938), page 46.

(Dr. Chrisholm has been connected with a hospital in Syen Chun, Korea.)—Arnold's Commentary

Insanity and demon possession may have somewhat in common, but there is no good reason for claiming they are identical. Take the demoniac of Mark 5:1-13. If we say this man was only insane, then we say this man's diseased mind entered into the swine and caused this destruction. This would be foolishness.

NOTES AND QUOTES

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body was received, the life went back into the old rut.

Brother, do you believe in the Lord Jesus as your personal Saviour? Do you know that you have life eternal? If you say yes, don't let the devil put it in your mind that Christians do not get sick. James says; "Is any sick among you?" (remember he says "among you.") let him send for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him" (James 5:14, 15).

This remedy is for sick Christians. Why it is given? Because Christians are subject to sickness. Those who say that sickness is of the mind, and not a reality even get sick and die. The body is buried and the soul goes somewhere???

Wanted!

We will appreciate it if someone will give us the present address of Mrs. Josephene Mumpower Stevens in Africa. We want to list her, with the other missionaries, in the National Directory. It seems that she is not receiving the Baptist paper, and we will be glad to give her a complimentary copy, and solicit messages and reports from her field of missions.—Editor.

The Bible for Boys

The Bible is the Book for boys,
As anyone can prove;
It's full of just such happenings
As boys are sure to love.

There's Daniel and his Hebrew friends,
Who to their God were true
Through fiery furnace, lions' den,
And all men's hate could do.

Then Prophets brave, who warned of sin
In no uncertain tone;
Who faced kings' wrath, but stood their ground,
Trusting in God alone.

The chapters of our Lord Himself,
Of Peter, John and Paul—
Oh, the Bible is the Book for boys!
The best, best Book for all.

—Unknown

JOHN WESLEY AND THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

The Father of Methodism, in his famed sermon, "The Use of Money," said:

"... Neither may we gain by hurting our neighbor in his body. Therefore we may not sell anything which tends to impair health; such is evidently all that liquid fire, commonly called drams or spirituous liquors... Those who prepare and sell them only for medicine may keep their conscience clear. But who are they who prepare and sell them only for this end? Do you know ten such distillers in England? Then excuse them. But all who sell in the common way to any who will buy, are prisoners general. They murder his majesty's subjects wholesale; neither do they ever pity or spare. They drive them to hell like sheep; and what is their gain?—Is it not the blood of these men? Who then would envy their large estates and sumptuous palaces? A curse is in the midst of them. The curse of God cleaves to the stones, the timber, the furniture of them. The curse of God is in their gardens, their walks, their groves; a fire that burns to the nethermost hell. Blood, blood is there; the foundations, the floor, the walls, the roof are stained with blood! And canst thou hope, O thou man of blood, though thou art clothed in scarlet and fine linen, and farest sumptuously every day; canst thou hope to deliver down the fields of blood to the third generation? Not so, for there is a God in heaven; therefore thy name shall be rooted out. Like those whom thou hast destroyed, body and soul, 'thy memorial shall perish with thee.'"

Once again, in the critical year of 1773,

when difficulties were advancing upon England from all sides as they are thus advancing upon America today, Wesley said in "Thoughts on the Present Scarcity of Provisions," "Why is food so dear?" and he answers it:

"The grand cause is because such immense quantities of care are continually consumed in distilling... Nearly half of the wheat produced in the Kingdom every year is consumed, not in so harmless a way as throwing it into the sea, but by converting it into deadly poison, poison that naturally destroys not only the strength and life but also the morals of our countrymen."

He recognized the contention that the liquor revenue was indispensable to the state by spurning it: "Oh, tell it not in Constantinople that the English raise the royal revenue by selling the flesh and blood of their countrymen!"

Again, in the year 1784, on September sixth, he wrote to the Prime Minister who was none other than William Pitt, urging prohibition:

"Suppose your influence... could prevent distilling by making it a felony, you would do more service to your country than any Prime Minister has done these 100 years. Your name could be precious to all true Englishmen as long as England continues a nation. And what is infinitely more, a greater Monarch than King George would say to you: 'Well done, good and faithful servant!'"

Pitt was, himself, addicted to the use of liquor but this did not cause Wesley to hesitate on the score of expediency.—The Voice.

Listen! What Can You Hear?

Listen! Can you hear that melancholy music that is filling the earth with its dolorous wail, coming from those who suffer while the liquor men prosper?

Can you hear those cries of hungry children begging for bread, and the groans of the alcoholic struggling with delirium serpents?

Can you hear the shrieks of the insane, mingled with the laughter of devils, the clang, clang of the workshops, and the shuffle of the lockstep of the chain gang?

Can you hear the blasphemy of profligate men and women, the clink, clink of the wine glasses, and the swish, swish of the dance of death?

Can you hear the pleadings of wives with husbands, of mothers with sins, of sweethearts with faithless lovers? An Exchange.

Every child ought to be taught two things: Not to be afraid to live and not to be afraid to die.

The Time of Compensation

In the time of compensation,
We believe and hope and pray
Sin and wrong from man and nation
Shall be cleansed and swept away.

In the time of compensation
Dawn shall follow darksome night.
In God's holiest dispensation
Comes a renaissance of light.

In the time of compensation
Swords to plowshares shall be beat.
On battlefields of degradation
Peace and justice there shall meet.

In the time of compensation
In our life beyond the tomb,
Transmuted in a new creation
Our withered races all shall bloom.

Pliny A. Wiley
Leroy Hotel
147 N. Topeka
Wichita, Kansas

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

JIMMY'S COURAGE

PAPER, paper, here's your paper, sir," called Jimmy Adair, (known among the other newsmen as "Limpy,") as business men and office clerks hurried past his corner. His papers were going fast this morning. Jimmy was glad, for he had planned to go to the railroad tracks to pick up the coal that was usually found there. Jimmy was the lone child of a widow whose only income was the few coins Jimmy could earn selling papers, and what she could earn by taking in washing and doing mending.

"Good morning, Dr. Carvell," said Jimmy, as the doctor walked briskly toward him. "Paper this morning, sir?"

"Yes, Jimmy. I see you are about sold out."

"Yes, sir," answered Jimmy. "I have had a good morning."

The practiced eye of the physician ran over the poor, twisted leg that hung so limp and helpless, and then he said, "How is it going, son; having much pain these cold days?" The boy looked up into the doctor's face and grinned, "It's O. K., sir; I can take it."

Jimmy was soon on his way home with the earnings of the morning jingling pleasantly in his pocket, as he swung himself along on his crutches. Arriving at the shabby but clean cottage which he called home, he found his mother mending some delicate old lace. After giving her his earnings of the morning, he started for the tracks.

Jimmy was known to many of the train men, and oftentimes the brakeman of the coal cars saw to it that there was coal for the bucket of the crippled lad. As Jimmy worked to-day he hoped there would be quite a lot of coal; for the sky was gray with heavy snow clouds, and it was getting colder. By noon he had two sacks full of good coal. And soon Bobby Crane, his little neighbor, had the coal pulled up to his home.

That evening as the snow lay a heavy white blanket over the city, Jimmy and his mother sat about the old heater in the clean cozy living room, thankful for the extra supply of coal Jimmy's efforts had provided that day. As Mrs. Adair sewed at her mending, Jimmy took down his father's old violin. As he lovingly tuned the mellow old instrument, he said, "Mother, do you think we will ever have enough money to pay for an operation on my leg so that I might walk, and enough to take lessons on the violin from the old professor? You

know to be able to play the violin is my greatest wish."

Mrs. Adair looked at her son with a great ache in her heart, but she said, "Courage, son. If it is our Father's will, you will walk, and you will also play the violin."

Jimmy drew the bow across the strings, making sweat melody. Softly he drifted into the melody of the sweet old hymn, "Rock of Ages," his mother's favorite hymn. As he played his mother sang softly:

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the Blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be for sin the double cure;
Save from wrath and make me pure."

Thus they spent the evening, drifting from one hymn to another until they went to bed, comforted and encouraged by the message of the hymns.

A few days later the sun was out warm, and much of the heavy snow was melted. As Jimmy stood at his corner with his late afternoon papers, he saw Doctor Carvell's nursemaid coming down the street with the doctor's two children. As she came near Jimmy's corner, Baby Junior was crying lustily. Nurse Marie stopped, and while trying to quiet the crying child, Barbara Ann stood alone by the baby's carriage. Suddenly Barbara Ann made a dash for the as she tossed her bonnet behind her. Jimmy saw the child dash for the street. He also saw a long black car coming swiftly down upon her. With a cry of alarm and almost with super-human effort he swung himself on his crutches out into the street after her. The driver of the car saw the child and suddenly applied his brakes, only to find his car careening crazily down upon the child. Jimmy, seeing that the car was almost upon them, with a prayer on his lips, "God help me save her," made one desperate effort to reach her. He flung himself forward and pushed the child into the snow on the opposite curb. But Jimmy lay prostrate in the path of the oncoming machine. When the car at last came to a standstill, Jimmy lay white and still in the street, his crippled leg twisted and broken.

Barbara Ann, now safe and unharmed in the arms of her nurse, looked down at the boy's poor, still form and lisped, "Poor boy hurt; Daddy make well."

Soon tender hands had lifted Jimmy's poor broken body into the ambulance, and he was taken to the city hospital. Dr. Carvell, white and shaken, stood by Jimmy's cot. The lad was still unconscious, and his

damp black curls lay back on the pillow revealing a beautifully shaped, high white forehead. Dr. Carvell's eyes were wet as he looked down at the brave crippled lad, and realized that he owed the life of his precious baby girl to this brave boy.

The next afternoon as Mrs. Adair sat by her son's bed, Dr. Carvell came into the room. Taking the boy's hand, he tried to thank him for his bravery in saving his little daughter from certain death. He pulled a chair by the bed and said,

"Son, I have a little surprise for you, Do you think you can take it, Jimmy?"

"Take what, sir?" said the wondering boy.

"Last night when we X rayed your injured leg, we discovered the cause of your leg's being helpless."

"Will an operation fix me up, sir?" asked Jimmy eagerly.

"Yes, my boy, it will fix it up; and that is what I want to talk to you and your mother about this afternoon. We can operate, and from all appearances, with success. But Jimmy, my boy, it will mean long days and weeks of suffering and courage for you. Can you take it?" again asked the doctor.

Jimmy almost raised himself from his pillow in his eagerness, as he said, "I can take it, sir. When do we begin?"

The doctor laid a restraining hand on the boy and said, "Not right away, my boy. But just as soon as the break in that leg has healed sufficiently we will operate."

"But we cannot afford such an operation now, Doctor Carvell," cried Mrs. Adair in alarm.

The doctor quieted her fears at once as he said, "Mrs. Adair, we owe a great debt of gratitude to your son for saving the life of our baby daughter, which we will never be able to repay. But if we, with God's help can make him walk, it will help a little to show our gratitude. We will operate and let God and nature do the rest. The expenses will all be paid."

After six long weeks of waiting, Dr. Carvell came into Jimmy's room one morning and said, "Well, Jimmy, that leg looks pretty good to us now. How about the operation?"

"I am ready, sir," said Jimmy quietly.

"Remember, son, it will take much courage for long weeks ahead."

"I am ready, sir," again said the boy.

It was the morning set for the operation. Mrs. Adair came early to the hospital to be with her boy until they wheeled him off to the operating room. She had kissed him, and now as the nurse was tucking the blankets about him to wheel him away his mother patted his hand and reassured him that all would be well.

All was ready in the operating room. Dr. Carvell, in white cap and gown, spoke a few words of encouragement to the boy. The anesthetist was about to administer the anesthetic when Jimmy said, "Doctor, may I

pray before you start?" Every nurse and doctor stood with bowed head as Jimmy prayed, "Dear Lord, please help Dr. Carvell to make me walk, and help me to be brave. For Jesus' sake, Amen." When he finished his prayer he looked up into the doctor's face and said, "I am ready, sir."

The room was very still for a moment longer as the doctors and nurses struggled with lumps in their throats. But soon every doctor and nurse stood ready at his post determined to do all in their power to make this brave little lad walk.

Two hours later Jimmy was wheeled to his room where Mrs. Adair awaited his return. When Jimmy opened his eyes the next morning he found himself all tied up in a strange contraption which was built up on his bed. So this was how he must spend the next weeks, and maybe months. With a grim look on his pale face he whispered to himself, "I can take it."

Two weeks passed, and although doctors and nurses knew he suffered torturing pain at times, he never whimpered once. A few days later when Dr. Carvell was making his daily call on his brave little patient, Jimmy said, "Doctor, would I be allowed to have my violin? I think if I could play sometimes it would help."

Dr. Carvell studied his patient a moment, then said, "I think it would be all right, son."

And so early the next day soft, sweet music was heard coming from Jimmy's room. Weary nurses hurrying through the corridor paused to listen a moment, and then went on to minister to the needs of others. Other patients also heard he sweet mellow notes of the old violin that helped them to forget for awhile the anguish of pain. Many of the sufferers requested that their doors be left ajar so they could hear better when Jimmy played. He always finished playing with an old hymn.

Weeks went by and many of the patients learned the story of the brave lad. Jimmy's days of great suffering were past, and he was now allowed to be in a wheel chair.

One morning Dr. Carvell came into Jimmy's room and said, "Well, son, I think we will try walking to-day."

At last Jimmy was on his feet, Dr. Carvell on one side and his nurse on the other. Slowly the weight was let down and Jimmy stood on two feet. Slowly, but surely, Jimmy was beginning to walk. At the end of another week Jimmy was taking a few steps alone, and now he was ready to go home.

Dr. Carvell had planned to take Jimmy to his home Monday morning, so Sunday afternoon the nurse came to Jimmy and said, "The men in the Men's Medical Ward B at the end of the corridor asked if you would come to the ward this afternoon and play for them."

Jimmy was delighted, and was wheeled into the ward to a point where all the patients could see for the first time the boy

whose music had helped them while away many hours.

Jimmy raised his violin to his chin, and drew the bow softly across the strings. Soon he drifted into a sweet old southern melody, and thus for twenty minutes Jimmy continued to play familiar old tunes. But now he was playing the soft sweet strains of the "Old Rugged Cross." The men began humming as Jimmy played and finally they started to sing:

"On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the learner and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

And so the men sang and Jimmy played, and many of their hearts were moved to reach out after the loving Saviour who had suffered on that old rugged Cross for them.

After Jimmy had played a few requested hymns he raised his bow again to play,

Union Meeting Report

The Fifth Eastern Union Meeting district of the Eastern Conference of N. C. convened with White Oak Grove Church, Craven County, Saturday before the fifth Sunday in December.

The union was opened by a song and prayer service conducted by Rev. J. R. Davidson, after which the assistant moderator, Rev. Elbert Edwards, welcomed all the delegates, ministers and visitors to the session of the union.

The Moderator, Rev. Clinton Lupton, sent word to the union that he would be unable to attend this session of the union and the assistant moderator presided.

After appointing the finance committee, the minutes of the last union were read and approved.

The list of ministers was called and 27 answered to their names.

Rev. Ralph Clegg of Calvary Church, Durham, N. C., was present and made welcome.

Rev. Willie Stillely thanked all the churches who contributed to the Christmas gift of money to the Orphanage at Middlesex.

Rev. J. C. Griffin gave a report on Missions and said workers were needed and financial support along with much praying was very essential to the work that needs to be done in this field of Denominational work.

The union sermon was brought by Rev. J. R. Davidson after which dinner was spread in the yard by the ladies of the church and community.

The afternoon devotions were directed by Rev. J. R. Forrest.

Bethel and Juniper Chapel Churches petitioned for the next union. Juniper Chapel received the highest vote.

"Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me." The nurse who was standing by his chair began to sing softly,

"Jesus, Saviour, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rocks and treacherous shoal;
Chart and compass come from thee,
Jesus, Saviour, Pilot me.

"When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
'Fear not, I will pilot thee.'"

When they had finished the hymn, many of the men who had not prayed since they said their childhood prayers at their mothers knee, were praying with the hymn writer, "Jesus Saviour, Pilot me." As Jimmy was wheeled away the men with choked voices said, "God bless you, my boy; God bless you."—Unknown.

A love offering was taken for Rev. Duffy Toler and \$29.18 was received. Our prayers are for Rev. Toler, who is very ill and a special prayer was offered by Rev. J. R. Forrest.

The Finance Committee gave the following report:

On hand last union, \$5.88; Received this union, \$191.81; Total received, \$197.69.

Disbursements:

Orphanage, \$75.00; Bible School for building, \$25.00; Superannuation, \$25.00; Missions, \$25.00; Promotional service, \$20.00; Church Finance Assn., \$20.00; Clerk, \$7.50; Total paid out, \$197.50; Left on hand, \$19.

An offering was taken for the Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., and \$50.50 was received.

A rising vote of thanks was extended this church and community for the hospitality shown this session of the union.

The delegates from Juniper Chapel Church selected Rev. J. R. Davidson to preach the union sermon next time. Rev. J. C. Griffin to be his alternate.

The union closed with a prayer.

Rev. E. E. Edwards, Asst. Mod.
Rom Mallard, Clerk

Announcement

I will be available to preach in revival meetings for any church that may desire my service for this year.

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"The toughest guys drink water."

Rocky Mount Church Making Progress

The Lord certainly has been good to us here at the Free Will Baptist Church. During last church year support surpassed all others; finance, attendance and the gain in membership were the greatest.

During the first four months of the present church year, the hand of the Lord has worked in a great way. Twenty members have been added (thirteen for baptism and seven by letter or statement) in the regular services. Finance is increasing; our folk are giving more systematically, new people are finding their way to the services. Some of our disinterested neighbors are beginning to ask, "Why are so many autos parked at the church? Are they having a revival?" We are not having a formal revival but the Lord is blessing our efforts for Him. We are going to have a revival in the early spring.

Our pastor, A. B. Bryan is putting his best into the church work. His messages are thrilling, stirring, convincing, convicting and are plain Bible truth. He is a Bible preacher without fear or favor. In our congregation are those who love and are responding to the plain and simple truth. In almost every service someone responds to the message of Salvation.

During last year under Rev. Bryan's leadership, we launched out in our long needed expansion program. We bought an additional lot, moved our present building to the back for educational purposes and have begun the new and long coveted auditorium which is now under construction. The new construction will be equipped with a baptistry, heating system, modern furniture, vestibule and memorial windows; when complete Free Will Baptists everywhere can be proud of the Rocky Mount Church.

While we feel that the Lord is leading and we are making progress, we do not feel that we have the complete victory unless the Lord continues to lead us over the "Jordan." We do not take the credit alone for what has been accomplished. Several of the ministers of our denomination and some laymen have made large contributions to the cause of Christ in Rocky Mount. God is the one who continues to open the way, as the faithful membership follows. God is giving the victory, we need your prayers; pray for us.

Church reporter
First F. W. B. Church
Rocky Mount, N. C.

"I have young sons who have never tasted liquor. They shall not receive from my hands, or with the sanction that its use in our family would give, their first taste of what might prove their ruin. What I wish for my own sons I must do for the sons of other mothers."—Mrs. Luck W. Webb Hayes, wife of President Hayes.

WHO AM I?

Walter E. Isenhour

I am owned by every person who journeys across the years of life. I dwell in homes of poverty and homes of wealth. The poorest people own me and the richest own me. I am owned by the best educated people on earth, and I am owned by the ignorant. I belong to them all. People in all kinds of business, regardless of what kind it is, own me. I live with the farmer who cultivates the soil; I dwell with the people who work in the factories, shops and mills. I am found in every office and every store, even hospital and every clinic. I am found in all kinds of schools, colleges and universities. I am found in every church and denomination on the face of the earth, and at every place where the heathen worship. I belong to all the religions and cults of the entire world.

All parents own me; school teachers own me; ministers of the Gospel own me; Sunday school teachers own me; athletes and infidels own me; lawyers, doctors and nurses own me. Young people everywhere own me, without an exception. Merchants of all kinds own me. Writers, typesetters, printers and publishers own me. Every actor and movie star on earth owns me. I am owned by every ball room, every theater, every road house, every liquor store and every pool room in the world. Every gambler who sits around the card table owns me. I belong to them all.

I am owned by the gay and the giddy, the thoughtless and the frivolous, also by the most sincere and solemn. Drunkards and liars own me; Dishonest people everywhere own me; adulteresses own me; criminals of all kinds own me. I go with them to prison and to execution. I likewise follow everybody to judgment.

I am owned by all who deal in strong drink, or use it in any form. I am owned by people in business that is a curse all over the world, as well as by people whose business is a blessing all over the world. I am owned by people who dress in the finest clothes and keep up with the fashions of the world. I am owned by the people who dress in the poorest raiment, or even in rags and tatters. I am owned by those who dress almost nude and shamefully expose their bodies to the eyes of mankind. I am owned by the best people on earth, as well as the most wicked and vile. I curse and blight the lives of mankind, and I bless and uplift the lives of mankind. I am owned by people in the best of health and I am owned by people in the worst of health. I am with men, and owned by them, while

living and when dying. In fact, I live and last on and on to represent my owners when they have passed from time to long eternity.

I travel in the finest and most costly automobiles on earth; I ride in the finest and fastest trains on earth; I fly in the most beautiful and speedy magnificent and grand airplanes which cleave the clouds and mount up towards the skies. I ride with men in the poorest cars, the poorest trains and the cheapest and sorriest airplanes. I go with men on horseback, in wagons, and even walk with men along life's easiest or most difficult pathways. I travel wherever man travels; I dwell wherever man dwells.

Some who own me while they live become bright, burning and shining lights to the world. Some become great, good and wonderful. Some who own me are generous, godly, righteous, playful, noble and holy. They are a wonderful blessing to the world. They make their mark which is sublime. Some of them rise to fame and great glory. Some live marvelous lives in a quiet and peaceful way though they never rise to great renown. Such owners bless and enrich the lives of others all about them, and help many live for God and reach heaven. On the other hand, multitudes who own me lead many to hell.

I belong to kings and queens, princes and princesses, rulers and leaders of all kinds and all classes. I represent them in all positions of life, regardless of who they are, where they are and where they are going. Some who own me and fill high positions greatly curse the earth; others wonderfully bless the earth. Some who own me are very proud of me, and would not sell me if they could, nor part with me, for any price that might be offered. They would not sell me for rubies, diamonds, pearls, gold and all kinds of precious gems. I make them great, happy and sublime and commend them to God.

However, on the other hand, others who own me hate me. They wish they could get rid of me, but they cannot. I stay with them, and will continue to do so, for the worst unless they turn to God. I cannot be rejected, fought away, disowned or killed. I stay with my owner. I represent him in life and I shall represent him in death. I cause him to shout God's praises or I cause him to curse God and humanity. I make my owners happy, or I make them miserable. I don't die; I live forever.

Who am I? I declare unto you here and now, once and forever, and please don't forget—my familiar name is just influence.

"Intemperance is the mightiest of all the forces that clog the progress of good."—Buxton.

"If you expect to stay in the game, leave alcohol alone. It gets you sooner or later."—Walter Johnson, famous baseball player.

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**THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE IS THE
HAND THAT RULES THE WORLD**

Blessings on the hand of women!
Angels guard its strength and grace,
In the palace, cottage, hovel,
Oh, no matter where the place;
Would that never storms assailed it,
Rainbows ever gently curled;
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.

Infancy's the tender fountain,
Power may with beauty flow,
Mother's first to guide the streamlets,
From them souls unresting grow—
Grow on for the good or evil,
Sunshine streamed or evil hurled;
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.

Woman, how divine your mission
Here upon our natal sod!
Keep, oh, keep the young heart open
Always to the breath of God!
All true trophies of the ages
Are from mother-love impeared;
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.

Blessings on the hand of women!
Fathers, sons, and daughters cry,
And the sacred song is mingled
With the worship in the sky—
Mingles where no tempest darkens,
Rainbows evermore are hurled;
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.

—William Ross Wallace

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A Message from the Missionary Prayer Band

Dear Friends of Missions:

Never before in the history of the church has the need of prayer for the world-wide proclamation of the gospel been so imperative as it is at the present time. The Missionary Prayer Band is an organization which was formed for this purpose. It is a band of Christians who are united by their common interest of sending the gospel of Christ to the unconverted everywhere. Formerly, each member was kept informed of the progress of the group and the most urgent prayer requests by means of a news letter which was published and mailed to each individual member. Recently, however, because of the expense and time-consuming labor involved, it was decided to utilize the denominational publications as a means of keeping in contact with our members.

As many of you already know, the Prayer Band had its beginning in the closing days of the first school year (1942-43) of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Members of Miss Barnard's Missions class, realizing that the task of World-Wide evangelization was unfinished, and feeling a deep love and passion for the lost, agreed to pray together at least once a day for this cause. Since that time, our membership has expanded greatly, and each day hundreds of our members unite in prayer and supplication to God in behalf of Christian missions.

"God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray . . ." (1 Samuel 12:23). This should become the prayer of our hearts as we read these lines of an editorial in a recent edition of **Moody Monthly**: "Even those who are doing most in giving—to say nothing of those who are doing little or nothing—ought again to face the issue of financial support of the missionary program, in training missionaries, in outfitting them, in sending them out, and in supporting them adequately.

"But . . . perhaps nowhere is our

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selfish unconcern manifested more or is it of any direr consequence than in our **failure to pray**. A heart given to prayer cannot be stingy in giving to the object of its intercession. A praying parent who pours out his heart for missions cannot withhold his own child." We need to pay and pray; the two go hand-in-hand."

To guide you in your prayers, we give the following daily prayer list:

Monday—Burma, Maylaya, India, and French Indo-China.

Tuesday—Mongolia, China, Korea, Japan, and European Russia.

Wednesday—South, North, East, and Central Africa.

Thursday—Asia, Afghanistan, Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Cent, Near East, Palestine, Syria, Turkey, and the Moslems throughout the World.

Friday—Dominican Republic, Central America, Puerto Rico, South America, Mexico, West Indies, Cuba, Haiti, and Jamaica.

Saturday—Philippines, Dutch East Indies, and the Jews throughout the world.

Sunday—United States, Great Britain, Canada, Australia, Europe, Home Churches, Mission Board, and the Gypsies.

Other Pertinent Prayer Calls India

1. Trula (Mrs. Dan) Cronk has been attacked and badly wounded by an animal, presumably a jackal. Please pray for her complete recovery from this horrible experience.

2. Christopher, one of our Christian young men, is being pressed to marry a heathen girl. He needs earnest prayer for strength and wisdom to stand true in such a trial.

3. Ganeshan, or Rajamanickam, for whom you have prayed and for whom you have prayed and for whom God has graciously answered prayer, is facing new trials. They

write that in his new job with the Panchayat office (city hall), he is "taking his stand for truth and against bribery and is therefore getting into trouble for the same." Alas, this is what many of our Christians have to face. "He is asking for baptism. He feels he would like to go in for teacher's training. If he goes in as a Harijan, he will receive some concession from the Government; but if he is baptized, he will forfeit this help in receiving his training, as the government will not give these scholarships to Christian Harijans." This is one of the clever ways Satan tempts Christians to compromise. Perhaps if he is baptized and enters training as a Christian, the Lord will honor him by providing the necessary funds.

4. No word yet of Mr. Singh Gill. Please continue to pray for him.

5. Pray that God will continue to bless the Woolseys in their work.

6. Miss Barnard's application for permit to re-enter India, and for visa, has gone in. Please pray that God will keep the door open and cause the authorities to act favorably upon it.

Cuba

1. Continue to pray for the Bible School.

2. Pray for the indigenous church. In recent years, many false doctrines have crept into Cuba which can be damaging to a people not too well informed.

3. We have a great need for medical missionaries and a challenging need for an orphanage. Pray that God will supply these needs.

4. Pray for Benito and his wife in their work at the School. Also pray for the other native workers.

5. Pray for Mr. and Mrs. Willey, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfong, and Miss Yelley, that God's richest blessings may be theirs in their service for Him.

Africa

1. Pray for a single missionary

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

(Feb. 21, 1951)

Disappointment Brings Opportunity

Often a disappointment brings an opportunity to engage in something of importance. This morning (Feb. 2, 1951) wife and I had planned to go to Ayden to an executive meeting of the N. C. Woman's Auxiliary State Convention, but when we awoke we found that the earth was covered with a blanket of snow, and it falling rapidly—getting deeper, and deeper, all the time. So we are shut-in for the day, as it looks now. I am writing NOTES AND QUOTES for a future edition of the Baptist. This might be called "A Stock-Pile," as we have a manuscript in for Feb. the 7th, and one on the way for Feb. 14th, so goes the manuscripts.

Indeed I was sorry that I was off the run last week, but I told you sometime back that the Mission itinerary would very likely cause me to fail the work of Notes and Quotes, some weeks. But the Baptist was "chock full," any way, of worthwhile writings. What about that front page where the landscaping of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex was visualized? It certainly is inspiring to those who love the institution. The picture, as followed up with the description of plans, is a great challenge to every Free Will Baptist in North Carolina.

Then the message from the 4th Vice-President of N. A. C.—namely Mrs. L. E. Ballard of Greenville, N. C. This is another challenge to us to move on. Then the article, "WHY JESUS WEPT," by our old friend and Brother Eld. A. L. Sellers. Brother Sellers, I "agree with you." I would love to sit down with you a while and talk things over about days of old. Well, not so old, for it seems only a short time, but the years go by so fast. How about the "Crag-

mont Story," by Loy E. Ballard. You touch the heart of many North Carolinians when you mention Cragmont. There many of us have enjoyed great fellowship with the Lord Jesus and with one another. Let us, one and all, get behind the CAMPAIGN to raise that \$6,000, that it will take to clear the debt off the property. This is our project. Every Free Will Baptist in North Carolina has an obligation to meet. Let us meet it prayer fully and squarely. We can do it. But it takes more than talk. So my talking will not do it; it may help. Here is hoping that it does. May I say that I am showing the Cragmont picture of three sessions of the Minister's Conference, practically every night, as this picture follows the picture of the Cuban picture—"A LETTER TO MELITINO." The more I see the picture the more I become convinced that Cragmont is of great worthwhile projects, one that stands right up to the heights of the best prospects in our denomination. Thank you, Brother Ballard, for your article. As we turn from the article on Cragmont we are faced with a beautiful picture which shows the prospective building-extension of our Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tenn. Will you go back and read the article? Notice the words: "CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN SOON ON NEW BUILDING." Notice that it says something is needed. What is it? "FRIENDS WHO WILL GIVE." Are you a FRIEND?

Then comes the fine article by Raymond T. Sasser about Sunday School Training School. Well, training is vitally necessary. Let us have more trained teachers, who can TEACH OTHERS. Then there is the Foreign Mission story by Miss Laura Belle Barnard, that has a sad feature in the going of one of the trusted workers in the mission field in India. But, there is also a bright side, as stated in an article recently, namely: "God taketh pleasure in the death of His saints." "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28).

The article by Brother O. M. Hilburn, "MUCH IN EVERY WAY," is very timely and is also a challenge to even we older ministers, as well as the young.

And the St. Claire Bible Class, edited by Brother M. B. Hutchinson, which is a regular good feature of the Baptist. Who can justly find fault with this great work. Recently, a teacher in one of my churches said, "Brother Griffin, I like the help from the St. Claire Bible class notes so well that I take the Baptist to my class for instruction." This teacher has one of the best classes in his Sunday School. He is doing a fine work. Nearly every one of his class are saved and testifying to the saving power of the Lord Jesus. We hope that Brother Hutchinson will live many years and keep his good work going. Eternity alone will tell of the results. The Woman's Auxiliary department is always interesting. The report from the Portsmouth church encourages us to see such an account of a successful work like that of Portsmouth. Bro. J. A. Alexander is doing things. God bless you Brother Alexander.

Encounter Rough Weather

This week (Jan. 29, to Feb. 3rd) we have had some very rough weather for us to be out every night. Three nights the rain cut our attendance, together with sickness. The results: small congregations, and small offerings. So when the report comes out and you see small receipts, know that it is not all because of a lack of interest. No doubt, a lack of interest is felt in some places. But it is dying fast, and the day will soon come when a church member, who really knows the Lord, will be ashamed to admit that he is not a Missionary in spirit and STEWARDSHIP. Amen!

But in every church where we have been several have taken the "stickers" for "FOREIGN MISSION JARS." These stickers remind us three times per day of the words of Jesus when He said, "I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE." So as we feed our physical body, let us feed our

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REVIVAL RESTRAINTS

PART II

By Rev. Clinton Lupton
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"They . . . limited the Holy One of Israel."—Psalms 78:41.

In this installment it is my intention to point out not only some of the ways, but also by whom a revival may be restrained. It is God's will, yea, He even promises a revival to those who do not repress it. Listen to Him in Isaiah 57:6, "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." Surely, God promises a revival. But so many churches and individuals fail to receive it. Why? "They . . . limit the Holy One of Israel."

A revival may be, and too often is restrained by:

I. THE MAN.

He who conducts the revival, known as "The preacher." But this may be questioned. It should seem impossible when we think of the greatness and power of God, of His universal sway, of His infinite wisdom. All such consideration should seem to render impossible the limiting of God.

But undoubtedly mere man can do this. Or else he would be a machine and not a man. He would have no more will or choice than a tree. If man is able to say, "Yes" to God, and this we readily admit. Then man must be able to say, "No" to God, and he can, and does. Scripture asserts it: God stood ready to bless but Israel would have none of His counsel and set at naught all His reproof. Reason asserts it: For it steadily affirms we are free and will or choose as we please. Experience asserts it: Concerning nations, churches and individuals has not God again and again said, as Jesus did when He wept over Jerusalem, "How often would I have gathered thee . . . but ye would not?" In some places Christ

could do no mighty works because of their unbelief. And even today. "They . . . limit the Holy One of Israel."

But as to the preacher, God's way is always to teach the many through the few. The world is too hurried and worried to listen to God's voice. Multitudes of people do not know what life means or what manner of being God is, or what His gracious purposes toward us really are. Such people need one to discern God's will and make it known to them. One who leads a godly life who will take time to be holy, one who waits upon God quietly hour after hour and allows His great thoughts to filter down into his life until he is saturated with them, will come forth from his closet with the dew of heaven upon his soul. He will not limit the Holy One of Israel, nor restrain the revival he is called upon to conduct. But all too often the man in the meeting limits the Lord because of:

1. A Mistaken Calling

They have not the spiritual gift required for this work. They may be good men, useful in some places, but this is not their place. They may, however, by persistent self advertising and solicitation obtain meetings, but where one is obliged to force himself upon the churches, it is an indication that God has not called him to evangelistic work. When God calls men to preach, He calls others to hear the message.

Ephesians 4:11 certainly teaches that God has made a distinction in His workmen. "And He gave some evangelists." To what extent these offices are interchangeable we have one indication. In I Timothy 4:12-16 there is a strong indication that Timothy was pastor at the church of Ephesus. While in II Timothy 4:5 he is instructed, "To do the work of an evangelist." Therefore it is pos-

sible for a pastor to do evangelistic work by special appointment. But far too many preachers must be mistaken as to their special appointment to this office, considering the results of their efforts.

2. Inadequate Preparation. Even those who have evangelistic gifts often do not take time for sufficient preparation. The call of churches are so strong that they shut their eyes to lack of qualification, comforting themselves with the thought that God can use them as they are. This may be true. But, it is also true that with careful preparation and diligent study of the work one is about to enter in, God can multiply his usefulness a hundred fold.

Scores of men enter evangelistic work without any systematic study of the Bible. With little or no knowledge of revival work and even without a clear conception of the way of life. If one is to do the work of an evangelist, he must know how. There is no excuse for ignorance in this work. There are extension courses offered in Evangelism and also many fundamental books on the market on the subject, to acquaint one with revival work. Not to overlook the greatest preparation at the Throne of Grace.

3. Self Aggrandizement. So many evangelists have attempted to gain influence by boosting themselves. At the very beginning of the meeting it is not unusual to hear one inform his listeners, that they are about to experience the greatest revival that the church, community or that section of the country has ever witnessed. References are made to recent meetings in which he saw huge multitudes saved. But if the pastor of that church where the great meeting was supposed to have been held, should be consulted, it would too often be learned that only a fraction of that number actually took membership with the church. How many times have I been bored with the extensive

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The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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ATTENTION CENTRAL DISTRICT AUXILIARIES

It will soon be time for our spring Convention, and I hope all of you fourth vice-presidents have been working during these past few months.

Remember that at our last convention I asked you to try and increase the subscriptions to our Baptist. The total reported was extremely low. Also to finish filling your "Achievement Charts," and make your auxiliary an A-1 auxiliary. If you hurry and get this done, we will have a larger number this time than at our last convention. There were only five in the entire Central District.

Let us hurry, and be ready for our March Convention with subscriptions secured and charts filled.

Your Co-Worker,
Mrs. C. A. Eubanks,
4th Vice-President, Cen. Dis.

BURDINE, KENTUCKY, AUXILIARY

The Burdine, Kentucky, Ladies Auxiliary has resumed their quilting on Thursdays at Reverend and Mrs. Albert Dingus' home in Burdine, No. 2 Bottom, at 9:30 A. M. We always have prayer at the beginning of our work. Each one brings her lunch.

After lunch we have prayer for the Foreign Missionaries. Our watch word for the New Year is: "Working Together with him through Our Chief Aims."

ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME CONTINUES TO GROW

We have so many things to thank God for here at the Children's Home in Eldridge, Ala., that first I want to thank Him for the fine group of sixty children. At least all who are old enough have accepted Christ as their own personal Saviour.

We have been very fortunate so far in having good health throughout the family and have had no deaths. We have had three years of operation of the Home, and no debts in the rears at all.

We have patiently waited, as we prayed for God to provide some way for us to have some farm land here at the Home. In the month of Jan. 1951, we obtained a deed for some

All Ladies are invited to come and work with us. If they can't be with us in our work, please join us for prayer at 1 o'clock.

Our regular monthly meeting convenes at the Burdine Free Will Baptist Church each Thursday before the Fourth Saturday in each month and at 7 o'clock P. M. Everyone is invited to attend.

Don't forget to pray for our boys in Korea.

Mrs. Della Whitaker

EAST NASHVILLE AUXILIARY

The East Nashville Church Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. J. E. Simpson with seventeen members present, and four visitors. We had two new members added to the auxiliary.

Plans were made for a fellowship supper at the church, for the associate members from the Bible College just as early as the weather will permit. Mrs. Nannie Smith will have charge. Plans were also made for a Stewardship study course at the church. Mrs. Edna Harris, President, urged all to attend the study course.

Mrs. Marshall said she had obtained Bro. Dodd to bring the message. Mrs. Bowen was present and stated that little Jeff was well on the way to recovery. She expressed her grateful appreciation for what every one had done and for the prayers for them during their hours of anxiety.

Mrs. O. C. Briley

very fine farm land joining the property of the institution. The plot of land lays in front of the Children's Home and consists of about six acres.

For some time this land was held at a very high price, but finally we were offered this land for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars. The cash has already been paid for it and a clear deed made to the Home.

Some of the other things that we are very proud of are: A fine International Deep freeze storage box, Refrigerator, a real good new furnace that cost over sixteen hundred dollars (\$1600.00); some real good cattle and some hogs. We are raising the cattle for our future needs of milk. Our beef production has been very good and we expect to be in

position to raise all our beef needs, as soon as we get pasture space ready for grazing.

We have a real good horse that is good to plow, as well as for all other work a horse is needed for.

We are proud of the way our good people have rallied to the coupon drive for the Home.

Our lobby has new inlaid floor covering and nice furniture that came from the coupons only.

We feel that we are in a better position than ever to carry on this important work.

We are still praying for more additional land in order to have plenty of pasture land, fruit orchard, pecan grove and space for other needed things as we continue to grow.

The church here in Eldridge is only two years old.

We meet in the Educational building here at the Institution for our church activities.

We are proud to report that the church here recently purchased a beautiful site on School Street, only one and one-half blocks from the Children's Home, and the most beautiful site in Eldridge for a church location.

We hope to begin erecting the building in the fall of this year.

We are proud of our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. L. V. Borden. They are working with the staff here at the Home and we appreciate the wonderful work they are doing.

Rev. Herbert Stalnicker from Mississippi is working some with us temporarily. Bro. Stalnicker is loved by all the children and staff.

Please join us in praising God for His wonderful blessings, and help us pray for greater things here for the Home.

Sincerely yours,
Rev. W. H. Ryland, Supt.
Eldridge, Alabama

The passions may be humored till they become our master, as a horse may be pampered till he gets the better of his rider; but early discipline will prevent mutiny, and keep the helm in the hands of reason.—Cumberland.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

EDITOR'S MESSAGE ON "MEETING THE NEEDS"

When changes for improvements are needed for the advancements of mankind, new ways and means are sought for the accomplishment of better things. This is true in all important phases of human endeavor. Time and effort, insight and experimentation, applied to things for the good of society, all ultimately result into human progress in one way or another.

The need for better Sunday School facilities in the average rural church to promote better Sunday School results, in training the children and the young people more adequately, has resulted in the erection of more Sunday School rooms to a great many of the country churches for the last decade. Consequently, the pastors and church members became busy with the building of adequate room to take care of the need. Moreover, from this advanced step on the part of those churches, other churches all over the country, that are in need of better church facilities for their people, are seeing the need of adding more room to their church buildings for the growth and expansion of their Sunday Schools. This is certainly a good sign of growing interest in religious training for the youth of the land.

Along with this added interest in church improvements and Bible training, there is a growing interest on the part of most all Protestant church groups in this country for improved Sunday School supplies in the way of Teacher and Pupil Quarterlies, Better Methods of Teaching materials, Improved Record Books and Charts, and the like for the Sunday Schools. The more recent and advanced training in the Public School System of this country, and in the colleges, universities and Bible schools have had, it is believed, a great influence on the need of raising the standard of religious training in the Sunday Schools of the different Protestant denominations in the United States. New ways of approach to the business of teaching the Scriptures, and better materials to be used in the Sunday Schools for the impartation of Bible truths to the children and the young people, in particular, are demanding the attention of interested and well-trained church leaders. As time passes, these needs must be met, wherever they are felt most seriously, by those who are in a position to help bring about the fulfilling of such needs.

For example, the time has come when our own church people, in a great many instances, are asking for more adequate Sunday School literature in some of the departments. They feel that better results will come from those departments when they can be supplied with teaching materials that will enable the teachers to do a better job of teaching the young pupils in their classes.

All this leads us to say that certain changes are now being made here at the Free Will Baptist Press to compensate for this need in a very good way. And furthermore, this leads us to say that additional improvements are expected to be made, as time passes, in our Sunday School publications. Since we now have more and better press machinery for putting out better products for the use of our church people, we are looking forward to being better able to serve them in different ways in the future. As is already being shown, many of our publications have more attractive covers, and the printed page is showing an improvement all the while. For these improvements, the church people are pleased.

Furthermore, it is the plan and purpose of the business management and the Board of Directors of the Press to work toward even greater changes, during the coming months, to meet the real and pressing needs of our churches in all lines of work that the Press is doing for the denomination. Be it understood by every Free Will Baptist, that this business is for the growth and the betterment of the denomination in every possible way. But give us a little more time for further changes and greater improvements in our publications, and we hope to be able to please those who are considerate, patient, co-operative, and who want to see the denominational enterprises go forward for the Free Will Baptist cause and the glory of God.

We conclude with this thought for our church leaders to consider, as well as for anyone who is interested in seeing our denomination move forward for the cause of Christ: Time is required to reach hoped-for standards and lofty goals. A city is not built in a year, nor was Rome built in a day. Printing establishments grow into greater usefulness as needs arise, and also as patronage is loyal on the part of those who are connected with such enterprises. We ask our church people to give us more time, and we will more and more strive to give to them more improved, and better publications in the different phases of our printing business. The college boy does not get his finished education in a year, nor does the young Seminary graduate achieve his greatest success as a city or a rural pastor in a short number of years of service. It takes time, careful thinking, hard work, patience, and a willingness to be faithful to those in whom he has an interest. God has promised to bless those who are patient, faithful, and loyal to his cause of righteousness in the world. Let every true Free Will Baptist stand for the "meeting of the needs" by working faithfully and patiently toward making the Free Will Baptist denomination a more efficient church in every way, and thereby be able to glorify God in all phases of the work.

:- Department of Foreign Missions :-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

PROSPECTS FOR EARLY ENTRANCE INTO NEPAL

Eleven years ago when the first investigations were made of Purnea District in Northeast India, with the aim of securing a field for Free Will Baptist witness, there were several compelling reasons for our turning our eyes in that direction. The first and most obvious reason was, of the appalling need of that district itself for the Gospel witness. Of this need and the opportunities in that field, we have heard much through the Woolseys and Cronks since they entered the territory and began their labors of love in His dear Name. But there was another very outstanding reason why we were bound to work in that territory, and that was because it gave us an extensive stretch bordering on the native state of Nepal, and we were burdened for an entrance into that untouched country.

Brother Paul Woolsey and Mrs. Woolsey went to India with Nepal uppermost in their minds. So, in the beginning days of the Purnea work, it was mutually agreed that Brother Woolsey would be free to locate as near Nepal as possible and that he would be especially charged with the task of making contacts and keeping watch for the first opening of Nepal's doors. That is one of the reasons the Woolseys chose to hide themselves away in the jungles of Sonapurhat. It is only a few miles from Nepal's border. While they have carried on a medical and evangelistic work there that has kept us all alive with interest, excitement, and thanksgiving, they have also had many opportunities to witness to Nepali folk who have crossed the border and come into the Woolsey's territory. And now Brother Woolsey writes that his prayerful and hopeful vigilance is being rewarded. A

committee has been formed for laying plans for the actual opening of stations in Nepal as soon as the doors open, because of certain indications that encourage one to believe that the door is even now becoming ajar. Brother Woolsey, himself, represents our Mission on that important committee. This is a call to prayer that God's strong hand will swing that door open at once, so that that little nation of people from whom the Gospel light has throughout history been shut out, may hear at last.

But this also is a call for missionaries. Brother Woolsey writes: "For this and many more reasons, we need more missionaries badly." Nurses and doctors are called for. At least one, at once! Let all Prayer Groups and all praying groups and individuals take up this SOS and help us to meet the need. 6,000,000 people still sit in darkness. And our Lord said, "Thus it behooved the Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead . . . and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations . . . And ye are witnesses."

Laura B. Barnard,
312 Herrington Street,
Glennville, Georgia

AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Brethren,

At the request of Rev. W. H. Howell of Ottawa, W. Va., I am happy to inform you that the government does not receive any of the funds collected by your Foreign Mission Board. I realize that these are days in which our government seems to be "all out" for taxes, but as yet, no tax has been imposed upon the church or any of her benevolent enterprises. Let us pray that that day shall never come.

We are endeavoring to keep the operating expense at a low minimum in order that every penny possible may be sent direct to the fields. However, you can understand that is does cost something to promote this program. Several hundred dollars have been spent in the last few months

for literature. But we feel our people should be informed and thus we have no apologies for the advertising which has been done.

It is our opinion that the best way to stay abreast with the tide and to avoid emergencies is to keep our folk flooded with facts and figures and to "stir up" your pure minds by way of remembrance. This can best be done by artistic, effective advertising, done of course, under the power and leadership of the Holy Spirit, with an ultimate goal of leading the lost to Christ.

After all, the winning of souls is a business. It is the greatest business in the world. If we do not approach it in some measure from this angle we are apt to go bankrupt.

The Foreign Mission Board has been operating on a margin much too small. We have had nothing in reserve for even the slightest emergency. This is dangerous business and could prove very embarrassing. The time has come for us to, not only maintain our present quotas, but build up reserve sufficient for such emergencies that may arise and to assure our future missionaries of their support.

Brother Paul Woolsey from India has recently released an appeal for more missionaries to join him, and especially, at least one doctor or nurse. Please pray that these needs shall be supplied.

The February drive for Foreign Missions is off to a fine start. We appreciate so much what everyone is doing. Almost every state has responded in some degree and we are sure of a good report at the end of the month.

Prayerfully yours,
Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Promotional Secy.-Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAP- TISTS FOR JANUARY, 1951

Cash on hand January 1, 1951 ---\$4,443.19

	Receipts
Alabama	-----\$ 64.86
Arkansas	----- 87.30
California	----- 39.10
Florida	----- 4.00
Georgia	----- 252.38
Illinois	----- 172.03
Kentucky	----- 85.25
Michigan	----- 1,054.12
Missouri	----- 570.38
Mississippi	----- 102.36
New Mexico	----- 5.00
North Carolina	----- 1,419.20
Ohio	----- 5.00
Oklahoma	----- 69.50
South Carolina	----- 30.25
Tennessee	----- 363.31
Texas	----- 223.88
Virginia	----- 1.20
West Virginia	----- 188.13
Sale of Barnard's Books	----- 254.00

Returned check made good	77.10
Total	\$5,068.35
Grand Total	\$5,511.54

Disbursements	
Office help	\$ 75.00
Rev. Kenneth Turner (Expense)	14.00
Mrs. Josephine Stevens (Africa)	50.00
Postage	35.68
Toccoa Falls Schools (Willey Children)	75.00
Cuba	1,600.00
Laura Belle Barnard	90.00
India	1,110.15
Rev. T. H. Willey (Exp.)	56.90
Rev. E. C. Morris (Exp.)	11.20
Rev. Rashie Kennedy (Exp.)	71.49
Rev. Geo. Waggoner (Exp.)	9.58
Missions Visualized	233.33
Office Supplies	48.67
Printing	136.00
Postal Cards	10.00

Total \$3,627.00

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1951 \$5,884.54

Balance in Various Accounts			
Gneral Fund			\$2,106.31
Barnard's Book			506.00
Film "Letter to Melitino"			167.82
India Car Fund			3,104.41
State	Quota	Paid	Balance
Ala. . .	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 394.30	\$ 1,155.70
Ark. . .	500.00	331.19	168.81
Calif. . .	200.00	200.15	
Fla. . . .	800.00	562.14	237.86
Ga. . . .	2,000.00	1,636.19	363.81
Ill. . . .	2,500.00	1,493.21	1,006.79
Ky. . . .	1,200.00	144.35	996.55
Mich. . .	4,000.00	4,951.67	
Miss. . .	850.00	452.75	397.25
Mo. . . .	8,000.00	3,555.35	4,444.65
N. C. . .	11,000.00	7,184.54	3,815.46
Ohio . .	2,000.00	41.51	1,958.49
Okla. . .	5,000.00	1,004.32	3,995.68
S. C. . .	3,000.00	1,583.22	1,416.78
Tenn. . .	5,000.00	3,321.78	1,678.22
Texas . .	1,600.00	1,198.95	401.05
Va. . . .	1,500.00	208.38	1,291.62
W. Va. .	2,000.00	534.64	1,465.36

Totals \$52,700.00 \$28,798.64 \$24,853.18

Michigan paid over quota \$951.67
Calif. paid over quota . . . 15

951.82

Bal. Due on Total Quota \$23,901.36

Outstanding Bills	
Note:	
Share in Promotional office of National Association	\$ 420.00
Amount due on Production of Film	233.33

Expense of Itinerate Workers	52.65
Stationery, Printing and Advertising Posters	643.92
Behind one month for India	1,200.00

Total \$2,549.90
Remember, this is Foreign Mission Month (February). Let's hurry and catch up with our quotas and if possible, go over them, as two of our states have already done.

Sincerely yours,
Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

National Prayer Crusade Organized in Chicago

A Nation-wide Appeal for Ten Million Men, Women and Children to Pray for the Nation and the World

The critical crisis which our nation faces and the fact that the whole world may now be on the verge of a global conflict which could destroy our civilization as we know it, has stirred the Rev. Allen R. Blegen, Director of the Lutheran Gospel Hour into doing something about it. Almost single handed he has launched a new nationwide, interdenominational movement for prayer called the American Prayer Force. Already several thousand among his radio listeners are going "all-out" to help him enlist more than ten million prayer partners.

Pastor Blegen, who for thirteen years has directed a world-wide Prayer Fellowship says, "Only God can avert catastrophe. I firmly believe that if God's people all over our nation lifted up their voices in a great volume of prayer the evil forces at work in the world today could be thwarted and peace could be assured."

The plan of the American Prayer Force is to enlist men and women throughout the nation to sign the simple four-point prayer pledge:

In the Light of the world conditions I promise to pray as God shall remind me:

1. For Spiritual Revival
2. For the Church of Jesus Christ
3. For a Return to Morality
4. For our Nation and the World.

There are no dues or solicitation of funds in the new movement, nor is it political in any sense. There will be no formal organization meetings. Members are asked only to pray. Each will pray privately to God in his own way.

Pastors throughout the nation, evangelists, radio broadcasters and leaders in religious organizations of all denominations and interdenominational groups will be urged to secure signatures. Laymen are urged to help by interesting friends in enlisting in the prayer movement.

Pastor Blegen is planning for the State

Directors in all the states and a National Director of American Prayer Force at 4756 W. Washington Boulevard, Chicago 44. National advertising and publicity in magazines and newspapers is planned to inform a large part of the Christian public the major objectives of the new prayer force.

"The Bible clearly states that such a prayer movement rising up among God's people can save a nation and a civilization," the Rev. Blegen says, quoting King Jehoshaphat of the Nation of Judah, who prayed in the midst of national calamity, "We have no might against this great company that cometh against us, neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee!" (II Chron. 20:12). God heard his prayer and intervened. He can hear our prayer today and intervene, if we meet His conditions and pray.

"Modern History illustrates how prayer can save a nation and world," Blegen says. "One instance of this is the revival in England during the days of the Wesleys which is believed by church leaders and historians alike to have saved that nation."

Reflected Glory

"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us." Those who live long and intimately with the Lord Jesus have something of his glory reflected in their faces. People who live in glass houses must be careful, but I recall telling my wife that a certain Filipino was about the homeliest girl I had ever met. She was a believer then, but untaught in the Word, and young in the Christian life. Now she has had almost two years of regular Bible study, and has advanced many a step in grace and in knowledge of Christ.

A few days ago, after a visit with her about some evangelistic meetings we plan to hold in her neighborhood, I made the honest confession, "When we came that girl seemed almost ugly, but if she does not stop changing soon, I'll be calling her beautiful." We agreed that the change has come through her deeply spiritual life and constant study of the Word. Her face shines always with the sweetness of her delight in Christ, and her joy in witnessing for Him. Which leads me to the embarrassing question, "Are you more beautiful now than you were two years ago, with the beauty of the Lord your God?"—A Missionary

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

This is to inform our church people that my address is now changed from 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, to 433 East Bend Drive, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

MISSION SERVICE HELD AT BLACK RIVER CHURCH

Mrs. Eva Benton
Andrews, S. C., Rt. 1, Box 205

Good services were held at Black River F. W. B. Church, Andrews, S. C., on February 4th, Mission Day. Brother Roy Mixon opened the service with a song by the congregation. Prayers by many and scripture verses were recited by members of the Sunday School classes. A message on Missions was rendered by Bro. J. L. Smith of Andrews, S. C. A prayer and short talk for "Liberal Tithing" were by Eva Benton. A song was sung and collection taken up, God blessing in a mighty way. Seventeen dollars and thirty cents was contributed.

A group of children brought forth ten dollars and seventy cents that they had raised for Mission Day. Total contribution was twenty-eight dollars. At the closing of the service gifts and offerings of money were presented to Brother Smith from the church. We pray that each and every one present enjoyed the service to the glory of God. May his richest blessings be upon everyone that paid tributes to missions.

We are laborers together with God, I Cor. 3:9. It was God's command that the Gospel be sent to all parts of the world, and he said unto them, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). There is only one Saviour for all men. If the people of the foreign lands do not hear about that Saviour, and therefore cannot accept him as their Lord and Master, then they will be lost. Neither is there salvation in any other, "For there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved," (Acts 4:12). The work is challenging, the task is big and the church is God's way of bringing people into his fellowship. Since we are the church, what is our part in this program?

First, we must give him ourselves, our whole selves. He cannot use us until he has us. To let the kingdom come in our own lives automatically compels each of us to be missionaries, witnesses for Christ.

Second, we must give our prayers for the work of the Kingdom in all the world. That is to say, we must not only give our own Christian witness where we are, but we must pray for others all over the world who bear witness to Christ. We must develop a wide heart, a world-wide outlook, a boundless concern that Christ's Kingdom may come in the whole world.

Third, we must give as God prospers us. Young people do not have much money, but the "Grace of liberality" is as important in "little" as it is in "much." The tithe is what God expects and it will never be easier to give when we have more, because the tithe grows as our income grows. If we can give proportionately of our little bit and continue that habit throughout life,

God's Kingdom will never want for the means of winning the world. Therefore, by our giving of self, supplication, and substance, we have a very real part in winning the world for Christ. Ask ourselves the question: What have we done with the opportunity to get the message of salvation to those who are in darkness, do you know that you denied the Lord Jesus? "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God, (Hebrews 10:31).

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The follow is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Convention of Free Will Baptists for January, 1951.

RECEIPTS—

Balance on hand January 1, 1951 \$1,842.54
Receipts for January 206.06

Total to account for \$2,048.60

DISBURSEMENTS—

To Superannuated ministers 240.00
To ministers' widow 7.50
Operating expense 34.22
Paid to National Board 17.18

Total disbursements 298.90

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1951 \$1,749.70

RECEIPTS ITEMIZED—

Smithfield	1.85
Kinston	25.00
2nd. Central Union	7.85
2nd. Central League Union	1.85
LaGrange S. S.	11.31
3rd. Western Union	11.87
Albemarle S. S. Conv.	6.00
Albemarle Union Meeting	\$20.75
St. Delight S. S.	\$ 2.00
Marlboro S. S.	\$ 8.63
3rd Eastern Union	\$20.00
5th Eastern S. S. Conv.	\$10.00
Carteret Co. Union	\$ 5.00
4th Central Aux. Conv.	\$ 5.00
Cramerton Aux.	\$ 5.00
5th Eastern Union	\$25.00
Edgemont	\$10.00
Highland Pines	\$ 6.67
Rocky Mount S. S.	\$ 1.83
People's Chapel League	\$ 1.00
Davis	\$ 5.00
Friendship (Johnston Co.)	\$ 1.00
Robert's Grove S. S.	\$ 1.00
Free Union Leagues	\$ 2.50
Core Creek S. S.	\$ 9.94

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer

"The only use I have for alcohol is for rubbing my body before I run. I have never used, nor do I intend to use, alcoholic beverages."—Jesse Owen, famous Negro athlete, champion runner.

More numbers never give wisdom.

NEWS FROM HEAD'S CHURCH, CEDAR HILL, TENNESSEE

Plans are underway for a Spring Membership Revival to be held sometime in the month of March at Head's Church.

Land has been given to the church by Mr. G. E. Gower, our church clerk, on which a parsonage will be constructed. Also about one-fourth acre for parking space at the church has been given.

A landscaping committee was appointed at the January Church Conference to draw up plans for the landscaping of the church yard. Our four new gas heaters in the Sunday School rooms have been appreciated during these winter months.

The Leagues of the Church experienced a wonderful time of fellowship at the New Year's Eve Social. After our Sunday night services, we journeyed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Walker and watched the old year out and the new year in. As the clock was striking the midnight hour, there was a prayer of consecration, confessing our failures during the past year and then consecrating ourselves anew to the Lord for greater service during the New Year. Also there were hymns sung and games played.

The Woman's Auxiliary, at the January meeting, set as a goal the establishing of family altars in the homes of our church members.

Esterlene Ellis,
Church Reporter

BRITAIN DRINKS—AND GOES HUNGRY

James Millar, in The Rechabite

Yes, Mrs. Millar and I are glad to be home again; glad to return to a land where there is plenty of food and good food at that; to a land where it is possible to purchase a drink of milk, and as much meat as we desire; and, in addition, possible to purchase a great variety of fresh fruit and vegetables.

Such is not the case in Great Britain, where milk is rationed 2½ pints a week—if you can get it; where one egg is the weekly ration, but it generally means one egg every two weeks; where you have to be a child under 6 or over 70 before you can obtain oranges or bananas.

Surely there are no kinder people, no more courageous people than our kinsfolk in England, Scotland, and Wales.

It was a tonic to see them, even though they seemed so tired. Their spirit is triumphant and they face the future bravely. I feel sure, were they enabled to obtain plenty of nourishing food, so easily available to Australians, that Great Britain would again lead the world...

In England, not Wales or Scotland, liquor bars are open for groups of hours on Sunday to anyone. You can come out of church and wait a little outside the inn or

small public house until it opens. It's the usual thing there. The same liquor bars are open on week nights until 10:00 o'clock, and it was most depressing to see as many women as men drinking in the bars. In England most people drink and cannot see anything wrong in it.

Dear Christian friends and brothers,

If you and I but knew,
How faithfully the world records
Just what we say and do,

Oh! we would make our record plain,
And labor hard to see
Our worldly neighbors won to Christ,
While reading you and me.

I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity an obligation; every possession, a duty.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

If you talk about your troubles
And tell them o'er and o'er,
The world will think you like 'em
And proceed to give you more."

The most beautiful sentiments ever penned weigh less than a single lovely action.

EVILS OF ANCIENT ROME

Gibbons, in his masterful book, "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," listed five reasons for the fall of that Empire:

"First, the rapid increase of divorce; the undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis of human society.

"Second, higher and higher taxes and the spending of public monies for free bread and circuses for the populace.

"Third, the mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more exciting and more brutal.

"Fourth, the building of gigantic armaments when the real enemy was within, in the decadence of the people.

"Fifth, the decay of religion—faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life and becoming impotent to guide the people!"

Do not the same evils threaten America?

Expression of Thanks and Appreciation

We express our sincere thanks to the many friends, relatives, and neighbors for their words and tokens of sympathy, and consolation during the hours of our deepest sadness and bereavement of the loss of our mother, Mrs. Mary Ellen Hardy.

We want to thank every one who sent cards, letters, and flowers to us, expressing their sympathy over the passing of our dear mother.

Respectfully submitted,
John E., Melvin, George,
Levy, Lem, Joshua Hardy and
Mrs. Ruth Eubanks

IS IT RIGHT!

Is it right to build churches to save men's souls, and at the same time license shops that destroy men?

Is it right to license a man to sell that which will make a man drunk, and then punish him for getting drunk?

Is it right to license a man to make paupers, criminals and insane, and then tax sober people to support these paupers, criminals and insane?

Is it right to license a saloon to breed vice, and then tax people for schools to teach virtue?

It is right to derive revenue from a traffic which scientists, medical authorities, and educators cannot defend?—The Patriot.

FROM THE FIELD

Rev. Raymond Riggs
Foreign Mission Board
242 Victor Ave.,

Dear Brother Riggs,

Enclosed is check for tithes and offerings from Pine Grove F. W. B. Church for week ending February 4.

Our pastor is Rev. George Langely, Mills Rural Station, Rockingham, N. C. May God bless you in your great work.

Yours in Christ

L. L. Wilson
Route 1
Rockingham, N. C.
Treasurer of church

Check Inc.—\$183.49

Aim at perfection in everything, though in most things it is unattainable. However, they who aim at it, and persevere, will come much nearer to it than those whose laziness and despondency make them give it up as unattainable.—Chesterfield.

Solitude is one of the highest enjoyments of which our nature is susceptible. Solitude is also, when too long continued, capable of being made the most severe, indescribable, unendurable source of anguish.—DeLorraine.

Happiness rarely is absent. It is we that know not of its presence. The greatest felicity avails us nothing if we know not that we are happy.—Maurice Materlinck.

NATIONAL BODIES TO MEET IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE JULY 3-12, 1951

Henry Melvin, Chairman
Location Committee

Free Will Baptist Churches of the middle Tennessee area and the Free Will Baptist Bible College will be host to the 1951 session of the National Bodies.

The 1950 session of the National Association meeting in Richmond, Calif., ordered that all national bodies of the Free Will Baptist Church should meet consecutively. A location Committee composed of Rev. Damon Dodd, Promotional Secretary, Rev. Harry Staires and myself were appointed to secure facilities for entertaining the 1951 session.

The Committee accepted the invitation of the South Carolina Convention to meet in Florence, however, conditions over which the South Carolina Committee and the Location Committee had no control caused the withdrawal of the invitation of the brethren of South Carolina.

Information to the effect that the National Bodies would meet in Florence, S. C., has been released to the public. At the time of the release this information was authentic and no one need be censured or criticised for this release due to the explanation made above.

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BODIES

Nation-wide League Conference, July 3-5, 1951

National Sunday School Convention, July 6-7, 1951

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, July 9-10, 1951

National Association of Free Will Baptists, July 10-12, 1951

All sessions of the National Bodies will meet in the new College Auditorium which will be in readiness by that time . . . so, all together, let's make—

ALL ROADS LEAD TO NASHVILLE,
JULY 3-12, 1951

I would believe that one who preserved a lock of my hair, a simple flower, or any trifle of my bestowing, loved me, though no show was made of it.—Washington Irving.

Had I a dozen sons,—each in my love alike,—I had rather had eleven die nobly for their country, than one voluptuously surfeit out of action.—Shakespeare.



THE JERUSALEM ROAD

(Lesson for March 4)

Lesson: Mark 10. Mark 10:35-45.

Golden Text: Mark 10:43.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

It is surprising that, in spite of all Jesus had said, including another explicit statement which he had just made concerning his own future (vs. 32-34), the disciples should still be dreaming about places of honor in an earthly kingdom. Jesus used the selfish request of James and John, and the displeasure of the other disciples over it, as an occasion of explaining wherein true greatness lies. It does not consist in the possession of offices and things, but in the sort of spirit which prompts one to serve God and one's fellow men. It is the kind of spirit one receives when he truly comes under the spell of Jesus Christ, as the disciples themselves did after his death and resurrection and the in-filling with his Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Up until the end of Christ's life they had a wrong conception of the aims of the Master himself; but after their eyes were enlightened and their hearts were warmed by the Spirit's presence, they gladly went forth in his service to labor and if need be to die. To-day selfishness cannot compare in attractiveness with unselfishness; indeed, when one has truly met Christ, a selfish life seems unworthy and tame. But a life of service that is prompted by Christ glorifies the Master and benefits him who serves. It deepens his spirituality, enriches his character, and fits him to take his place among those who in God's sight are great.—Arnold's Commentary.

1. Thoughts of self-exaltation do not inspire willingness to render service (Mark 10:35-37).

2. The desire to catch a place of honor ahead of someone else is not conducive to the rendering of helpful service (vs. 37).

3. The motive for true service cannot be found in the desire for pre-eminence (vs. 37).

4. The spirit of true service does not seek to take advantage over others who are just as worthy (vs. 37).

5. In order to render true service it is essential to have fellowship with Christ (vs. 38).

6. Suffering and death are frequently encountered on the pathway of service (vss. 38, 39).

7. In His own way and at His own time God will properly reward all true service for Him (vs. 40).—Selected.

8. The essence of true religion is faithful service rendered unto others. Christ informed his disciples that the chief thing for his followers to seek was wholehearted Christian service to be given for the good of other people. He gave to them his own example of sacrificial service as proof of what he means for them to understand, and for them to follow it in rendering Christian service unto others. They were not to look for places of honor and ease, but to be ready and willing to be servants for the cause of the kingdom.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

9. The Bible teaches very definitely that God is no respecter of persons, and that Christ came to minister to the needs of all people and to save all who receive Him as their own personal Saviour. The incident of His contact with the woman of Syrophenica shows as well as for the Jews. She was not a known disciple, but her conduct proved her implicit faith in Him.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

10. The record is that the ten, when they heard what had been requested by James and John, were moved with indignation. The indignation probably showed itself in the whisperings against the two brothers, perhaps in glances of bitterness and anger. Judging the disciples on the ground in which we live and move, it is altogether possible that

an intense antipathy may well have been raised because of what James and John had done. It is true that such an attitude should not characterize us. I think, undoubtedly, one of pity would be the better attitude to adopt, because the man who pushes himself, apart from God's putting him forward, is on dangerous ground indeed.—Moody Monthly.

II. The Lesson Illustrated A Wise Choice

If you had to choose between a fortune and Christ, which would you choose? A Jewish girl who became a Christian had to face that choice when her father died. He left her \$45,000 on condition that she would give up her Christian faith. If not, she was to receive a paltry five dollars. That young woman chose to remain a Christian. It cost her a fortune, but she chose to be true to Christ. He meant more to her than money. Was she wise or foolish? . . . If she was a fool, it was for Christ's sake. The real fool is the one who puts something of this world before Christ. To put Christ first is not folly, but true wisdom. It may cost much to be a Christian, and sometimes does, but not to be a Christian costs much more at the last.—The S. S. Times.

We hope you will have time to study Mark 10:17-22. Just compare the rich young ruler with James and John. The two brothers had much to learn, and at least one bad fault to overcome, but the important fact is that they instantly obeyed Jesus when He called them to follow Him, and thus gave Him an opportunity to fit them for service. But even God cannot do anything with a person who rejects the call to follow Him.

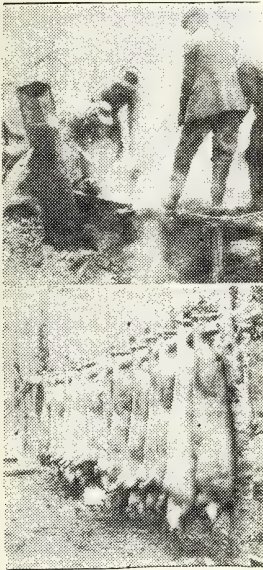
Wanted!

We will appreciate it if someone will give us the present address of Mrs. Josephine Mumpower Stevens in Africa. We want to list her, with the other missionaries, in the National Directory. It seems that she is not receiving the Baptist paper, and we will be glad to give her a complimentary copy, and solicit messages and reports from her field of missions.—Editor.

Middlesex Orphanage

HOG KILLING TIME

JANUARY RECEIPTS FOR 1951



The picture above shows the men and boys in the process of killing the third group of hogs during this winter season.

Sometimes the boys are a little hesitant in entering into a hog killing, but the morning of January 14th was an exception. Several of the boys expressed a desire to make pork out of the fifteen fattening hogs that "looked good enough to kill" as one boy put it. The fifteen hogs killed this day dressed an average of 250 pounds each and added to our meat supply another 3,750 pounds of pork. The thirty-six hogs killed during this winter season have provided us with a total of 8,320 pounds of pork, lard, ham, bacon, and sausage.

The children are really enjoying eating this meat and it seems good to have an adequate supply of meat in our smoke house after trying for eighteen months to increase our swine project to the extent that our pork needs would be met. The loads of corn which our many friends brought us have been very valuable in helping us produce the amount of pork we need to feed our children.

"Liquor will undermine boys; rob them; clean them out. That's why I am against it."—Coach Fielding Yost, University of Michigan.

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

GENERAL FUND

Western

3rd Union	\$ 59.97
Elwood Lane	31.06
Rosebud	5.00
Rock Springs	2.81
Oak Grove	5.00
Marsh Swamp	10.00
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	17.51
Friendship	8.69
5th Sunday Vocal Union, Branch Chapel	7.81
People's Chapel	1.00
1st Union	36.00
Holly Springs	7.58
Edgemont	6.00
Stoney Creek	37.00
Total	\$235.43

Central

St. Delight	\$ 8.00
Greenville	56.79
Pleasant Hill	1.00
King's Cross Roads	2.60
4th Union Auxiliary Convention	41.94
Bethany	12.06
Marlboro	5.27
Aspin Grove	22.00
Winterville	65.50
Hull Road	18.25
Rhody Mount	2.56
Rose Hill	11.20
Elm Grove	1.00
Saratoga	6.80
Gum Swamp	6.37
Total	\$261.34

Eastern

Snead's Ferry	\$ 4.82
5th Sunday School Convention	41.00
3rd Union	40.00
Roe	3.00
Grantsboro	17.80
Carteret County Union	25.00
St. Mary's	23.78
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	1.60
Wardens Grove	11.00
5th Union	125.50
Davis	12.50
Kinston	30.00
Ruth's Chapel	7.28
Bridgeton	6.00
Morehead City	10.00
Union Chapel	30.19
Lane's Chapel	5.00
Friendship	46.90
Oriental	6.58
Folkstone	5.80
Wintergreen	2.00
Core Creek	28.38
Beulaville	12.07
Total	\$496.20

Pee Dee

1st Union	\$ 8.01
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Cypress Creek ----- 11.88

Total ----- \$ 19.89

Piedmont

Arrington Heights	\$ 7.75
Highland Pines	26.68
Stanley	5.00

Total ----- \$ 39.43

Cape Fear

Wooten's Chapel	\$ 8.30
Raleigh	13.00
Robert's Grove	6.00
Yelverton's Grove	2.38
Lee's Chapel	31.67
Powhatan	5.00

Total ----- \$ 65.35

French Broad

Cedar Hill	\$ 20.00
Beaverdam	10.00
Horney Heights	5.00

Total ----- \$ 35.00

Conference Uncertain

Oakwood	\$ 4.00
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Miscellaneous

Parents and Relatives	\$ 47.40
A Friend	10.00
W. K. Ballentine	30.00
O. J. Peele	7.00
Leon Griffin	10.00
Ruth Toler	10.47
Fred Volivia	10.00
Iris Cannon	5.45
O. J. Cutler	10.00
Hilery M. Minchew	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Paul McCoy	50.00
Young People's Friend Subs.	.50
Farm Cash Sales	425.31
Comps	137.96
Sale of office building	125.00
Pastoral Supply by Rev. W. A. Hansley	130.00
Total	\$1,014.09

CHAPEL FUND

Elm Grove (Central)	\$ 10.76
S. S. Convention (Central)	60.75

Total ----- \$ 71.51

CLOTHING FUND

King's Cross Roads (Central)	\$ 39.00
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LINEN FUND

Little Rock Missionary Society (Western)	\$ 6.00
Oak Grove Auxiliary (Pee Dee)	5.00

Total ----- \$ 11.00

FUND TO REFURNISH GIRLS BLDG.

Dilda's Grove Aux. (Central)	\$ 5.00
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ALBEMARLE COTTAGE

Free Union League	\$ 4.00
Union Meeting	57.26
Sunday School Convention	214.22

Total ----- \$275.48

MUSIC FUND

Smithfield Auxiliary (Cape Fear)	\$ 10.00
Macedonia Circle No. 2 (Eastern)	57.26
Greenville Auxiliary (Central)	5.00
Kinston Auxiliary (Eastern)	5.00

Total ----- \$ 35.00

TOTALS

General Fund	\$2,170.73
Chapel Fund	71.51
Clothing Fund	39.00

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MISSIONARY PRAYER BAND

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that will go and do evangelistic work.

2. Pray for the native pastor and church leaders who are in special spiritual need at this time.

3. Ask the Lord to send another married couple for the station there. The work demands at least two men, and Mr. Stevens has been carrying on alone. It is almost more than he can physically bear.

4. Pray for Mr. and Mrs. Stevens in their language studies, and for protection from malaria or any other disease that would weaken their bodies.

Missionary Students

Don't forget to pray for the students who have answered the call of Foreign Missions and are now preparing for service on the field. They are: Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Terry, Germany; Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna, Wanda Edwards, and Sammy Wilkinson, India; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Calvary, Japan; Lucy Wisehart, Greece; and June Rivenbark. Also pray for Volene Wilson who is expecting to be on the field soon.

Five great enemies to peace inhabit with us, viz., Avarice, Ambition, Envy, Anger, and Pride, and if those enemies were to be banished, we should infallibly enjoy perpetual peace.—Petrarch.

Prayer-Band Officers

Our new officers for this semester are as follows: President, Ronald Creech; Vice-President, Leroy Forlines; Recording Secretary, Mary Frances Hess; and Corresponding Secretary, Jane Reeder. The publication staff remains the same as it was the first semester: Editor, Roy O'Donnell; Staff Members, Don Ellis, Wesley Calvary, Ronald Creech, June Rivenbark, Jane Kettman and Wanda Edwards.

Continue to pray for a great awakening on the part of our Free Will Baptist people for the cause of Missions. The need is great and the time is short.

We extend an invitation to you who are not members of our Prayer Band to join us in prayer each day. If you would like to unite with us, we would like to hear from you. Write to us at 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, stating your interest in World-Wide Missions, and your desire to join us in daily praying that the Gospel may soon be preached to all men everywhere.

Opportunity has hair in front, behind she is bald; if you seize her by the forelock, you may hold her, but if suffered to escape, not Jupiter himself can catch her again.—From the Latin.

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Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

Rev. J. S. Overman Passes

On November 28, 1950, Rev. J. S. Overman was called to his heavenly home. He was born June 14, 1876, making his stay on earth 74 years. Mr. "Jap," as he was called by every one, had always been an humble Christian.

After being called to the ministry about twenty years ago, he became an humble servant for Christ, not looking for the big things to do, but working in the by-ways and humble places where ever he could serve his Lord best.

He was humble during his illness following an eye operation, from which he never regained his strength. We miss him, but we know he is better off than we, that are left here in this world of sin and suffering. Truly, "He is great who serves."

Mrs. C. H. Overman,
Kenly, N. C., Rt. 1

REV. KENNETH RAYNOR PASSES

The death angel visited the home of Rev. Kenneth Raynor, Milton, Florida, 10-10-50, calling him to rest. Rev. Raynor was born 9-1-60 in Johnson County, N. C. He early gave his life to God and at the age of 19 became a Free Will Baptist minister. He was ordained in the Cape Fear Conference later, withdrawing to organize the Rock-Fish Conference.

He came to Florida in 1913, and worked with the Southern Union Association.

Rev. Raynor married Hattie Colvin when she was 16 years of age. She preceded him to the grave by 4 years. They leave to mourn their passing 7 children, 35 grandchildren, 95 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren. We would say to these loved ones, "Weep not, for he is at rest."

Rev. Raynor was much loved and respected by all who knew him. He was a great Christian teacher for those with whom he came in contact.

Sleep on Brother, take your rest.
Just lean your head on Jesus' breast.
We all loved you
Lest Jesus loved you best.

Written by a friend and member of his church.

Mrs. Genola B. Spence
368 N. Spring Street
Crestview, Florida

Mrs. Mary Ellen Hardy

On January 2, 1951, the Lord called Mrs. Mary Ellen Hardy from our midst. She was the oldest member of Edward Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, age 90 years. She was an active member in the church she loved so dearly. She was known as Grandma Hardy. She was widowed in 1898, and left with nine children, ages two to eighteen.

She found time with the help of her children to run her farm. She was a good neighbor to all, especially to the sick and those in need. She faced all obstacles of life which were many, even her last fatal illness of five months and nine days, with humility, courage and faith. Truly she was a Christian.

Funeral services were conducted at Edward Chapel Church by her pastor, Rev. Willie Stille, assisted by Rev. W. E. Anderson and Bro. Elmer Goodwin. Surviving are six sons: John, Melvin, both of Oriental, George, Levy, Lem and Joshua, all of Merrimon; one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Eubanks of Merrimon, 45 grand children, 81 great grandchildren and 9 great-great-grandchildren. The memory she left her loved ones is an inspiration for them to live a nobler life for the Master.

Respectfully submitted,
by her daughter-in-law,
Mrs. Laura Goodwin Hardy

IN MEMORIAM

This is written in loving memory of our darling baby "Herbert Wilson Isgett, Jr.," who departed this life ten months ago, April 6, 1950.

A tiny bud blossomed in heaven,
Ten months ago today;
When God called our little darling
And took his sweet soul away.

While we bow in humble submission
To the infinite Father's will;
Our hearts are deeply saddened
Because we miss our darling still.

But in the Father's Garden of Heaven
Junior is beckoning to us here below;
For the bud of life that blossoms
There in heaven has a radiant glow.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Isgett
Pamplico, S. C.

MRS. HOLLY ANN HALL GONE TO REST

On January 31, 1951, the Lord saw fit to take from our midst our beloved Sister Holly Ann Hall. She was a member of the First Free Will Baptist church in Pensacola, Fla. She was faithful to her Church and was greatly loved by all who knew her. We are saddened by her passing. But we know that our Heavenly Father knoweth best.

She is not dead, but has just passed
Beyond the mists that blind us here,
Into the new and larger life
Of that serener sphere.

She has but dropped her robe of clay
Put her shining raiment on;
She has not wandered far away,
She is not "lost" or gone.

Though disenthralled and glorified,
She still is here and loved of yet.
The dear ones she has left behind
They never can forget.

Mrs. Millie Donaldson, Church Clerk

It is one of the great mysteries that a man who is sensitive and considerate in small groups, so frequently becomes foolish, violent and cruel in a crowd.

Announcement

I will be available to preach in revival meetings for any church that may desire my service for this year.

Elmer M. Goodwin (Licensed)
1802 Edenton Street.
New Bern, N. C.
Phone No. 4494

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Second Union Meeting of the Central Conference of N. C. will convene with Grimesley Church, Greene County, Saturday before the fifth Sunday in April, 1951.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Guy Corbett,
Clerk of the Union

Youth's Banner

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★ To Free Will Baptist Leagues

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souls on the BREAD OF LIFE." It is for us. Why not accept of that ETERNAL BREAD?

Have You Received It?

WHAT? I am talking about something very important. Something, that just reached my desk. Now I am talking about? Well, I certainly like what the informant is hitting at. He has the right idea. I hope that it hits a responsive cord in the life and activities of North Carolina Free Will Baptist people. Please, do not place it in the wastebasket and forget it. Read it and boost the idea.

I guess by now, you want to know what I am talking about. It is that letter sent out by Mrs. Gertrude Ballard, with an envelope with the address on the face of the envelope reading like this

"MR. FOUNTAIN TAYLOR
RICHLANDS
N. C. RT. No. 2."

You know what it means? It means an offering to Fountain Taylor for the CRAGMONT DEBT.

Here Is a Simple Way to Do It

Let every preacher in North Carolina take an offering. But, why not read that letter to our congregation and accept the plan as offered? Providing we do not have a better.

JANUARY RECEIPTS FOR 1951

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Linen Fund -----	11.00
Fund to Refurnish Girl's Bldg. --	5.00
Albemarle Cottage Fund -----	275.48
Music Fund -----	35.00
Total -----	\$2,607.72

BUDGET RECEIPTS

Eastern Conference -----	\$ 6,009.78
Central Conference -----	4,998.60
Western Conference -----	5,786.00
Cape Fear Conference -----	1,818.73
Albemarle Conference -----	595.84
French Broad Association -----	732.87
Rockfish Association -----	250.70
Pee Dee Conference -----	356.35
Jack's Creek Association -----	247.71
Piedmont Association -----	746.89
Toe River Association -----	39.50
Western Yearly -----	15.00
Total -----	\$21,597.97

DONATE DCOMMODITIES

Cabin Auxiliary-----	
Household Supplies -----	\$ 5.00
Kenly Auxiliary-----	
Household Supplies -----	25.26
Union Grove Auxiliary, Wayne County—Clothing -----	7.50
Mrs. Frank Rhodes—Sheets -----	5.00
Marsh Swamp—Farm Supplies ----	237.00
Deep Run Auxiliary-----	
Household Supplies -----	25.90
First Marion—Household Supplies -	99.00
Ayden Aux.—Household Supplies -	17.80
Smithfield Auxiliary-----	
Household Supplies -----	4.25
Stoney Creek Auxiliary—Food -----	55.00
Pleasant Grove Auxiliary-----	
Household Supplies -----	10.00
Holly Springs Auxiliary-----	
Household Supplies -----	3.00
A Friend—Two calves -----	60.00
Sts. Delight—Food -----	5.45
W. R. Miller—Food -----	3.50

Total Value -----\$563.66
Walter McD. Croom, Treasurer

REVIVAL RESTRAINTS

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travels which the evangelist delighted to take his hearers on against their will as they sat patiently hoping that he would soon dispense with the journey and preach.

Or if he would spend as much time preaching Christ as he does his wonderful family. Or tremendous sacrifice of a prominent and high paying position to preach the gospel. Perhaps the church would have a fighting chance of a revival.

Such a man intrudes on the Sacred rights of the Father in Heaven that Jesus Christ Himself refrained from doing. He said, "I seek not mine own glory" (John 8:50). God says, "My glory will I not give to another" (Isa. 42:8). God means what He says and will not allow a boastful one to usurp it from Himself. When preachers are thus inclined, "They . . . limit the Holy One of Israel."

(To be continued)

REVIVAL MEETING

A Revival meeting will begin at Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church on March 5 at 7 o'clock each evening. The church is near Deep Run, N. C.

Rev. Wade Calvert of Belmont, N. C. will do the preaching. The public is invited to attend these services.

Yours in Christ
Walter King,
Deep Run, N. C.

THIRD UNION REPORT

The Third Union of the Eastern Conference met with Cabin Church, Dec. 30, 1950. Devotions were conducted by Rev. S. A. Smith. The Union was opened for business by the moderator.

Temporary Committees were appointed. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved and list of ministers was called with 12 present. List of churches was called with 30 representing with \$254.62 donation.

By motion that Rev. Alton Hill, Jr., and Rev. A. L. Reynolds be excommunicated for departing from the faith. By motion that the union accept the invitation to meet in April 28, 1951, with Folkston Church. Rev. S. R. Kennedy was selected to preach the Union sermon, Rev. S. A. Smith his alternate. After congregational song and prayer the Union sermon was preached by Rev. Lloyd Vernon who took his text from 1st. Timothy 1:17. We were then dismissed for dinner.

After enjoying a fine dinner and Christian fellowship together, we reassembled for the afternoon session. Devotions were conducted by Brother Ralph Summer. Reports of various boards were adopted. By motion that Rev. J. B. Narron be received in full fellowship with the Union. By motion that all officers of the Union be re-elected for 1951. Rev. W. R. Millard was elected to fill the vacancy of the Finance Board. Rev. S. R. Kennedy was elected to fill the vacancy on the Examining Board. There was an offering taken for Rev. R. C. Kennedy and Rev. R. Pipkin and the amount received was \$51.55.

By motion we extent to this church a rising vote of thanks for their kindness shown this session of the Union. By motion we adjourn.

Lemmie Taylor, Clerk
Rev. J. R. Davenport, Mod.

OUTRAGEOUS INVASION OF HOME!

The other day we were watching television—monitoring a beer program. A young boy was being presented with a prize at a Timonium, Maryland, fair. The prize? A case of beer!

The man in charge of the program said: "I suppose you'll have to give this to your parents since you are a little young." "Drink it myself," said the boy, and everybody broke into a laugh.

Same program, another day: "Here," said the announcer, I have something interesting." "A lady writes in that her baby, just four years old, knows the little advertising jingle perfectly, and goes about the house singing it. "Oh boy, what a beer, what a beer!" We will have to send her a case."—The Clipsheet.

"Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote."—Anonymous.

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A Strange Boon

Oft when of God we ask
For fuller, happier life,
He sets us some new task
Involving care and strife;
Is this the boon for which we sought?
Has prayer new trouble on us brought?

This is indeed the boon,
Though strange to us it seems;
We pierce the rock, and soon
The blessing on us streams;
For when we are the most athirst
Then the clear waters on us burst.

We toil as in the field
Wherein, to us unknown,
A treasure lies concealed
Which may be all our own.
And shall we of the soil complain
That speedily will bring such gain?

We dig the wells of life,
And God the waters gives;
We win our way by strife,
Then he within us lives;
And only war could make us meet
For peace so sacred and so sweet.

—Thomas Toke Lynch

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Sunday School Work Among F. W. B. in N. C.

Theme: ORGANIZATION

One of the great needs in the Sunday School work among Free Will Baptist of North Carolina is to be better organized. The local Sunday Schools need to be better organized. The benefits of organization cannot be ignored without serious injury to the cause. Organization unifies the School. Each officer and teacher in the Sunday School must be qualified and know his duty in its relation to the duties of all the other officers and teachers in his school. No ball team can win unless each player knows the game and co-operates with the other players. Just so no Sunday School can be successful unless each worker knows his duty and knows the other worker's duty so that each can work in unity with the whole Sunday School. Yes! A Sunday School properly organized can and will win. It will be unified. It will move as a unit in the over-all purpose as Leavell says: "The Mission and purpose of the Sunday School is to shape the immortal destiny of souls."

Organization helps place responsibility. If the Sunday School is disorderly or fails, somebody is responsible for the disorder and failure. A well organized Sunday School will place the responsibility on a responsible person and hold him responsible for the task. If he fails the School fails. If he is successful the school is successful. The saying that no chain is stronger than its weakest link is true here. No school is stronger than its weakest officer or teacher.

Organization provides for efficient teaching. "The Mission and purpose of the Sunday School is to shape the immortal destiny of souls." It demands an organization that provides the very best teachers, and the very best surroundings for the teacher to do his very best work. 85 per cent of the success depends upon the teacher.

Organization promotes the graded principle. In this article I want it to be understood that I believe in departmental organization. What I say will apply to any Sunday School, in fact any Sunday School can be organized on a departmental basis, be it large or small. In the smallest Sunday School at least you could have the children's department, birth to 12 years of age; the youth department from 12-24; and the adult department from 24 up. As the Sunday School grows it can be graded according to the departmental units with:

- 1 Cradle or Nursery department age 4 and 5
- 2 Primary department age 6, 7, and 8
- 3 Junior department age 9, 10, and 11
- 4 Intermediate department age 12, 13, and 14

Rashie Kennedy
Director of Field Secretary Program



a Senior department age 15, 16, and 17

a Young peoples department age 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24

an Adult department age 24-100.

As the Sunday School grows larger and provides more space these departments can be divided again and again. In fact for the best teaching results from the Primary department through the Intermediate department 8 pupils or 10 to a class at the most is best. To be successful a Sunday School must be graded and departmental organization provides for grading of pupils for better teaching.

One of the best arguments for a departmentally organized Sunday School is that it permits the enlistment of inactive church members. A great problem in our churches is the great number of members who never do anything to help carry on the work. The Sunday School is the great workshop of the church. Many of our inactive church members would become active if given something to do. A departmentally organized Sunday School will provide many places for service.

In the communities where our churches and Sunday Schools operate we have one in Sunday School while two are on the outside and need to be brought into the Sunday School. Without organization we cannot bring them in. Unorganized Sunday Schools do not grow and they cannot fulfill their mission. If our Sunday Schools are to make real progress, organization is an absolute necessity. Not only does the

local Sunday School need to be better organized but they need to join hands and organize for co-operation with other Sunday Schools all over the State.

We as Free Will Baptist need to perfect, as far as humanly possible, Local and District team work with each local Sunday School and District Convention, co-operating in an overall State and National Sunday School program. The work of a full-time field secretary would be to assist the local Sunday School in becoming better organized. Also to organize the local Sunday Schools into District organizations and uniting these with state and National Sunday School organizations.

Since 75 per cent of all church members come through the Sunday School; 85 per cent of all church workers, and 95 per cent of all ministers and Missionaries come through the Sunday School, the church could well afford to help finance the work of a full-time field secretary. The North Carolina State Convention-Institute has a move on foot now to put a full-time secretary to work in North Carolina. You may help by sending a delegation with a special donation for field secretary work to the State Sunday School Convention-Institute at Middlesex on April 19 and 20.

FAST AND PRAYER DAY OBSERVED

The Woman's auxiliary of Union Grove Church in Wayne County, North Carolina, met in the home of Mrs. Floyd Morris on February 9, 1951, at ten o'clock, for a day of study, prayer, and fasting. Everyone enjoyed a most inspiring devotional period which was conducted by Mrs. Bagley Morris. She read scripture portions from Jeremiah, and compared the sin and downfall of Israel with our present-day living. A chain of prayers were offered for our nation and leaders that they might seek Divine Guidance.

We entered upon a study of the book, "Missionary Treasures," opening our eyes to see the need of laborers on the fields which are white with harvest. Those assisting the leader of the program, Mrs. Floyd Morris, in the discussion were Mrs. Kenneth Woodard, Mrs. Raymond Sullivan, Mrs. Cecil Holland, Mrs. Ralph Edgerton, Mrs. Forrest Pope, Mrs. Alton Holland, Miss Gladys Waddell.

In line with the appeal of the National Council of Churches, we observed a day of prayer and fasting. The day was an inspiration to all those who were present, and everyone enjoyed the Christian fellowship together.

By Reporter

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Wealth That Pass Away

"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever" (I John 2: 16, 17).

If a man pileth up riches in this life, the world is ready to say: "His life has been a great success." "He was a wise man," "He was a wonderful character," and such remarks. But wealth does not mean success. Riches may spell an absolute failure. It can be stiled "A RICH FOOL," like the fellow we are told about in the 12th chapter of Luke.

"A Success Story"

In 1923 a group of the world's most successful financiers were gathered at Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Present were the president of the largest independent steel company, the president of the largest utility company, the greatest wheat speculator, the president of the New York Stock Exchange, a member of the cabinet of the President of the United States, the greatest "bear" in Wall Street, the president of the bank of the International Settlements, and the head of the world's greatest monopoly. These men together controlled more wealth than the United States Treasury. The "Success" stories of these men had been featured in magazines and books for years, as illustrious examples for American youth. That was in 1923, now twenty-eight years later what is the sequel to those "Success" stories? Charles Schwab, the president of the steel company, lived the last years of his life on borrowed money and died broke! Arthur Cutten, the greatest wheat speculator, died abroad, insolvent. Richard Whitney, president of

the New York Stock Exchange, served a term in Sing Sing prison. Albert Fall, member of the President's cabinet, was pardoned from prison to die at home. Jesse Livermore, the greatest "bear" in Wall Street, Leon Frazier, president of the International Settlements, and Ivan Krueger, head of the world's greatest monopoly, all committed suicide. Seven of the eight successful men ended their lives in tragedy and sorrow.—From the Western Voice.

Christ said, "Lay up treasures in heaven where moth nor rust do not corrupt and thieves do not break through and steal."

While the world looked at those men as being a great "success" they were miserable failures. Examples that no young man should follow. They were held up by the great writers of the age as "successful men." What the world calls "great" is not great in the eyes of Him with Whom we all have to give an account.

That cesspool of rottenness, sin and adultery called "Hollywood" is great in the eyes of millions. So great that thousands name their children after some "movie star." And children five and six years of age know many things about the hollywood crowd, but these same children know absolutely nothing about the Lord Jesus. Hundreds of those stars go down in shame and disgrace, and commit crimes against every decent thought and principle, yet they are sung about, and boosted to the highest degree by those who are following the world, supporting the filthy crowd with their money and time. Thousands are getting rich, laying up their treasures here below. But some day the crowd will meet up with their pal, on the other side, that the Lord tells of in Luke 12:20, and very likely they will be reminded by the same God of their miserable failure in life. Listen to the Son of God, "But God said unto him THOU fool, this night thy soul is required of thee." "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap" (See Gal. 6:7).

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers,

and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8).

U. S. GI "PRAYING SOLDIER"

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 25.—(AP)—A greying, combat-fatigued Army chaplain said today the American fighting man is a praying soldier.

This came from Capt. Michael E. Reynolds, Benson, N. C., just back from four months at the bloody Korean fighting front.

"Down deep the American doughboy is a God-fearing and God-loving fighting man," the chaplain said.

"Every day I had many requests for fox-hole prayer service. It was the first time during my ministry I had ever had men come to me seeking to worship their God."

For 26 months Reynolds was chaplain of the 2nd Battalion, 31st Regiment, of the 7th Division. He went into Korea with the outfit in the Inchon invasion and was finally evacuated December 27.

He was flown to the Brookley Air Force Base here today by the Military Air Transport Service with a group of Korean wounded.

The 38-year-old chaplain is a graduate of Wake Forest. He was a Baptist preacher in North Carolina before entering the Army eight years ago.

Reynolds suffered exposure during the withdrawal from the Chongjin Reservoir area. He was trapped with the 2nd Battalion by a Chinese ambush and crawled through ice and snow most of the night to escape the enemy.—*Raleigh News and Observer*.

—Reprinted from Biblical Recorder

When Is One Under Influence of Liquor?

The Supreme Court of Arizona, in the case of Steffani vs. State, held: "The expression 'under the influence of intoxicating liquor' covers not only all the well-known and easily recognized conditions and degrees of intoxication, but any abnormal mental or physical condition which is the result of indulging in any degree of intoxicating liquors . . . If the ability of the driver of an automobile has been lessened in the slightest degree by the use of intoxicating liquors, then the driver is deemed under the influence."

"The soldier who abstains altogether is the best man. He can accomplish more, can march better than the man who drinks even moderately . . . Brandy is the worst poison of all. Next to it comes beer . . . Strong drink tires and only increases thirst."—Count von Haesler, one-time Commander, German Sixteenth Army Corps.

AN ALLEGORY

By Rev. Naaman Borders
Waverly, Ohio

One dark and stormy night, after having had a lonely and dreary day of fatigue and agony, I lay down to sleep, but my sleep seemingly had departed until far into the night. After much tossing to and fro, I fell into a deep slumber, and saw things that made such an impression on me that cannot be expressed in words. No language on earth can depict such vivid scenes.

I dreamed that I had changed worlds, and that I had gone up to the pearly gates for admission. I saw there an angel with a great beautiful book in his hands. He turned to my name and began to read my record, and as the tender white fingers ran down the things I had done, I saw him shake his head. Then I began to weep bitter tears and tremble, and shake, while his fingers still ran over my record. I asked myself the question: "After all the trials and heartaches, and persecutions, I have gone through in yonder world, must I go down to a sinner's hell?"

As I was weeping with much agony, I saw the angel's face brighten up. He looked at me and smiled, and said: "I see here in letters of gold, 'All forgiven,' you have a clean record. Come on in. You have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things."

After having entered the pearly gates, I saw my blessed Saviour smiling with outstretched hands to welcome me. After embracing me and kissing me, he took his blessed sweet hands, and wiped the bitter tears from my weeping eyes, and said to me: "Home at last, my faithful servant." I thought that I struck the golden street a shouting. Then I turned to Jesus and said unto him. "Jesus, I should like to see my Mother. It has been a long time since my dear Mother went away, and left me down in that troublesome world. And I have spent many a lonesome day weeping for her."

He took me by the hand and led me in the middle of the street, and pointed away down glory street to a shin-

ing mansion, and said, "That is your mother's mansion." As we were looking we saw her shouting just outside the mansion door. I said, "Does she shout all the time?" The Lord told me that she shouts a great deal of the time. She had been at some of her beautiful flowers all around over her lawn. But when she got the news, she went to shouting. I saw you came through the pearly gates, I sent an angel down there, and he told her that her son had just arrived. And now she is shouting."

So, I went down the street, walking and running together. I passed lots of shining angels on my way, and lots of people whom I thought I knew. But I kept up my speed until I got down to where my Mother was. I meant to slip up and to put my arms around her neck, but she saw me first, and embraced me, and said: "Son, I knew you would make it through. I'm so glad that you held out faithfully."

Well, I cannot describe the joy we had when we first met. It was unspeakable, and full of glory. After much rejoicing, we sat down on the lawn among the flowers, and she could not keep her hands off me. She would pat my back and cheeks, and kiss my hands. Then she sprang to her feet, and began shouting again.

Finally, we began to talk of the times we had in the other world. She told me that she always watched over me, and that her greatest concern was when I fell into the hands of false brethren, when they tried so hard to crush me down, and to cast my name out as evil. She said, "That is when you had your greatest trial." Then I said, "Mother, that is just a part of it. Those who should have been my greatest helpers were my bitterest foes. Like Paul of old, many a time I stood alone, and cried in my bitterness of soul unto God for help. And the Lord stood by me."

But, while we were talking, I heard much singing and shouting down the street. So, we walked arm in arm down to the great throng. In the midst of the throng we saw King David singing and playing on his harp of a thousand strings, and shouting with all his might. Angels stood with folded wings and shining eyes. They smiled as David sang one of his favorite melodies, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." He sang it through and closed with, "I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

This meeting closed with great rejoicing. We then walked down to Hallelujah avenue. The light of the city far excelled the finest lights of the cities of the world from whence we had come. While the earthly cities are decorated with every color of flags and neon sign lights, and sparkling glass and jewels, yet such very faintly portrayed the splendor of that home in glory of the saved.

I said, "Mother, I am already amply paid for all the troubles and trials which I had in yonder world." Then suddenly we heard the rumbling of distant chariots. We looked up the street and saw old Elijah in his chariot of gold and horses of fire, coming with mighty speed, with his hand raised, his head thrown back, and eyes shining, and glory in his countenance. He was shouting Hallelujah at every corner. All the host of heaven said: "Amen, Amen." Then I said, "Mother, it is good to be here."

Mother said, "I had suffered much in the other world, but in this land of uncloudy day, where the flowers bloom forever, and the sky is always bright—here in this land we suffer no more. It is a land of peace and plenty. Pain and death are felt and feared no more." While we were comparing the troubles of the lower world with the glories of heaven, I looked out over the plains of heaven, and saw the mighty, faithful Abraham, like a giant patriarch, shouting

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The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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ATTENTION AUXILIARY WOMEN!

Alice E. Lupton

In May, 1922, during the session of the National Free Will Baptist Conference held at Marshall, N. C., I was approached by the editor of the Free Will Baptist Paper, who was then the late Rev. E. T. Phillips of blessed memory, who suggested that I become editor of a department in the Baptist Paper, in the interest of the Woman's work. Evidently, he had spent much time in meditation and prayer concerning this new addition to the paper. He unfolded his plans for the work, saying in part, "Sister Lupton, many of us appreciate your activities, your sacrifices and loyalty to the cause of Christ through the women of our church. We believe sincerely that through the avenue of a department in the Baptist, that your work will have greater publicity and that in this way you will be able to enlist more women in the work, as well as to promote Christ's kingdom more systematically and thoroughly."

While listening to him, I felt that he had indeed, caught a real vision of service, through the women of our beloved denomination. After many questions on my part, partial plans and suggestions offered by brother Phillips, I took the matter under consideration. A short time thereafter the "Auxiliary Department" of our paper became a reality.

We have made many mistakes through the years, have failed in many ways to take advantage of the rare opportunities to promote the best interests of our work through the space given us, but what we have done with the privileges that have been ours is a question that is ours to answer.

The Department was never intended to be used for the weekly or monthly reports from our Auxil-

aries. We usually use our local papers for this purpose, but the space we have in the Baptist is too precious and should be appreciated too much, than to use it for anything that is not of general interest to the women throughout our entire denomination. Through the years, we have tried to secure statements and short articles on various phases of the woman's work—articles from President's, Vice-Presidents, Field Worker, or other officers, that would be informative, enlightening and inspiring. On the other hand reports come in, that are of no special importance, except to the local society that sends them in, it really does deprive us all of that which would be to the general good of all.

We have tried, moreover, to encourage our women in their work in every possible way, and have been willing to give help and information to those who have asked it—we have really tried to make our Department a success, and one that would be helpful and inspiring, but if we are to make it all it should be, it will take co-operation, meditation and prayer, and all of us united in our efforts to make the Department the best possible.

TO CO-OPERATE: PLEASE do not send in reports, except perhaps annual reports. PLEASE do not write on note paper. USE typewriter size, and write on one side of paper only. PLEASE DO NOT make lengthy reports or articles. Before writing for the Department, ask yourself this question: Will this be helpful to the women at large? Will it be inspiring, encouraging or informative? If you write only for the benefit of your local society, you already have such benefits in hand.

When you write, be sure it will be for the good of others, and not to please ourselves. In mailing your articles, PLEASE DO NOT SEND TO ME. ADDRESS ALL MAIL TO

REV. R. B. SPENCER, FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS, AYDEN, N. C.

I would not have written this explanatory article, but quite a number of complaints have come to me about the kind of material we are using for our Department, besides, the Editor of the Baptist has also received a number of complaints. Just a few weeks ago, he emphasized in his editorial column, the necessity of cutting out these monthly reports and some other things we needed to know. Please, women, let us think more seriously and soberly and prayerfully, and work toward a better Auxiliary Department.

Program of the Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Second District of the Western Association

Place: New Sandy Hill Church, Wilson County

Time: March 7, 1951, Wednesday

Theme: "Working together with Him . . . That His Way May Be Known upon Earth" (2 Cor. 6:1; Psa. 67:2)

10:15—Registration

10:30—Song—"O Master Let Me Walk With Thee," No. 270

—Prayer

—Devotional — "Working together with Him through Christian Education, That His Way May Be Known upon Earth," Mrs. Bert Brantley

—Welcome—Mrs. W. P. Bunn

—Response—Mrs. Paul Matthews

—Roll call and reading of minutes

—Remarks by President

—Song—"I Am Resolved," No. 23

11:30—Convention message, "Working together with Him through Enlargement that His Way May Be Known upon Earth," Rev. W. B. Raper

12:00—Lunch

1:15—Song—"To the Work," No. 126

—Devotional — "Working together with Him through Faithful Witnessing that His Way May Be Known upon Earth," Mrs. Oscar Hinton

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A SUGGESTION TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

Since the usual monthly auxiliary reports, coming from the various Woman's local auxiliaries of the different states, are not wanted for publication in the Baptist paper, we have this suggestion to offer to those who may be able to profit by it. Let the local auxiliary members, upon seeing a splendid opportunity to do some outstanding thing either for the local church and her organizations, or for some state or national projects, or phases of the denominational work, prepare and arrange a program, a campaign, or some project in which they can do a good piece of work for the cause of Christ.

Then when such project, program, or piece of work has been achieved in some noteworthy way, have some good reporter of the auxiliary group to prepare the report, and have us publish it in the columns of the Baptist paper. We believe such worthwhile achievements by those auxiliary members would be interesting news for the subscribers to the Baptist paper to read, and profit from the way those things had been achieved.

It is certainly the good wishes of the editor of the Woman's Department of the Baptist paper that reports of such nature would be greatly appreciated by the church people as a whole. We want everyone to know that the columns of the Baptist paper are for those who have interesting and worthwhile matters to report for the people to read, and to profit therefrom. We would not debar any individual or group of church workers from the use of the columns of our church paper when they have something in the way of spiritual messages, programs, valuable reports, and other matters of direct concern and worth to the denomination as a whole. In fact, that is what we want: things that represent progress for the glory of God.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Many of the Woman's Auxiliary groups of the various churches throughout the denomination are laying plans for the Week of Prayer preceding Easter Sunday. Program committees are beginning to arrange, in a great many instances, for special speakers to have part on their programs. Some are looking forward to arranging for special music suited for the occasion as an important part of the pre-Easter services. In a great many instances, special efforts will be put forth to have as many of the church members and the friends in the community present for these services which will be given in the churches.

The Easter season is certainly a good time for revival interest to be shown in every church through the Wo-

man's work. We feel that the young people of the church and community, as well as the older people, should be invited to attend these services, and to take part on the program wherever the program committees can use them to an advantage for the cause of Christ. Moreover, we feel that the Week of Prayer should be so used as to benefit as many people of the community as possible. Certainly, it is not for the good of the Auxiliary members of the church alone. It is to help, in a spiritual way, everyone who will avail himself or herself of the opportunity to attend these pre-Easter services.

BROTHER GRIFFIN AND HIS ITINERARY

Brother Griffin is doing well in his itinerate work among the churches in eastern North Carolina raising money for the cause of missions. He has already raised quite a sum of money for this most needy cause among the church people. He is well known in this section, and the people like him, because they know he has always been a strong supporter of all great phases of our denominational work. Yes, they are glad to support the cause of missions, when they see the pictures that he presents on the screen, and when they hear his messages and his appeal for the support of missions. God always blesses those who are willing to serve his cause in a most generous way.

THE ALABAMA CHILDREN'S HOME

From recent reports, it is shown that the Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama, is progressing in a splendid way. This home has been open for children for only a few years. Now they have over sixty children in the home, and are caring for them in a good way. It is gratifying to see Brother Ryland and his staff of workers doing such a fine piece of work that is so new. And the outlook is that greater growth of this home is expected in the near future. It is marvelous to see how the Alabama Free Will Baptists have done such a good job in such a short time. The Lord is certainly blessing them in a splendid way.

Our church people will do things when they are shown that accomplishments can be made, and that what they spend their money for in a religious way will be used wisely and well. They will continue to give more all the while of their means and talent when they are shown that such institutions as orphanages, Bible colleges, mission fields, and the like are going forward. They will become greater supporters, as time passes, when they see more clearly what it all means for the glory of God.

MARCH AND APRIL FOR MISSIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA

According to our North Carolina United Program for Free Will Baptist, March and April is the time to emphasize Missions.

First Let Us Pray

When we as Christians have really prayed for the Mission Board, for the Missionaries, and for the cause of World-wide Missions, then we will be anxious to help finance the cause. The very moment you start praying with the truth and facts before you the Lord speaks to your heart and shows you something to do. While you are reading this article God is speaking to your heart to get you to do something for Missions. I urge you to pray about it.

Second Let Us Give

First. Let us give ourselves wholly unto the Lord. Romans 12:1, 2.

Second. Let us give of our talent and time in serving Him at home.

Third. Let us give of our tithes and offerings to help carry on His work in the homeland and in the Foreign land. It's true your local church and community needs you and your tithes and offerings, but God has commanded us to go and preach and teach his message to all Nations. Matthew 29:19, 20. He said, "If ye love me keep my commandments."

Third Let Pastor's Lead

When we as pastors pray about missions, preach about missions, Teach Missions, give to Missions then we can lead our people into a closer walk with God and they will respond out of a heart of love to Him and the cause of world-wide missions.

Dear pastors, please emphasize missions in each of your churches during March and April. Preach a sermon on Missions. Encourage the people to bring a special love offering to help our Missionaries to preach and teach Christ to other Nations. The Lord will bless you and your church in a Greater way for so doing.

Fourth Let the Officials Act

Dear Deacons, Deaconesses and Trustees; Sunday School officers and

Teachers; League and Auxiliary Officers; Please act on this all important Mission cause during March and April. Encourage, and give all the members of the church and each organization of the church an opportunity to give to the cause of Missions. Encourage every Free Will Baptist to give a "penny a meal" during March and April to the cause. Send all offerings for Home Missions and Foreign Missions to Rev. J. W. Alford, Columbia, North Carolina.

In the interest of World-Wide Missions,

Rashie Kennedy, Director

BABES IN CHRIST

(Read I Peter 2:2)

Miss Ruth Corbett
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We see a great host of babes in Christ, who need our prayers and support. It does not matter how old you are. If you are born again you are a babe in Christ, and you have to grow in grace. Peter compares us with a baby and even the word as milk to us, as a natural baby would take. If you take a baby, wash him and keep him warm, and don't give him his milk, he will die of starvation.

The same is with us. We can go to the most beautiful church in the world, but if we don't **Regularly Feed** on the milk of God's word we will become weak and the Devil will trip us. But strong meat belongeth to them that are full of age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both evil and good. There are many old Christians who are still on the devil's bottle. That is why they get the colic and all stirred up when the preacher brings deep messages from Revelation. They can't take it. They have not grown in grace.

We must be sure of our salvation. No one can grow on doubts. Doubts are as destructive to spiritual growth as rickets or some other diseases are to the growth of a baby. Doubts will hurt you. We are saved by grace through faith. Doubts and faith are as just as opposite as day is from

night. It is the devil who makes us doubt. God doesn't have to give us great feelings to prove to us we are saved. Some of us don't think we are saved when we feel bad.

If a friend comes to you and wants to borrow \$100, we would let him have it. But if a stranger would come and wants to borrow \$100 we wouldn't let him have it. That is the way we are doubting God. Read I Peter 2:2 again. So many young Christians get along fine until they observe some Godly woman who have been saved for many years. They realize they don't have the joy and peace, an older Christian has. Then the Devil turns them up side down. Do you think you can be as strong as one who has been saved for many years?

A small child might see his 14 year old brother and say he didn't think he was right because he couldn't act like his 14 year old brother. We see an older Christian who is strong in Christ. When we aren't as strong as the older Christian we begin to doubt our salvation. In John 5:24 (read it) we find you've been born again when you are sure you are ready to grow in grace. Peter says to desire the sincere milk of the word. The Gospel of John is the first bottle of spiritual milk. We should all read it through not missing a word. We have to feed a baby regularly. We should also feed ourselves with spiritual food. To read God's word shouldn't be a burden or duty. We should desire it. We will if we are born again. You may think you can get along without reading God's word regularly, but you can't. We should read it and pray. When we are sure of salvation, we are on sure grounds. John 15:8 we find: Babes in Christ study God's word and trust in him.

Don't get your eyes on other people around you. But keep your eyes on your heavenly Father, your friend and guide. The first valley you have to go into don't become discouraged and quit. God doesn't promise us mountain top experiences all the time but he said "My Grace is sufficient for thee." "Blessed are all they that put their trust in him" (Ps. 2:12).

REVIVAL RESTRAINTS

"They . . . limited the Holy One of Israel."—Psalms 78:41.

During the infancy of the church it was not rocked in the cradle of ease, nor nursed in the lap of luxury. But was faced with the fiery baptism of persecution. Though the church greatly needed spiritual strength, the apostles suffered great opposition, "But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors and brought them forth and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life" (Acts 5:19, 20). It is not difficult to understand from this and various other Scriptural accounts that one of the important factors of a revival is:

II. THE MESSAGE

"All the words of this (Christian) life."

People's daily struggle is about life, and the world is full of delusions about this life. People must be invited to live the true life. Christ's life, the life that death can not touch. The evangelist must proclaim facts, a Divine Person, whose life can be described by example, confirmed by testimony, and studied in the written pages. He must proclaim a religion that is more than a dream of enthusiasm, no mere sentiment floating like a cloud in the air, no empty ritualism, but words of life which are also translated into action. A message that is vastly different from that of mere human teachers with their reservations and selfishness. A message in which must be put so much of the evangelist's heart that the people see that he gives them all that he has, because he loves their souls first, and their earthly interests as included in their spiritual welfare.

The primary object of the true evangelist is to set forth Christ crucified. Christ is Christianity. To know Him is to know all. To demonstrate a system of doctrine or to expound a plan of salvation is not the foremost method of preaching the gospel. Only show men Christ, that

By Rev. Clinton Lupton
Bayboro, N. C.

is enough. For in the presence of Him who is the Light of the world, doctrinal errors will melt and vanish. Christ must be shown not only as a beautiful character, a great Teacher, or a wise Reformer, though He is all of these, but He must be seen dying, revealing thus His faithfulness, His purity, His love, suffering for us, He must be shown, a crucified Christ, a King humiliated, a Lord slain. Paul determined to know nothing save Christ crucified. And we must admit that whatever may be said as to the evangelistic message, it is plain, that what is most wanted by the man of culture, as much for the less cultured, is not to understand Christian theology, but to see Christ.

Yet, it is to be feared that through the abandonment of Christ centered messages, by would be evangelists, the results has been Revival Restraints. A revival may be repressed in the following ways, in connection with the message.

1. Messages that are not Biblical. Preaching which consist mainly of pathetic stories strung on a slender thread of Scripture. Such preaching can never grip the community, much less transform it. In these days of destructive criticism, when attempts are being made by many to undermine the foundations of God's Word, the evangelist must show the people that he believes it with all his heart and is confident that God will honor His Word. In fact, the only object of the revival is to restore the Bible to its rightful place in their hearts, homes and lives. And the best method I have found to do that is to use the Bible unreservedly. An appearance of the evangelist in the name of the Bible is not enough.

A man might question whether you held a sword in your hand because it was covered with a paper sheath, but one or two sharp thrusts would convince him it was a real sword.

Thus people do not become aware of the power of the Bible, by the evangelist merely appearing in its name. That "Sword of the Spirit" must be used, and it can make a man wince with pain, and hurriedly seek the Balm of Gilead which heals. Few people can resist the Bible when it is handled aright. And a revival is doomed without the use of God's Word.

2. Messages that are Inappropriate—An evangelist should be pre-eminently a man with a message. He represents Someone. And that someone is God. He should come like a breeze from heaven, purifying, cleansing and energizing the church, and bring conviction to every one living in sin.

The value of his message depends largely on its fitness to the occasion. The evangelist through constant experience is able to diagnose the spiritual condition of the community and judge what remedies will be most effective, he is also quick to sense a change and change the remedy accordingly. He seeks advice from various reliable sources, so that pastors even often wonder how it is that an evangelist who has been in their church only a few days knows much more about it than they themselves.

With what information he can gather and his spiritual intuition quickened by constant contact with God. An evangelist should be able to bring to the people an appropriate message. He may not preach better messages than the people are accustomed to hearing, but what he does say should fit the conditions perfectly. And with such authority that people will recognize it as the voice from God. Inappropriate messages to an ailing church has the same effect that inappropriate medicine has on a sick person. It can truthfully be said of such messages. "They . . . limit the Holy One of Israel."

3. Messages that are Incomplete. As a rule these messages cover a very narrow range of preaching.

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WHAT YOUR GOOD TIMES WILL COST YOU

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I get my subject from Luke 16:19-31, and ask you to get your Bible and read the scripture before reading the article. Notice carefully how the rich man lived, and how Lazarus lived. One lived in luxury and the other in want. Notice that it does not say that it was because the rich man had his good things that he was tormented, neither that it was because Lazarus had his evil things that he was blessed, but the rich man's statement to Abraham tells his story. He wants his brothers warned not to come to that place. He said, "If one went to them from the dead they will repent." He had never repented. That is, he had lived for self, and Satan always steps in and dictates when we live for self. Man does not live alone. If Christ is not there Satan is, and Christ is the only one that can keep him out. The rich man lived for Satan, and when he died Satan had no where for him but in torment. Though he may have had a wonderful funeral, that did not change his destination; "in hell he lifted up his eyes being in torment." Lazarus may not have had any funeral at all, but the angels took him to Abraham's bosom. He was blessed because he was living for the good things that God had for him, and God carried him safe over the rugged paths of life and into the realms of eternal joy.

Dear reader, don't you think it is worth the suffering of the evil things in this life, if necessary, that you might have a home like that? It is yours to have if you will just endure as Lazarus did. Remember that the rich man had His good times here.

Adam and Eve were having a good time with the Father, doing his bidding, and nothing to worry about. No fear, nothing to dread, and no pains to suffer. One day seemingly in God's absence, Satan presented himself and persuaded them to believe that God just did not want them to eat of the fruit of the tree of

knowledge of good and evil, that it would make them wise. But he did not want them to be wise, and that they would not die. They acted accordingly. The fruit they ate may have been wonderfully flavored at first, but oh! how bad it did get. They saw as they never had seen before. They saw themselves before the Father guilty of having eaten of the forbidden fruit, and he said it would cause death. They did not know what that meant, and there had been such a change in their feeling they did not know what the results were going to be. No wonder they wanted to hide themselves! They thought they were going to have some better times than they had ever had, but to their sad disappointment they lost the good times that they were having. They died to the pleasure of that garden and trouble followed beyond expression. Until then they had never known fear, but after that fear and dread were their daily experiences.

We see what the rich man paid for his good times here, and what Adam and Eve paid for the good time they had eating the forbidden fruit. Let us notice a few others who have had and are having their good times. Remember that Solomon said, "There is a way that seems right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." It proved true to them, and will prove true to you if you try it, and Satan will have you try it if possible.

The Prodigal son became dissatisfied with the good times that his father had for him in a home of plenty. He asked for his part of the living of the home, and went off into a far country to have his good times. He had his good times, but when he came to himself he was in the hog pen seemingly perishing, for he said, "How many hired servants of my father have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger." He had wasted his living, ruined his life, and become a disgrace to the family. Dear reader, do you get the picture of what he paid for his good times?

We hear parents, in speaking of their children, say: "Let them have their good times, they won't be

young but once. "Later you can hear them telling how broken hearted they are because of the result of the good times their children have had, or having. The daughter has married and her husband soon is off with some other woman, or at some other place for his good times, and she is left desolate, and often destitute of the necessities of life. She is heart broken because of the price she is paying for her good times. The son has married, and soon he has to go somewhere else besides home for good times if he has any. His life is wrecked because of the price he paid for his good times. Finally a separation, a home torn up, lives wrecked, and may be some children have to go through life with the embarrassment for having divorced parents, because their parents were having their good times.

Our children's trouble is our trouble, and it is just a little of the many things that are happening among our young people today, and some of it is too bad to mention publicly, because of the thought: "let them have their good times now, they won't be young but once." Instead of teaching them that if they really want a good time to go to Christ, where there is rest for the weary, water for the thirsty, food for the hungry, peace for the fearful, and joy everlasting. It is sad that we have so many parents who think that to have a good time you have to go somewhere else besides to church. They have their good times, but they miss the joy that Christ has for them, and all along life they are having experience similar to those we have spoken of.

Satan has so many things to offer until, if it were possible, he would deceive the very elect. It is pitiful to see how that he is deceiving church folks with the use of cigarettes. They think they are having a good time, and may be, but they are paying dear for it, saying nothing of what they are missing of the better things that the Lord has for them. First, I would like for you to consider why you smoke cigarettes. Not because they are healthful, for almost every one who smokes his health is affect-

ed, it doesn't make you any more intelligent or the scientist is mistaken. It surely is not elevating for some of our greatest smokers are among the most degrading characters of the world. It does not help you to help make the world any better place in which to live. As a Christian what do you think Christ thinks about it?

Some time ago I attended a Union meeting, and soon after the close of the services the minister that brought the message, and another one of the leading ministers of that association were standing close to the stand smoking cigarettes. They both have grown daughters, and I wondered how they would feel if those girls were to walk up and go to smoking with them. They were not smoking because they thought it would make the services more impressive, nor because they thought it would make them appear to be greater witnesses for Christ, but because of the joy it was to them individually. They were having their good time, and that is the reason every one else is smoking. Not for the good times Christ has for them.

Dear reader Paul tells the Romans in Rom. 13:14 "To put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provisions for the flesh to fulfil the lust thereof." I believe this means as much to us as it did to the Romans. When we are doing things, regardless of what they are, but for our satisfaction, we are not putting on the Lord Jesus Christ, for we don't find him anywhere, in all the things that he did, doing them for his own satisfaction only. His actions were always motivated by the thought of being a blessing to some one else. Also when we use the means that he has blessed us with for our satisfaction we are making provisions for the flesh to satisfy the lust thereof. Let it be smoking, chewing, theater going, or any other worldly amusement. 1 Jno. 2:15, we read, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." John is saying here that if we let the attraction of the things of this world take our attraction from the Father that we

don't have the love of the Father, and that is the reason that we as members of the church can spend the money that the Lord has blessed us with for those things that promise us a good time here, and leave our missionaries, orphans, school and churches to suffer for want of finance. Those of us that are doing that are missing the real blessings of life, and many of us will meet the sad disappointment of being turned down. Then it will be that you will see what your good times cost you. Dear Reader, will that be you?

WORDS OF THANKS

Dear Readers of The Free Will Baptist,

As I don't know the addresses of the people who have been so thoughtful of me, I wish to take this way of expressing my thanks to them for remembering me at Christmas and on my birthdays, with cards and gifts.

Today, Feb. 15, is my 69th birthday. It makes my heart rejoice to know that even though I am afflicted, and have been out of active service for several years, the dear people do remember me.

Your Brother in Christ,

H. R. Faircloth
Smithfield, N. C.

Announcement

I will be available to preach in revival meetings for any church that may desire my service for this year.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

To our friends in and near Arcadia, S. C. We will begin a Revival meeting the first Sunday night in March, at the Arcadia F. W. B. Church. Rev. Carl Shooks is Pastor.

Rev. Walter Carter

"The habit of using ardent spirits by men in office has occasioned more injury to the public and more trouble to me than all other sources. And when I do commence my administration again, the first question I would ask respecting a candidate for office would be: Does he use ardent spirits?"—Thomas Jefferson.

NATIONAL BODIES TO MEET IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE JULY 3-12, 1951

Henry Melvin, Chairman
Location Committee

Free Will Baptist Churches of the middle Tennessee area and the Free Will Baptist Bible College will be host to the 1951 session of the National Bodies.

The 1950 session of the National Association meeting in Richmond, Calif., ordered that all national bodies of the Free Will Baptist Church should meet consecutively. A location Committee composed of Rev. Damon Dodd, Promotional Secretary, Rev. Harry Staires and myself were appointed to secure facilities for entertaining the 1951 session.

The Committee accepted the invitation of the South Carolina Convention to meet in Florence, however, conditions over which the South Carolina Committee and the Location Committee had no control caused the withdrawal of the invitation of the brethren of South Carolina.

Information to the effect that the National Bodies would meet in Florence, S. C., has been released to the public. At the time of the release this information was authentic and no one need be censured or criticised for this release due to the explanation made above.

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BODIES

Nation-wide League Conference, July 3-5, 1951

National Sunday School Convention, July 6-7, 1951

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, July 9-10, 1951

National Association of Free Will Baptists, July 10-12, 1951

All sessions of the National Bodies will meet in the new College Auditorium which will be in readiness by that time . . . so, all together, let's make—

ALL ROADS LEAD TO NASHVILLE, JULY 3-12, 1951

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Second Union Meeting of the Central Conference of N. C. will convene with Grimesley Church, Greene County, Saturday before the fifth Sunday in April, 1951.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Guy Corbett,
Clerk of the Union

It is always better to pardon too much than to condemn too much.—George Eliot.



JESUS ASSERTS HIS AUTHORITY

(Lesson for March 11)

Lesson: Mark 11-13. Mark 11:11, 15-19; 12:28-31.

Golden Text: Isaiah 56:7.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

The first ten verses of this chapter deal with Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. (For parallel accounts, see Matthew 21:1-9; Lu. 19:29-38.) Here we have opportunity to stress reverence for God's house, respect for our Lord's moral authority, and the need for true love for God and our fellow men. The teachers of the lesson will have opportunity to emphasize the need of real love for God, for his house of worship, and for our neighbors. A study of the Daily Bible Readings will reveal additional truths concerning Christ's power and authority over other things. The student's knowledge should be broadened and deepened from a careful study of this lesson, concerning Christ's authority as the Son of God.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. The Lord has a perfect right to examine our lives and see if there is any defilement anywhere (Mark 11:11).

2. The Lord does not ask us to clean up our own lives; He will do it if we will let Him enter (vs. 15).

3. There may be defilement not only in what is in the Lord's Temple, but equally in what is carried through it (vs. 16).

4. Dishonesty may be, and has been carried into the very House dedicated to the Lord (vs. 17).

5. Unregenerated human nature instead of yielding to the Lord's cleansing power seeks to have Him put out of the way (vs. 18).

6. Love for God is tested and measured by our love for our fellow men (12:28-31).

7. Really to know God through our Lord Jesus Christ is to love Him (vs. 30).

8. If we have the love of God in our hearts it will compel us to love someone else (vs. 31).

9. Even the enemies of the Lord, who sought to trap Him, had to admit that He spoke the Truth (vss. 32, 33).

10. It is not enough to be "near the Cross," "near the Kingdom," "near the Saviour;" we must be "in Him," or we shall be cast into outer darkness (vs. 34).—Selected.

11. The two commandments are very closely related. Indeed, whenever and wherever true love for God is found, there also is found good will and love for one's neighbor. "What the law could not do when in the form of a bare command is accomplished in the gospel. Jesus Christ makes it possible for us to love God with all our hearts, and our neighbor as ourselves.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. **Went out of the city** (Mark 11:19). He went probably out of sheer grief. Crucifixion, scourging, crown of thorns, buffeting in the face were only a part of Jesus' suffering. Jesus was the most misunderstood Man that ever lived on earth. At almost every turn He was criticized. How wearing it must have been! Often, in sorrow and mental starvation, He resorted to the mountain alone with the Father. To have nobody understand us is one of God's permissions in our lives to drive us to a more intimate relationship with Himself. Even Jesus learned "obedience by the things which He suffered" (Heb. 5:8). In our case it is not, necessarily, that people are so out of the way, but God possibly permits them to understand, misjudge, because we need the lessons to perfect us. Let us never see or blame people. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8)—see God in our circumstances, see God in people. This is God's will for us. When people robbed Job he said, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord" (Job 1:21). Thus can we thank Him in all things and for all things (1

Thess. 5:18; Eph. 5:20).—Selected.

II. The Lesson Illustrated Hypocrites

I can stand anything better than I can a hypocrite. The students at Princeton, I believe it was, played a joke on one of the professors. He was one of those old bugologists, and I reckon he had specimens of all the bugs in the world in his frames and boxes. The mischievous boys got the legs of one bug and the body of another and the head and wings of others, and put them together as if nature had so formed them, and then they laid it on the old professor's table and walked in, and asked him what kind of a bug that was; and he said: "Gentlemen, that is a humbug."—Sam Jones.

The men who tried to fool Jesus only made fools of themselves. He knows all about humbugs.

False Lights

Of olden times on the coast of Cornwall there were wreckers. These men tied a lantern on the head of an ass, and drove the animal along the heights that fringe the shore. Ships at sea saw this light, and thinking them to be guides where there was open water, ran towards them, fell on rocks, and were dashed to pieces. Then the wreckers came down to the shore, and took from the wrecked ship all that could be saved. There are a host of these false signals about in the religious world, leading men to destruction. What, then, are we to do? Look to the lighthouse of the Church, built by the hands of Jesus Christ. In it He has set the clear, steady light of revealed truth.—S. Baring-Gould.

The pastor and the teacher can easily show that the Jewish leaders of Christ's day were false lights luring the Jewish people on to destruction.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

This is to inform our church people that my address is now changed from 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, to 433 East Bend Drive, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

LET'S KEEP THINGS STRAIGHT!

Letters received by me as a result of an article recently published in this paper regarding our Sunday School literature reveal clearly that some of our people are laboring under the wrong understanding regarding some of the matters discussed.

For example several have written to say that they think our press "ought to switch to the 'All Bible Graded Series' of lesson outlines, put out by the National Association of Evangelicals, and use these lessons instead of the International Lesson Outlines." For the information of our people we state that the "All Bible Graded Series" of lesson helps are the product of copyrighted by, and controlled by, The Scripture Press, an independent, non-denominational publishing house in Chicago, Ill., and are not produced from the outlines offered by the National Association of Evangelicals, with which our denomination is affiliated, but by their own system of outlines. We have the word of an accredited representative of the Scripture Press that these outlines are not available to other publishers, and that the only way the "All Bible Graded Series" could be used is through the Scripture Press, or by an agreement with said publishing house.

The National Association of Evangelicals does offer to member denominations what is known as "The Evangelical Uniform Bible Lesson Series" outlines, but there are at this time no commentaries or source-books available to editors for aid in preparing lesson helps on these outlines, which makes it a rather tremendous task to use the outlines and produce the quality of helps needed.

May I give you in a "nut-shell" the "ABC" of the literature situation as it looks from here:

(A) We are now using the International Lesson Outlines, but our editors have several commentaries, many of which are prepared by recognized fundamentalists, from which they can draw explanations upon the scriptures used (and we are not necessarily confined to the Scripture references given in the outlines), and we are endeavoring to make our helps doctrinally sound and evangelical.

(B) We are privileged to use "The Evangelical Uniform Bible Lesson Series" of the National Association of Evangelicals as a member body, but would be greatly handicapped for lack of commentaries (considered by all editors as essential to their work.) However, as I stated before, we are not at all antagonistic to using these new outlines.

(C) We have been unable to learn of any publishing house from which our people may obtain helps prepared by these outlines of the National Association of Evangelicals, except a few strictly denominational houses (of faiths differing fundamentally from ours), and we do not feel that we should advise our people to place

themselves in a position of being subjects of other denominational propaganda, nor that we, as a publishing house, should yield our prerogative as publishers of Free Will Baptist literature to become merely distributing agents for some other publishing house.

May I state in conclusion that these opinions are my own personal observations, and not necessarily the opinions of others, although I feel sure that many concur in them.

L. E. Ballard

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A STRANGE INCIDENT

This is an incident that occurred last year before we moved into our new house.

"Doctor Sahib, Doctor Sahib! O, Doctor Sahib." The call came, first in the harsh and coarse tone of a kisan, the Indian farmer, and then in a slightly squeaky voice either of a boy whose voice is changing, or a woman. The latter not at least likely as the women, even of the farmer class, seldom ever appear in public, unless they are seen working in the fields or "doing hat"—attending market on one of the two "hat days" of each week.

I did not stir from my Indian bed made of a few wooden strips and two yards of burlap. Mrs. Woolsey had gone by bus to the nearest town, thirty-six miles away. The going and coming would take about eight hours and the shopping about three more. The night would be no longer young at the time of her return. As for myself, I was taking turns dozing and trying to convince myself that I had neither dysentery or malaria—the symptoms of both being present; but that my fear that: first, I might die; and second, that I might not, was due only to the excessive heat of the Indian plains in the midst of the "hot season."

For four hours I had been awoken or disturbed from time to time by similar calls, but I had made a perfect "possum" until now. In this case my resolution had held for fully thirty minutes. But as the cries became more and more urgent, I called from my bed, asking why they didn't go to "another doctor"—any of the thirteen "doctors," so-called, living in or near the village.

If the cries had been insistent, they now became undeniable. On struggling to the door, or the open portion of the split bamboo hut that served for one, I saw my patient as near the opening as he could well be brought. In fact it appeared that he was being urged in to the house itself by the farmer and his wife who made every effort to cover her face with one hand as she clung with the other to the rope fastened to the patient, a large, mud colored, hunchback: "bail," the Indian Ox. I treat-

ed this most holy of holies as best I could—a most praiseworthy task, religiously and economically, after which his holiness was led away with gladness, as I supposed, as their relief was too great to permit "a thank you." Before I could return to my bed of torture, I was relieved of the necessity of doing so by the arrival of several other patients, who belong to the human species and were more vocal if less holy.

Dear Bro; - (Riggs)

As I have recently told about our work here both in articles to the press and to individuals, I thought that the people might find the above true incident of interest. It is taken from a manuscript entitled "Quacks" which is now in the hands of Sister Barnard who is making inquiries as to the possibilities of having it as well as another manuscript, "A Modern Jonah," published. The first mentioned is about our experiences with the sick and the latter tell of call to and first year in India as well as of our impressions of the people and their customs. I am now working on another, dealing with the finding of a field and getting located, building and the beginning of our Missionary work. I may add that most of these have been written on our traveling or at night.

Sincerely yours
Paul Woolsey

MISSION ITINERARY

By J. C. GRIFFIN

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March 16—Edward's Chapel

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Watch for extension of listed itinerary.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

"A NEW SONG"

VELMA B. MCCONNELL

Jim Benton was very fond of music, and wherever you saw him, he was whistling, singing or humming. He would stand on the corner, his collar pulled up to protect him from the cold of winter, selling his papers, and whistling a popular melody. Some of the other boys called him "The Songbird of Fourteenth Street" but he did not care. He would flash his contagious grin, and whistle louder.

To Jim the fact that his mother could afford neither radio nor phonograph was a real tragedy. So Jim got into the bad habit of loafing around drug stores or public places where the juke box was always played. He would take a hard-earned nickel or dime and buy himself a drink or something cool, or a dish of ice cream, then sit quietly and listen to the music that others paid for. Jim did not care whether the music was hill-billy music, cowboy, dance music or love songs. To him, it was music. He could sing any piece that he heard once.

One Saturday night Jim was wandering aimlessly down the street. He knew that his mother expected him home to deliver a washing that she had done for a wealthy lady. Still he loitered. The evening was warm, and it seemed as if music tingled through him. What was that—yes, Jim heard real music! He hurried to where the sound came bursting on the air.

On a street corner stood a small group of people. A lady sat before a small portable organ, and about her were several men, blowing musical instruments. One man held a violin. Still another man seemed to be directing the music. Jim stopped, his heart beating faster in anticipation. But what odd music this was! It was a march, to be sure, but he had never heard it from a corner juke box. What was it? Jim's feet began to keep time.

"Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus,
Going on before!"

Now the horns and the organ stopped. The leader was speaking. Jim strained his ears against the noise of cars, busses and general noises of a Saturday night.

"My friends, we are now going to our mission on Twelfth Street. If you have enjoyed our music and want to hear more, come with us. We will do you good. If you want to hear more about our Lord and His saving power, come with us. If you

are hungry, or thirsty or if you want something that really satisfies, come with us."

The boy's eyes opened wide with wonder. What was this? Did the man mean that he would give away real food, and something to drink? Jim was not hungry. His mother, with her washing and sewing, was able to provide enough to fill a growing lad, even though there were no fancy little salads or desserts. Jim did not care about the food being offered. But to hear more music—ah, that was different! This fellow did not say you had to pay anything to hear the music.

"I'm a-going with them," he decided. "I don't know what it's all about, but I can't lose anything! If it's something free, I'm a-going to get in on it. I can always duck out the door if I don't like it."

So saying, Jim followed the band of people who had started down the street. They were humming the strange new marching song and Jim found himself humming it with them. Down two streets they went, and stopped at a small building sandwiched between two clothing stores. Jim recognized the building. It had been a drinking parlor and had been empty since its license had been taken because of a law violation. Now the building had been freshly painted and bore a sign reading, "Twelfth Street Gospel Mission."

The building had been freshly painted inside, too, and was filled with chairs. On the front of the room were painted signs. Jim spelled them out, "JESUS SAVES" and "HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN?"

"That's funny," thought Jim. "I have heard lots of people say 'Jesus' but they don't say it only when they are swearing. My Mother doesn't allow me to say it, and here it is written in this building!"

He now noticed that the room held a handful of people besides the ones who had stood on the corner. There were people that Jim did not know at all, then there were a couple boys whom he had seen selling papers on a distant street. Back in the last seat was Tipsey Pete. Tipsey Pete was always drunk. Jim wondered why he was here. Perhaps he thought the beer parlor had opened up again and was hoping someone would treat him to a drink. Jim's mother had always told Jim that drink was terrible and that she hoped he would never touch it. She told Jim, too, never to make fun of Tipsey Pete or try to knock him down as other boys did.

Now Jim's attention was drawn to the platform. The leader was standing there, with a book in his hand. Jim noticed that the lady who played the organ on the street had opened the organ and was sitting before it again, and the men with the horns

and violin were standing near her. The leader began to speak.

"I am sorry that we haven't our song books yet. The — Church is going to give us their old hymn books as soon as their new ones arrive. So this evening we will just sing some of the old songs that you all know."

The lady began to play, and the musical instruments began. In a moment everyone was singing a song that Jim thought he remembered hearing his mother sing, long before she began to be so tired. He sat still, just listening:

"So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged Cross,
And exchange it, some day for a crown!"

More songs followed, and Jim sat still, enraptured with the music. Finally the music stopped, the men laid down their instruments and seated themselves. The speaker rose and began to talk. Jim did not understand what he was saying, nor did he hear much of it. His thoughts were still on the music. Perhaps they would play more of it. Perhaps they would have more meetings and he could come again. But what was that man saying now?

"Any heart that has not Jesus living in it, cannot be in tune with Him. You do not know the real meaning of music, the real joy of living, until He puts a new song in your heart."

Jim listened unbelievably. "A new song? In tune with Him, It sounded so strange! Was this perhaps a music class that he had found?

Much to his own amazement, Jim raised his hand and when the leader nodded to him, Jim asked timidly, "Please, Sir, will you teach me a new song? I'm powerful fond of music!"

"I certainly will, my lad!" exclaimed the leader. "Just come up front here, and I will show you how you can find a new song!" Then he looked around the room. "If there is anyone else here who wants to find the Lord Jesus as Saviour, come up with this boy. Are you tired of your way of living? Are you sick of sin? Do you want to find forgiveness and peace? Just come to Jesus now—He satisfies."

Jim walked slowly to the front of the building and knelt down by a chair. What an odd way to get a song, he thought. Then he saw that Tipsey Pete was kneeling beside the other chair. Tipsey Pete had tears on his face. Did he want a song, too?

In the next few minutes the leader explained salvation to the boy, told him about the Lord Jesus, who came to earth and died to save sinners, boys and girls, men and women alike. Told how He had risen from the dead that born again souls might rise again and find new life and eternal salvation. It was all so new to the boy, who had never been inside a Sunday School

or church. He found tears running down his face, too.

"Please, Mister, I want Jesus in my heart! I didn't know anybody only my mother loved me like that! I want to belong to Him, too;"

Jim accepted Jesus right there. The Lord Jesus came into his heart and cleansed it from sin. The shining face of the boy bore testimony to that. He rose from his knees, and exclaimed, "I feel so good! I—I feel as if I could sing!"

The lady at the organ started a hymn, and began to sing softly, "There's within my heart a melody"; and after a little Jim took up the words too. He heard Tipsey Pete's cheerful voice joining in with the others.

There is a little more to this story. Jim had indeed found a new song—and one of the first Bible verses that he learned was "O sing unto the Lord a new song; for He hath done marvellous things" (Ps. 98:1). Jim grew in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and his shining face and happy singing won others to the Lord. When he was older, he became a minister of the Gospel and a Gospel singer. But he never forgot to tell his audiences how he found "a new song" when just a lad.
—Juvenile Pleasure

"AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM"

At the close of the service, the pastor noticed a little girl, about 12 years of age, still kneeling. When most of the congregation had gone, He went to the child, thinking she had fallen asleep. The pastor touched her and spoke to her that it was time to go home. To his surprise she was not asleep but praying for her unsaved father.

He said to her: "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Looking up at her pastor she asked him, "Is that so? Does God say that in his word?" Taking up a Bible he read the passage aloud to her. Asking him to help her pray, she began praying, "Lord, send my father here! Lord send my father to the church?" On and on she prayed for about half an hour. When at last a man came rushing into the church, ran up the aisle to where his child was, and kneeling down by her side said, "What do you want of me?" She threw her arms about his neck, and began to pray: "Oh Lord, save my father! Oh Lord, save my father!" Seeing the child's faith in pray-

er, and hearing her pray for him, it was too much for that once hard-hearted sinner. Soon the father's heart was melted and he began to pray for himself.

The child's father was 3 miles from church when she began praying for him. He was working at the time but feeling an irresistible urge to return home, driving rapidly home, and then he hastened on to the church, where he found his daughter in prayer and crying mightily to God in his behalf, he was led there by the Savior and to the Savior.

How true the words, "A little child shall lead them." Would today we as grown up and as professed Christians

could all have faith as a little child. And when we prayed for some lost soul, because they were not saved right then, we would not lose faith but keep on praying until they are saved. True enough we can't be on our knees in prayer all the time, but we can always have a prayer in our hearts. May we unite our prayers for one another, for our churches, for the rulers of all lands that they might be led to know our Savior as their Savior. If it be his divine will that peace once more may come to this old sinful world.

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AN ALLEGORY

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with trumpet voice; "This is the city whose builder and maker is God. The reason I got here, I believed God, and it was counted unto me for righteousness."

Then, I looked again, and saw Moses standing on the mount of glory, singing, "Is not this the land of Bulah? Precious land of light, where the flowers bloom forever, and the sky is always bright." I looked again, and I saw Enoch carrying a banner on which was inscribed these words: "I walked with God 300 years." Then I saw Daniel carrying a banner which said, "I purposed in my heart not to defile myself with the king's meat." I also saw Paul with a banner, saying, "I fought a good fight, and I kept the faith."

About that time my dear, good Mother said to me, "Son, you will have to go down to yonder world, and stay a few days longer, and try to get a few more saved, and then I'll come after you. I said, "Mother, I hate awfully bad to leave you, but when I come back, I want you to go and ask Jesus if he will please give to me a mansion as close to Mother as He can. And then, we'll never part again."

REVIVAL RESTRAINTS

(Continued from page 5)

And have little or no good tidings for the Christians. But continually denounce worldliness such as card-playing, theaters and dancing. These are worldly it is true, but so is selfishness, lying, business oppression and social injustice. In fact any sin that finds its origin in the evil one is worldly in contrast with the heavenly. Yet, if an evangelist has no higher standard of Christian living than exemption from certain forms of worldliness, he will never command the respect of intelligent people or secure their co-operation. He should preach often on the victorious life. The scope of evangelistic preaching should be widened until it includes all the rights and privileges

of a child of God, and all his obligations to the lost world about him. The evangelist who does not "go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life," are

limiting the Holy One of Israel.

Our final installment of this series of articles will appear in the Free Will Baptist Magazine soon. Watch for it.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

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SAMANTHA McFATTER OWENS

On Oct. 11, 1950, our loving Heavenly Father called from our midst, our beloved sister, Samantha McFatter Owens, known to so many of us as "Aunt Mamp." Aunt Mamp was born on May 11, 1874, making her 76 years old at her death. She was one of the charter members of Piney Grove Church, Chipley, Florida, which was organized in 1896. She was an active member for 54 years. Aunt Mamp was a person who never said much, but through the quiet serene look on her face, one could see a real beauty that comes from a soul satisfied by living in the center of God's will.

Aunt Mamp has left a place that will never be filled in our church and lives. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Mr. G. W. Owens, two sons and two daughters.

She was laid to rest beneath an enormous mound of beautiful flowers, showing the esteem in which she was held by the community and her many friends.

Aunt Mamp is not dead. She is just away, and one day we expect to meet her in that land that has no sorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

Etha Mae Owen

Veal Peel

Frances Gainey

Committee

(P. S.—Printed as requested)

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Our loving heavenly Father, in his infinite wisdom, saw fit to call from this earth to her reward our beloved sister, Mrs. Bettie Ward, on February 6, 1951. We feel sure that her race had been well run with great patience.

I had been knowing her for 22 years, and her very life seemed to dwell in the beauty of holiness. I can remember her many sweet testimonies, and her sincere prayers unto the Lord for her children to be saved. Her sweet testimonies will live on.

She has only passed from this life of

sorrow, sickness, pain and death into the glory land where life really begins in eternal peace and happiness.

She was a great comfort to her family, to her church, and her many friends. She leaves to mourn their loss her faithful husband and two sons, and a host of dear friends. We the members of East Side F. W. B. Church are grieved by her passing, but we feel that our loss is her eternal gain. We bow in humble submission to the will of the great heavenly Father who never makes a mistake.

We extend to her family our deepest sympathy, and point them to God, and the church she loved so well, for comfort and consolation.

—Written by Mrs. Daisy M. Williams,
144 Aragon Court,
Pensacola, Fla.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Our heavenly Father, in his wisdom and mercy, has seen fit to call our dear Brother Cuba Tucker from this earth to his heavenly reward. Although his health had been failing him for several months, he was patient, faithful, and waiting just like our heavenly Father's children will do. It seems that I can see him smiling in glory, bidding his family, his friends, and his loved ones, to come home.

He has left to mourn their loss his Christian wife, four very fine sons who will miss him very much. But we point them to Jesus, and urge them to put their trust in him, for he doeth all things well. He is only resting now, through with all care, pain, sickness and sorrow. If he could know, he would want each one of you to be living witnesses for the Lord with your mother, and be a blessing to others.

We members of East Side Church are surely grieved over his passing on January 18, 1951, but we bow in humble submission to the Father's will, for he doeth all things well. Look to Jesus and he will take care of you.

—Written by Mrs. Daisy M. Williams.

"God never made a human being who needed alcohol to stimulate his brain or to feed his body. Every normal man finds alcohol his enemy, and it's his enemy from the time he's born until he is dead.

"I believe the two greatest reforms for which the world awaits today, are the abolition of war everywhere, and the driving of intoxicating drinks from off the earth."
—William Jennings Bryan.

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Be not dismayed, whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
Beneath His wing of love abide,
God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart doth fail
God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you.

All you may need He will provide,
God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you.

No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
Lean, wear one, upon His breast,
God will take care of you.

God will take care of you,
Through every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

—C. D. Martin

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Christ's Forgiveness

Text: Luke 23:34: . . . "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do. . . ."

"From the very beginning of Christianity, no section of the story of Jesus has commanded such intense interest as the Passion Week."

With the thought of passion week, there comes the sayings of the cross. So, today, I would like to share one of those sayings with you. "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

In this statement one sees the beauty of the character of Jesus. Jesus never attempted to get revenge; Jesus always rendered good for evil. Thus putting into practice the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Also we see the human side of the question.

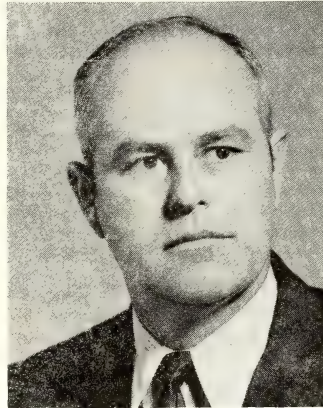
There at the cross were people filled with enmity, hatred, fear, murder and sin. Those people needed something. Jesus had the answer to their need. He said, "I am come that ye may have life and it more abundantly." Those people were transgressors. They were in need of love and life, even though they had never stopped to think of their own condition.

Forgiveness does something to one. It did something to the centurion, as he listened to the prayer of Jesus. The centurion turned and said, "Truly this man was the Son of God."

You have heard the old story of the man whose hogs got into his neighbor's field. With anger and threats toward his neighbor, the man said many rash things; but with a smile of Christian forgiveness the neighbor forgave him and won his friendship. The fact is, forgiveness is the very heart of Christianity.

This prayer of Jesus sets forth His mission. It is the prayer of reconciliation, for God through Christ Jesus was reconciling the world unto Himself. How beautiful is the story of Zachaeus who found that sense of forgiveness in Jesus, and it made a new man out of him,

Rev. Ranton Jackson
Davis, N. C.



Jesus, then, is God's revelation of love, "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." "Love seeketh not her own." Jesus never sought his own pleasure. His pleasure was in doing something for others. In the story of the Samaritan woman, Jesus lost his appetite in his enthusiasm while telling her the way of life. In other words, Jesus' meat was to do the will of Him who sent Him.

In the verse of the text one may draw a contrast between man's forgiveness and God's forgiveness. In man's forgiveness there seems to be the trace of the old adage: "I'll forgive you but I won't forget you." Really, that is not forgiveness at all. It surely is not like the words of David when he speaks of God saying, "I will cast your sins into the sea of forgetfulness to remember them no more." In the forgiveness of Jesus, He would have us see ourselves in a new light, forgiven and made citizens of the kingdom of God.

Again, as we look at the cross we see how these are bound. There are the selfrighteous, calling out for the life of one with whom they did not agree. There were those filled with

avarice and greed, crying only for earthly possessions. The soldiers even gambled for the garments of Jesus. There were those lost in sin and could not see the love of God because of the blackness of their sin.

Ingraham in his book, "The Letters of Adina," has Adina to give a vivid description of the scene of the cross, the grieving, the wagging of their heads, showing their hatred in the flashing of their eyes. "But, Father, Father. Jesus was calm; he rendered not again." Jesus prayed that God would forgive His tormentors. Isn't it true that Stephen's prayer of forgiveness was among his greatest contributions?

Forgiveness then is an act of mercy. The prayer of Jesus is that God would grant unto the people mercy. This is illustrated in a simple story of two men who went to court. One said unto the judge:

"Your honor, I want justice."

When the jurors returned from their room, they said: "Guilty." The man received six months.

The other man did not ask for justice but he pleaded for mercy. He was found not guilty.

Forgiveness not only shows the beauty and compassion of Jesus but forgiveness is man's gateway to knowledge and truth. Jesus said, "I am the door." "I am the way." "I am the truth, I am the life." "If anyone would enter in he must come through and by me. If anyone enters in he shall go in and out and find pasture." Jesus also said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Forgiveness gives a new outlook on life and prepares one for service. The story of the aborigines of one of the islands of the South Pacific illustrates this thought beautifully. It is said that the Australian government had been having a difficult problem in dealing with the natives. Murder was their worst trouble. Every time one was arrested and brought to trial he was condemned but it did not stop

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Never Talk Without Thinking

My Father used to say, "Boys, if you cannot say anything good about a man, say nothing, unless you have to be truthful."

It is said that Abraham Lincoln said: "The least you say, the least you have to take back."

The late Rev. R. F. Pittman said, "Never talk about the faults of your church and denomination before your children, for it will weaken their faith in your church and its program."

But it seems to be the only way that some folks can entertain their children and neighbors is by telling of every little fault of the pastor, or the president of the State Body, or the Moderate of the Association, or your leading educator, or the editor of your church paper, or some regular writer, or the old Deacon who has gotten so old that he is childish and not able to serve with efficiency due to a weak mind; nor the old pastor who served faithfully when young, and who is willing now to do his best. If you do talk, be sure to be truthful and not devour the fruits of some one's work.

After Paul had told us, by telling Timothy, about the condition of the world in those days in which he lived he said, "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou has learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith, which is in Jesus Christ" (2 Timothy 3:14, 15).

Do we tell our children about the wonderful scriptures that will make them "wise unto salvation"? Or do we instruct our children in the faults of our church and its institutions? The latter is true in many cases. I have but little patience with these who are always peddling the faults of others. Jesus said to those who were fault finders: "First cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast the mote out of thy brother's eye" (Matt. 7:5).

A great many people in the world know more about preaching, so they think, than the God-called preacher who has spent many years in study and preparation for the work of the ministry. Some of these fellows would not know what a gospel out-line was if he was to see it. If your pastor is weak in delivery and doctrine, pray for him. An Evangelist several years ago said, "If you want a good sermon, instead of criticizing your pastor, talk him up, pray him up, and pay him up, and you will pull a

good sermon out of him every time." There is a lot of truth in that saying.

Jesus said again, "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again" (Matt. 7:1, 2).

A lady said to me the other day, in speaking of a certain preacher, and by the way, the preacher was a woman too: "I have never heard her speak evil of a single individual." Can that be said of every one? No!

"Who is a wise man endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but it is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work" (James 3:13-16).

Paul said, "God is not the author of confusion" (1 Cor. 14:33).

Communists Kill All Who Disagree

It is reported that the Chinese Communists have shot to death "Six thousand high-ups in government because these men disagree with the red servants of Satan and his ally Joe Stalin." The way of Russia has been, ever since the Communists have been in power, to kill out-right and torture to death all who might oppose their hellish doctrine. They call it "purge" and those who disagree in any way are "purged" out of the ranks of the people. They call this "Freedom." The reds in China say that they are "fighting to make men free." They are made free by accepting Communism. Yes, they are "Free from mercy to others. Free from sympathy. Communism kills the virtue in the life of man. They are free from love for God. They are free from the love of the Church and its Christ. They are free from truthfulness. But they are not free from hatred for every virtue taught by our Christ. Yet, there are Communists in North Carolina. You don't have to go to New York to find haters of truth. Yes, right here in North Carolina there are those who say boldly, "I am a Communist and proud of it." I imagine that when these fellows hear of the torture and murder of our boys on the battlefield in Korea, they are glad that they are communists. I guess the "proud Communists" were glad when they saw the account that a large number of our boys were shot to death with their hands tied back of them. I guess they were glad when they read where one of our soldiers was shot to death while he was on his knees in Germany after he had been knocked to the street. There is not a crime against the life of an opposer that is too bad to be cherished by the avowed Communist, and yet we are sitting by in many instances while these infidels gobble up our American way of life.

Harvey H. Springer says: "There are

some things that righteous people cannot afford to handle regardless of the gain. There are some movements that good men and women simply cannot afford to join affinity with." "Integrity can never be a friend of falsehood." "Righteousness can never affiliate with iniquity." "Liberty cannot be at peace with tyranny." "Purity can be no friend of foulness." "John could not compliment Herod; he had to rebuke him." "Christ cannot have affinity with Stalin." "Christianity cannot join hands with Communism."

Yet, our Government joined hands with Joe Stalin and his hoard of infidels, a few years back, to bring peace to the world, but this so-called "peace" has only brought on worse conditions. Such conditions will eventually lead to the destruction of enlightenment and the peoples of the earth. The whole world is under the curse of sin. Stalin is the ARCH-ENEMY OF TRUTH AND RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Change from Darkness to Light

Just as I finished the above writing, in which I paid my compliments to sin and destructiveness which the spirit of Stalin heads, the treasurer of our Sunday School at Ruth's Chapel came in and said, "I have something for you." He handed me a slip of paper on which were these figures: \$11.37 for Foreign Missions from the "Penny a Meal Jars." This little gift to foreign missions is the result of a few children whose mothers accepted the "Penny a Meal" stickers just a month ago at Ruth's Chapel. These children and mothers are enthusiastic about this method of supporting Foreign Missions. One boy said, "Mr. Griffin, empty my jar so that I can start filling it again." His mother told me on Monday that he had already gotten 30 cents in his new jar. In less than twenty-four hours, the 30 cents was started on his next month. This boy tells every one that it is a "penny a meal" before eating. He reminds one of the work. You see we empty these jars each Fourth Sunday.

The Bread of Life

On the stickers are the words of Jesus who said, "I am the bread of life." You are reminded that as we need bread for our physical man we also need the "Bread of life for our spiritual man." So, if you do not have a "Penny a Meal Jar" on your table, get one and see how much interest it will create in the life of your family when at the dining table. It is a wise and interesting project. Children will push a good thing, if you encourage them.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

This is to inform our church people that my address is now changed from 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, to 423 East Bend Drive, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd.



Evangelizing the Local Church



Mrs. Martha Everson

(The following article is a message delivered by Mrs. Martha Everson at the Midway Quarterly Association while convening with Pine View Church, near Colquitt, Ga., January 26, 1950, and was authorized sent to the Free Will Baptist Press for publication by the Association.)

"Thus it is written, and thus it behooves Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:46-48).

This is the commission Christ gave us just before his ascension. In order to make it strickly personal, let us read it like this, "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at my Church." Since this is a direct command to Christians, the responsibility for telling those around me rests on me. In other words, I am to be an evangelist. The name "evangelist" denotes a work rather than an order. The work of the evangelist is the proclamation of the glad tidings to those who have not known, rather than the instruction and pastoral care of those who have believed and been baptized.

To evangelize my Church would mean making the membership realize the responsibility of winning souls for Christ. "Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion!" admonished Isaiah. We need to be awakened! Awakened because the foundations of faith are threatened; awakened because there are elements within our churches that rapidly lead to decay. Ritual, worldliness, and carelessness are too common among us as a people. In order to overcome these evils, we must awake. We must be washed white rather than white washed! The formula for this is found in II Chron-7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will

forgive sin, and will heal their land."

God hates a performance of ceremonies unless true repentance for sin is behind it. The pharisee was thinking to justify himself before God by his prayers, gifts, and keeping the holy days; but the publican with repentance, and the believing cry of the sinner, was saved. We are not saved by trying, but by trusting in what Christ has done for us. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

To evangelize my Church, we must first awaken the membership by experiencing a real revival among our own people. I mean a perpetual revival in which all of our members are aroused. The New Testament ideal is that of an Every-member Church—every member present at every service, every member giving systematically and proportionately, every member at work in some department of the church, every member witnessing and winning for Christ. Nowhere did Christ make any provision for church membership by proxy—by that I mean some one taking another's place and doing his part. Yet in almost every church, you will find members who rarely attend, and never give or serve. An efficient church is one in which every member has some part in the church's life. Everybody can not do everything; but everybody can do something.

Church membership, alone, does not save anyone. Jesus made the fact very plain that there must be more than cold profession of religion. The great question is: Have I been born of God, and am I showing by my life that I am a child of God? Do we actually keep God's greatest commandments, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind?"

The point that I have been trying to get across is that before I can be an evangelist, I must be fully consecrated to God. I must lay my all

upon the altar. No church can evangelize until its members have a definite experience with the Lord.

After the membership has experienced a real revival, the organization of the church can help evangelize. Taking first place among these would be the mid-week prayer service. Since prayer is power, we should encourage every member to be present at this service. Paul tells us to "Pray without ceasing."

Prayer is the link that pulls down the power that blesses us and everybody around. "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matt. 21:22). What a glorious promise! Let us examine our hearts, and see if we have faith. God is willing if we can believe Him. With all of God's promises, there are conditions. Notice: "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7). "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (I John 3:22).

Our prayers should be like David's, not mere petitions, but communion, pouring out the whole soul to God. We should form the habit of praying whenever doubt, difficulty, temptation, or trial arises, any hour of the day or night. There is no danger of spending too much time in prayer. In Jeremiah 33:3 we find, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things."

Prayer is the golden key that unlocks all the storehouses of God's grace. The master, himself, taught its value. How often we read when He went aside to pray and commune with His Heavenly Father. Let us follow his example. A thriving church is a praying church. And persistent, fervent prayer by its membership is especially necessary for an Evangelist Church.—Submitted by Rev. E. C. Morris

(To be continued next week)

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor
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NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Field Worker,
State Auxiliary Convention

We have been able, through the goodness of the Lord, to visit several churches this winter in the interest of the auxiliary work. We have spoken to several groups on Stewardship, taught the Manual of Methods, organized two new auxiliaries, one at Antioch, Craven County, and one in Washington, N. C. The latter is one of our Mission points.

At each church I have found women who were wide-awake and eager to go forward in the cause of Christ through the avenue of the auxiliary. Wherever I have taught classes on the Manual, Plan of Work, duties of officers, etc., I have found that other auxiliaries close by have been glad to unite with the local church and study together the vital truths, as we try to present them from time to time. This has made the work easier and more harmonious, for it is very gratifying to one who is prayerfully eager to reach as many women as possible on each visit to have such invited co-operation.

I found an interested group of women in Washington, who are anxiously looking forward to a church organization, when they can go to work toward building a new church. We should pray earnestly for this group, that God may use them mightily in his cause.

I have some other engagements and new calls coming all along. It takes a little time to arrange these meetings, as the local church auxiliary has to have time to contact and arrange for other auxiliaries to come in with them for a day's study.

I try to acquaint our women with every phase of the work, and am hoping that great results will be realized as we advance with the Master in study and service.

I am calling attention to our Week of Prayer preceding Easter. As many of us know, we have a little booklet, "Footprints of Jesus in His Last Week," that is the most appropriate thing I know for our careful study during this week. I hope each auxiliary in the State, together with others who may be interested, will secure this booklet and use it, as it seems almost necessary for us to go with the Master, at least once each year in His sufferings, especially when we know that it was for us that He endured all the sufferings, including His death on the cross.

The Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden has a supply of these booklets. Get yours right away and make a study of the contents.

Another vital point we should bear in mind, that is our 30 cents per capita dues. We have been trying to get all of our auxiliaries to send this to their district conventions in the spring. We all know, I think, that 10 cents is kept in the district, 10 goes to our State Convention, and 10 is sent to the National Auxiliary Convention. Please, women, let us not neglect this, for it is necessary for us to be loyal in every phase of the work if we are to be good stewards.

To our Second Vice-Presidents belongs the work of laboring with the youth of our churches, besides other duties including arousing interest in our Bible School at Nashville, Cragmont Assembly, Inc., at Black Mountain, N. C., and the Anna Phillips Loan Fund. This latter is used as loans to worthy boys and girls to help them acquire a college education. We need to secure a chart, or poster from the Press at Ayden, and fill one or two each year.

May we keep these things in mind and do our best to follow the Master in all we do and say, that He may bless and lead us on to greater heights in Christian stewardship in His name.

SUGGESTIONS

As the Third Vice-President of the North Carolina State Auxiliary Convention, I have been asked to name the books for study in our Mission and Stewardship classes. In our state the months of March and April have been designated as Mission months, by our State Convention in its Seven-Point program for the year. Our minds should be turned to our mission fields and our missionaries, and our hearts should go out to those who are giving their very lives in the cause of Christ, regardless of where they may be, in the homeland, or on foreign fields. Naturally, our sympathy is largely with our foreign missionaries, because of their great sacrifices, as well as the untold hardships they are suffering. It takes the very best we have to give of our love, our sympathy, our prayers and our possessions, that the blessed work of winning souls may go on. In our study courses, may we not only emphasize missions from a general standpoint, but may we make it a personal study and responsibility. I heartily recommend all of our auxiliaries, that have not made a study of "His Name among all Nations," by Miss Laura Belle Barnard, do so during the two months assigned to us for missions. Those who have already used this book in their class work, would do well to secure either of the following: "Livingston, the Liberator," "That the World May Know," "The Holy Spirit in Missions." These are all good and well worth our reading and study. For the Stewardship study course, I suggest that we use, "Bible Stewardship, to Whom Much Is Given," and "Give Ye," by Means. I would like very much that our auxiliaries would form reading circles and make a practice of reading good books that are informative and inspirational on Missions, Stewardship, and other literature, that would stir our hearts to a deepened consecration to the cause of Christ and a deepened sense of appreciation for the greatest piece of literature ever published, the Holy Bible.

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: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

The Apostle Paul said, "I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live; and yet no longer I, but Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20). This fact he assured the Galatian brethren, knowing that he had been redeemed by the shed blood of Christ on the Cross. He had died unto sin through the New Birth, and Christ lived in him, giving him new vision, great assurance, and joy in Christian service.

Paul wanted the Galatian brethren to know his assurance of the matter of salvation, and the joy which he received in his life in Christ. This served to strengthen them, to encourage them, and to assure them that life lived in Christ is one of joy, peace and happiness. "I am crucified with Christ, I live no more after the lusts of the flesh; Christ the crucified one liveth in me." He is my shepherd, my Guide, my all. My life is surrendered to him. Therein is my joy and my consolation. My daily tasks are to serve him, to seek the lost and to bring them to him.

You are to let your lives be hid in Christ, to do his will. You are to take him as your daily companion; let him be your joy, in times of sorrow and strain; and make your daily tasks not burdensome, but one of joy with Christ as your constant Guide. Seek his constant, loving care, his pleasant friendliness, and his daily leadership. Be crucified with Christ all the day long, so that sin and Satan will not be able to have power over you.

The followers of Christ today need to be fully crucified with him. Fully surrendered to Christ is the Christian's need in a day as we now have with war, crime and belief shaking the very foundations of civilization. With modernism expanding in every direction of the compass in our land, it certainly behooves the Ministry and the Church to be fully crucified with Christ—fully surrendered to the teachings of the Gospel, and to the service of the Lord. Christians today must stand resolute in faith, zealous in good works for the cause of the lost, and determined to oppose Communism, agnosticism, modernism, crime, and all forces that tend to destroy the teachings of the Master. There is no half-way ground for the child of God. Christians are to be fully surrendered to Christ—crucified with him for the Gospel's sake. There is no time for compromise. There is no time for slackening the efforts for the salvation of the lost. Paul did not

compromise; he did not slacken his pace for lost souls; and he did not fear opposition. He drove hard to the mark. He was crucified with Christ, and the world could not change him. He went straight to the goal.

THE SPIRIT OF LOVE

"The fruit of the Spirit is love" (Gal. 5:22). God's Holy Spirit manifests His deep interest for mankind by love, which is the closest union between the child of God and the Spirit. "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us" (Rom. 5:5). This love of the Holy Spirit is freely given unto saved persons and is the source of joy, consolation, and blessings.

God's love for man is universal. He wants every person to share this love in the truest sense of the word, because it is shed abroad to bless the hearts of individuals. When this love dwells in the hearts of people, they are made to be happy, and seek to do things for the good of society. They bear fruits for the glory of God by doing good deeds unto their fellow man. God's love is free for all who will receive it, who will abide by his wonderful teachings of the way of life. The Christian's love for his neighbor leads him to be a blessing unto him in time of need and sorrow. The trouble with so many people is they are possessed with this spirit of love for their Master and for their friends.

More love is needed in the home, in the church and in society for the good of everyone. An interest in the welfare of people as a whole is greatly lacking, from a spiritual point of view. Too many people are not concerned about the peace and happiness of their neighbors. If they had more of the spirit of Christ in their hearts, then they would be more concerned about the welfare of their friends and loved ones. True Christianity is the basis of true love, one for another. The Holy Spirit is always ready to shower upon everyone his blessings of supreme love, but too many people do not take the time to receive it and to be benefitted from its quieting and soothing effects. Worldly interests occupy more of their thinking time than anything else, consequently they have not seasoned hearts with this balm of the Spirit of God.

"Put your confidence each day in secret in the Holy Spirit—the Spirit of love which God will give to those who ask in faith."—Andrew Murray.

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Rev. W. H. Calvert of North Belmont, North Carolina, will begin a revival meeting, Monday, March 19, at Forbes' Church, (Otter Creek). The services will begin each evening at eight o'clock.

Hazel Tyson

Homecoming at Forbes' Church

On Sunday, March 25th, a home-coming day will be observed at Forbes' Church. Come and fellowship with us on Easter Sunday.

Especially former pastors and members are invited to attend.

By reporter

Tennessee Personalities and Events

By C. F. Bowen

As Mecca is to the Arab and Jerusalem is to the Hebrew, so Nashville becomes to the Free Will Baptists next July. In this capital city will gather hundreds from all over to attend the national meetings scheduled for the new college auditorium beginning July 3. Formerly slated for Florence, South Carolina, these meetings will run consecutively starting with the fourth nationwide league conference July 3-5, followed by the Sunday school convention on the 6th and 7th. Sunday will be devoted to worship, the visitors attending local churches and meeting in a mass assembly in the War Memorial Auditorium downtown at 7:30 p. m.

A south-wide radio broadcast is planned for Sunday night. The woman's Auxiliary convention and the national association will be held the following week.

Personalities spear-heading the planning are Rev. Henry Melvin, chairman of Nashville General Committee; Rev. C. F. Bowen, secretary-treasurer and public relations director; and pastors of Nashville Free Will Baptist churches including Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. C. A. Craft, Rev. Walter Reynolds, and Rev. C. B. Thompson. Also on the committee are Rev. L. C. Johnson and Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

Rev. Charles Sapp, Oklahoma student at the Bible college, has accepted the pastorate of the First Church at Columbia. His work begins immediately and will, of course, be full-time.

A Christian Workers Institute will be held at the East Nashville Church in April with the Rev. Damon C. Dodd as leader. Local churches in Nashville are invited to enroll.

East Nashville Church celebrates the paying-off of its parsonage indebtedness this month. Payments have run \$1,000 annually plus interest for the past five years without a single extra offering or a word from the pulpit. The church believes this is the result of systematic giving under the budget plan.

A camp ground committee, composed of the executive board of the Tennessee Home for Children at Greenville and two extra members—I. L. Stanley and C. F. Bowen, will meet soon at the Home to lay initial plans for the erection of an assembly ground for Tennessee Free Will Baptists.

Every child ought to be taught two things: Not to be afraid to live and not to be afraid to die.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

"AM I A CHRISTIAN OR A CHURCH MEMBER?"

Rev. C. J. Pitts,
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Jacksonville, Fla.

"For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."—Matthew 5:20.

In our text Jesus is speaking of the religious reformers of that age. His teaching is relative to the standard of their religion. The scribes were the public writers and doctors of the law. The Pharisees were a sect of Jews who derived their name from Phariz, which means to separate. They professed to sacredly reverence and obey the law of God. They professed to regard the whole law, "every jot and tittle." It was connected with prayer. None prayed so often as they, many times in the open and unusually long prayers. They never entered a home without prayer. They were distinguished for self-denial. They denied themselves of pleasure of all kinds, however innocent. They often fasted. They liberally supported their religion. They gave tithes of all they had. They were exceedingly zealous. They made sacrifices to extend their religion, and compassed sea and land to make one proselyte. All of this was carnal in its nature—outward and not inward religion.

To enter the Kingdom of Heaven, ours must exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees. We must be renovated, born of the spirit, and given a new heart. Ye must be born again, embracing the whole will of God. We must have a new heart of righteousness and faith, and fervent love—love for God and His cause, the Church—the body of His Son. We must also accept God's plan of salvation, and the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, who died for our redemption, arose for our justification, ascended to become head of the body which is the Church, and to make intercessions for us.

We do not understand how any one who reads the Bible can profess Christ, with his heart filled with hatred, always a chip on his shoulder, getting mad at everything that don't suit him, backbiting one another, speaking slurs, and always knocking those who are trying to do the work of the Lord. Such are always threatening to quit the Church. Brother, Sister, if you are like that the Church is better off without you, except you repent. Read 1 John 4:20: "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

They also serve who only stand and wait.—Milton.

TRUSTING IN GOD

Dorothy N. Harris,
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Jacksonville, Fla.

We must have faith and trust in God in all things. If we look back on our past lives many of us will find that the very time our Heavenly Father has done the kindest things for us, and given us the richest blessings, have been the times we were shut in on every side. God wants us to come to Him with humble hearts for the things we want and we never feel more humble at any time than when we come to the place where we cannot move. We realize then how small we are—that without Him we are nothing. Perhaps sickness has come upon us, or old Satan has taken a nose-dive into things we are trying to do, but whatever the cause may be it is then we can cry out from our hearts "Our Father" and it has real meaning—not just words.

It is then that we come to the foot of the Cross begging for mercy and guidance. At the foot of the Cross is where the Saviour loves to come, and how wonderful to know that we can leave the things we cannot accomplish, the things that worry us, even our lives, in His hands realizing that with Him nothing is impossible. When the realization of His Greatness comes over me, I tremble to think of the years I spent without God, and how thankful I am that I fully surrendered my life to Him. He is my Saviour and my Guide. When I am doubtful as to the right course to take I can submit my judgment to Him, asking Him to shut every door against me but the right one.

God wants us to trust Him, "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises" (2 Peter 1:4). We can trust His promises. Nothing that is not His will can come into the life of one who trusts and obeys Him. All things work together for good to us who love God. The attacks that Satan may hurl against us are not only powerless to harm us, but will be turned into blessings. The staunchest tree is not found in a sheltered place, but one in the open where the winds bend and twist it. So it is with the strongest Christian—faith grows in the storms.

Christians, pray for me, that I may always walk close by the side of Jesus, my Guide, through the storms of life.

Announcement

I will be available to hold Revival meetings for any church that may desire my services for this year. I will start booking revivals now with those that desire my help.

Rev. A. Bennett Cook
Rt. 1, Bonifay, Fla.

REVIVAL RESTRAINTS

(Part IV)

By Rev. Clinton Lupton
Bayboro, N. C.

"They . . . limited the Holy One of Israel."—Psalms 78:41.

In the previous installments discussing this text we have considered how a revival may be restrained: First, the minister or man conducting the meeting. Second, the messages he may deliver. Now let us discuss:

III. The Members

The membership of a church is Christ's family, and what a blessed privilege to be thus united. It is well to remember the condition of this relationship. It is not a varied knowledge of God's will, works and ways, though that is important; nor is it the possession of faith, though that is the root; nor is it the acceptance of Christ in the exercise of faith, though that is indispensable to salvation. But it is a more practical condition. The one more easily known and more readily seen. It is doing the will of God. But in this the members often fail. And thus, "They . . . limit the Holy One of Israel."

The membership of a church may repress a revival by:

1. Anxiety. All anxious care is really a limiting of God. That is why Christ forbade it. (Mat. 6:26-34). People are inclined to take too much thought for their lives. What they shall eat and drink and what they shall put on. It is not unusual for a revival to be in progress with some of the members attending only occasionally if at all. And when given a special invitation they answer, "I will try to go some, but I am busy with my work." And when they do attend their mind and interest is still on their work, they complain that the services are too long, since they have to arise so early in the morning. Christ asks, "Is not the life more than meat and the body more than raiment?" and admonishes us, "To seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

I have conducted a few revivals where the members took time off for God's work, and they were spiritual feasts indeed. Those churches were spiritually and materially powerful. Church members that allow worldly interest to hinder their spiritual interests are limiting the Holy One of Israel.

2. Unbelief. Strong faith enriches the experience and fills the soul with the joys of the Holy Spirit. But to limit God is to bring leanness into one's soul. As Jesus said to the blind man who desired to receive his sight, "Be it unto you according to your faith." Thus many emerge from a revival with little or no spiritual benefit, and complain they did not get much from the meeting. They received according to their faith. It is only logical that when you limit God you limit yourself. Israel entered not into Canaan because of their unbelief. When we do not believe God we close His hand and turn His face away from us. God's Word contains plenty of promises, but we limit their fulfillment by doubting them.

3. In our Prayers. There are few people who do not believe in prayer, and there are many who exercise their privilege to pray. But too often God is limited in prayers and desires. In prayers we often insist too much upon definite blessings being given. The prayer may be for rain, health or the sparing of life, or even a spiritual blessing. I believe our prayers should be definite, but not limit God to a definite time, manner and means. God knows our needs and when we put Him in remembrance it should be in the manner of our Lord in Gethsemane, "Father, not my will but Thine be done." Yet, we often limit God in our prayers as to the type of revival to send, and inform Him just who needs reviving and saving. We should pray for a reviv-

val and surrender ourselves to be used by Him to accomplish His will.

4. Our sins limit God. I think perhaps in this way God is most limited. We are often like the church at Laodicea. We keep the Lord outside the door. We consider ourselves very progressive and in need of nothing, not knowing that in God's estimation the church is wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked. To avoid limiting the Holy One of Israel and restraining the much needed revival, let us each come to God confessing our personal sins. "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Open the door of your heart to Jesus and take Him into your revival in an unlimited way.

Let not your revival be ruined with restraints, but rather resign your all to Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages. World without end. Amen.

Singing School and Revival to Be Conducted at Rose Hill Church

The Rev. Sam Kennedy of Beulaville, N. C., will begin a singing school at Rose Hill Church, near Winterville, North Carolina, on March 12. This singing school will run through the week and close on March 19. The revival will begin on Monday night the 19th. The services will begin each night at 7:30, and the meeting will close on Easter Sunday night, March 25.

Reverend W. B. Nobles, of Winterville, is the pastor of the church. The public is cordially invited to attend these services each night. There will be special music rendered each evening by the senior and junior choirs. Brother Kennedy will direct the choirs in the singing, and Mrs. Alma Buck of Winterville, North Carolina, will be the pianist.

By the Reporter

A desire to resist oppression is implanted in the nature of man.—Tactatus.

SUGGESTIONS

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Begin now to plan for these study courses, and may the Lord bless each class and each teacher to her own good and for His own glory.

TO THE AUXILIARIES OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE

Report Blanks have been mailed to each auxiliary in the district, unless there has been an omission by mistake. If so, please notify me and I will mail report blank.

We are calling attention to the fact that our annual dues of 30% are supposed to be sent in at this Convention, together with a liberal contribution. I think our women understand about these dues, and will be glad to co-operate in every possible way in helping us reach a 100% standard. All funds should be sent to the secretary, together with the reports, not later than March 10th. The Convention will meet with the Long Ridge Free Will Baptist Auxiliary on Thursday, March 22, 1951. The program for the convention will be printed in the Baptist real soon—look for it, then make preparations to do all you can to promote interest in this great cause. We know the saying, "Prayer Changes Things." Let us then be in earnest prayer for the success of this convention, as well as for all others of the various districts of the State that will be meeting soon.

I am still asking our auxiliaries everywhere to desist from sending in weekly or monthly reports to the Auxiliary Department. However, we do solicit short articles on the departmental work, such as Missions, Stewardship, Superannuation, Christian Education, and other items that will be informative, encouraging and inspirational. Do not send these articles to me—send them to Rev. R. B. Spencer, Editor of the Free Will Baptist paper, Ayden, N. C. Thanking each of you for your patience and co-operation, and soliciting your prayers for a better Auxiliary Department, I am,

Sincerely yours to serve,
Alice E. Lupton, Editor,
Auxiliary Department

NOTICE TO CENTRAL DISTRICT AUXILIARIES

March 28 is time for another District Convention. I have mailed the report blanks to the respective secretaries and asked that they be returned no later than March 21 if possible. That will give me just one week to prepare the reports and send them to the vice-presidents. I am urging each one of you to co-operate with me by doing this. To you auxiliaries who have not been reporting—we need your support. We feel that if all of us, as Free Will Baptist Auxiliary Women, will join together with the Lord more will be accomplished to His Name's Honor and Glory.

Please watch this paper for any further announcements and the program. We also ask you to pray for the convention.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Marvin Moore, Secy.
Rt. 1, Scotland Neck, N. C.

Pleasant Hill (Pitt County) Annual Auxiliary Report

The year's report for the Pleasant Hill Ladies Auxiliary work is as follows:

Members on roll—23
Number of New Members—3
Number of members attending week of prayer—21
Religious services conducted—12
Number of sick visits—159
Trays given to needy—53
Flowers for the sick and floral designs—54.

Cash to the Orphanage—\$32.00
Value of Supplies to Orphanage—\$51.00
Money raised for building fund—\$272.55.
Bible readers—23
Daily Bible Readers—6
With God's help each member is striving to do a greater work throughout the year.

Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Norman Stanley

MRS. GRIFFIN HOLDS GOOD MEETING AT FREE UNION

We had a grand meeting at Free Union Church in Beaufort County, North Carolina on Thursday, February 22, 1951. Mrs. J. C. Griffin was with us for the purpose of teaching the Auxiliary Manual. Her teaching and the message were very inspiring to everyone present. We learned many things about the way the auxiliary should be conducted. I feel that all who met with

Mrs. Griffin for this study were greatly benefitted. They received a great blessing.

It certainly would have been good if all of our auxiliary members could have been present for this meeting. They, too, would have received a great blessing from the study. They could have been better prepared on the work as it should be carried out. Women, let us wake up and do our best for the promotion of our auxiliary, and for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God.

Yours in his service,
Mrs. B. M. Ratcliff

Report N. C. State Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Quarter Nov. 25, 1950 through Feb. 25, 1951

Balance brought forward	\$ 268.78
RECEIPTS BY DEPARTMENTS—	
Co-Laborer Band	\$ 105.50
Cragmont	65.00
Christian Education	66.75
Superannuation	52.80
Home Missions	75.50
Foreign Missions	346.98
Orphanage	20.00
Contribution, N. C. Aux. Conv. --	5.00
National per capita dues	5.00
Total received	\$ 742.53

Grand Total	\$1,011.31
DISBURSEMENTS—	
Co-Laborer Band	\$ 105.50
Cragmont	65.00
Christian Education	66.75
Superannuation	52.80
Foreign Missions	346.98
Orphanage	20.00
Travel expense, Executive Com., to meeting in Snow Hill, N. C. February, 1951	22.95
Gift to State President, hostess to Executive Committee meeting, February, 1951	4.50
Treasurer's salary, 3 months	45.00
Total disbursed during quarter --	\$ 729.48

Balance in treasury Feb. 25, 1951

\$ 281.83
Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Treas.
Winterville, N. C.

Complaints

We have been receiving quite a number of complaints from the Woman's Auxiliary secretaries and reporters of the Monthly Auxiliary reports. These complaints are about their reports not now being published in the columns of the Baptist paper.

Again we advise the Auxiliary women that we are ceasing from publishing the usual monthly reports of the auxiliaries, unless in particular cases in which a monthly report shows some outstanding program or achievement made by the auxiliary for

the cause of the denominational work which is of interest to the readers of the Baptist paper.

We also advise the readers to turn to Mrs. Alice E. Lupton's message in last week's issue of the Baptist paper concerning the matter of these routine monthly reports. She, as editor of the Woman's Department of the Baptist paper, has plainly stated that no longer do we want the monthly reports for publication in the paper. All auxiliaries are, therefore, instructed to abide by these requests.

R. B. Spencer, Editor

PRE-EASTER PRAYER SERVICES AT LITTLE CREEK CHURCH

Little Creek Woman's auxiliary, Greene County, North Carolina, will observe the Week of Prayer at the church, beginning on Monday night, March 19, and running through Friday night, March 23. These services will begin at 7:30 P. M. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. Different speakers will be used each night in the services.

Mrs. Edwin Skinner
Fourth Vice-President

CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS

(Continued from Page Three)

their lawlessness. So a new governor said, "I will try something else. I will forgive them and give them training, and send them back as citizens to teach and to keep law and order. His plan was successful.

Is not that a picture of the forgiveness of Jesus as he prayed? "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

That is not all, forgiveness has a challenge to us. Jesus paid the price for our forgiveness on the cross of Calvary. Will we accept his love?

My prayer is that we will accept Jesus' forgiveness and live. Amen.

Mrs. M. W. Roach in Hospital Again

Mrs. Roach is in the St. Joseph's Hospital again for another operation. I am asking the good Christian people to pray for her recovery. I am hoping that I shall be able to bring her home within a few days. We do certainly need the prayers of our good friends throughout the several states.

Yours for Christ,

Rev. Maurice W. Roach
318 East 7th Street
Flint 3, Michigan

STORY OF THE KEELEY CURES!

Under the liquor license system before the adoption of National Prohibition, the Keeley liquor cures spread from Dwight, Ill., to many parts of our country. The home for inebriates in Chicago was open and crowded for 50 years before Prohibition came. The coming of the 18th Amendment closed all Keeley cure institutes except for one. But many of them opened up again after Repeal.

Now to add to the corruption and sinful craze we have television, which now invades the American home and defiles its atmosphere. We are glad that some religious papers are warning the people about television.

The *Christian Herald* of New York recently had this comment:

"A Courier fan writes to lament the brutality of television, and encloses samples; men strangled and tortured, a woman hanged, etc. We agree. TV certainly seems to love blood, gore, groans, and sadistic suspense. Like our reader, we don't like it."

—*The Civic Bulletin*

Announcement

I wish to announce that I now have a 16 mm sound projector which is available to all Free Will Baptist Churches in South Carolina. It is my purpose to present "Scripture Visualized" in an effort to help lost men, women, boys and girls find their Saviour and to show our Foreign Mission films so that our people can see what is being done in this field of service.

For the first month I will show: "The Prodigal Son"; "The Way to Heaven"; and "Singin' and Talkin' 'Bout My Lord."

Any church wishing this service is requested to write me for an appointment.

The address is:

R. C. Baggette,
Manning, S. C.

HOW SHALL WE GIVE

Give as the morning that flows out of Heaven;

Give as the waves when their channel is risen;

Give as the free air and sunshine are given;

Lavishly, joyfully, utterly give.

Not the waste drops from thy cup overflowing;

Not a faint spark from thy heart ever glowing;

Not a pale bud from thy June roses blowing;

Give as the heart gives whose fetters are breaking,

*Life, Love and Hope, all thy dreams and thy waking,
Soon at life's river thy soul fever slaking.
Thou shalt know God and the gifts that He gave.*

—ROSE TERRY COOK.

"Our revenue may derive some unholy benefit from the sale of alcohol, but the entire trade is nevertheless a covenant with sin and death."—Lord Bacon.

National Directory

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JESUS FACES DEATH

(Lesson for March 18)

LESSON: Mark 14:22-26, 32-36.

GOLDEN TEXT: Mark 14:36.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

The Lord's Supper, which Jesus instituted after the Passover meal had ended, was a memorial of the fulfillment of the Passover prophecy. It points back to His suffering and death, the bruises of His body and the shedding of His Blood. And it is through this Sacrifice that we are made free from the guilt, penalty and power of sin. Then, it also points forward. Jesus commanded that this ordinance should be observed until He comes again, when He will drink anew the cup of fellowship with His own in the Kingdom. This was likewise not fully understood by the disciples at that time, but we have been given the meaning of it by the Apostle Paul (I Cor. 11:23-26). What it symbolizes for us now was about to be fulfilled when Jesus instituted it.

1. It is only the Bread of Life was broken that it became available for many, (Mark 14:22).

2. Do we ever stop to think that drinking of the cup symbolizes our entering into the fellowship of His suffering? (vs. 23).

3. Not the blood of beasts but far better His Blood was used to establish the New Covenant (vss. 24, 25).

4. Quite frequently after the singing comes the suffering. The sacrifice and the song are closely linked together (vs. 26).

5. Those who witness the greatest glory of Christ also become the witnesses of His greatest suffering (vs. 34).

6. The praying Master is on the lookout for watching disciples (vs. 34).

7. Prayer is the best and only preparation for coming temptation.

8. Sleep is a great enemy of prayer.

9. More sleep and less prayer produces weak and bewildered disciples.

10. This stands out as raised letters through all Jesus' life: "I do always those things that please (the Father)" (John 8:29). And then that we, as His born-again ones, should have any other attitude, is unthinkable. If our lives have been different in the past, we must forget and go on (Phil. 3:13).—Selected.

11. Many people, as they have faced death, have given thought to some kind of memorial by which they might be remembered. Few people like the thought of being utterly forgotten, at least very soon. A monument or tombstone in a cemetery is the most common kind of memorial. Some wealthy people establish a fund to be named after them, the income of which is used for some specific purpose. Some build a hospital or a church or pay for a window in a church. The best memorial of many people consists of the kind deeds they have done. Jesus said concerning Mary, who poured out on him her precious ointment, that her memorial would be the telling about her loving deed throughout the whole world, wherever the gospel is preached.

Of far greater significance than any of these is the memorial which Jesus established in the upper room in memory of himself, and particularly in memory of what he was to do for mankind. There was no selfish ambition connected with this. It was and is important for men to know the great purpose of Christ in coming to earth and what he accomplished thereby. It is important because it vitally affects us all—Arnold's Commentary.

12. According to Saint John's Gospel, chapter 13, verses 4 through 17, Christ entered into that service which is known as the Washing of the Saints' Feet. In this he taught an humble Christian observance which all Christians should practice, for our Lord said "ye also ought to wash one another's feet" (v. 14b). Then he said, "I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you" (v. 15), and "happy are ye if ye

do them" (v. 17). When Christians practice consistently the washing of the saints' feet, following the communion, they experience a joy in their hearts beyond compare.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

13. He could not be the lone sin-bearer for man as long as the Father upheld Him with His power. The time was at hand when the Father must withdraw from Him and leave Him to pass through the ordeal of death alone. Separation from the Father at this hour was the most bitter dreg in the cup, yet it had to be thus. He who knew no sin was about to become sin for man, an actual curse as is expressed in Galatians 3:13, but He prayed that the Father's will might be done. What a price He paid for our redemption!—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Gethsemane

The great London preacher, C. H. Spurgeon, has well said: "If, beloved, you knew that at—say ten o'clock tonight—you would be led away to be mocked, and despised, and scourged, and that tomorrow's sun would see you falsely accused, hanging, a convicted criminal, to die upon a cross, do you think that you could sing tonight after your last meal? I am sure you could not, unless with more than earthborn courage and resignation your soul could say, 'Bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.' You would sing if your spirit were like the Saviour's spirit; if, like Him, you could exclaim, 'Not what I will, but what Thou wilt'; but if there should remain in you any selfishness, any desire to be spared the bitterness of death, you would not be able to chant the "Hallel" with the Master. Blessed Jesus, how wholly wert Thou given up! how perfectly consecrated! so that whereas other men sing when they are marching to their joys, Thou didst sing on the way to death; whereas other men lift up their cheerful voices when honor awaits them, Thou hadst a brave and holy sonnet on Thy lips when shame, and spitting, and death were to be Thy portion."—Selected.

-:- Department of Foreign Missions -:-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

Mission Appeal

DEAR PASTORS:

I have just received a report from Rev. Raymond Riggs as to the standing of our Foreign Mission Treasury. As I understand it, there was not quite enough money in the general fund to pay the outstanding bills. Remember our treasurer cannot pay these bills unless we send in the money. He reports only \$2,106.31 in the general fund and \$2,549.90 in outstanding bills. According to this report he would lack \$443.59 having enough to pay the bills.

Dear pastors, please pray for our missionaries and plead with your people to pray. Place this great cause before your people and give them an opportunity to send a special offering.

March and April are Mission months in North Carolina. We lack \$3,815.46 having our quota for the year which ends in July. Please, pastors and Christian people, let us finish our quota and go over the top during March and April. Put on a special mission program and receive an offering for Foreign Missions. Send it to Rev. J. W. Alford, Columbia, North Carolina.

In the name of Christ,
Rashie Kennedy, Director

TO ARKANSAS FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Any pastors or churches in the

state of Arkansas that desire a Missionary Service, with Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery, should write to them in care of Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee.

Brother and Sister Calvery have yielded to the call for Foreign service and plan to leave soon after their preparation. Mrs. Calvery hails from the state of Arkansas, and they are quite anxious to become more intimately acquainted with all Free Will Baptists in that state.

They will be available for services during the latter part of July and throughout the month of August. We are proud of our Missionary candidates and we trust our people will stand behind them in prayer and financial support. They hope to visit as many churches as possible during this brief vacation period.

Those interested please write Rev. Wesley Calvert, Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Raymond Riggs
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

APRIL IS HOME MISSIONS MONTH

Free Will Baptists of America, I come to you again through the medium of our paper, in behalf of Home Missions, a work that is the burden of my heart. I read in Acts 1:8 that our Lord and Master tells us to be witnesses unto him both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth. So I understand by that scripture that we are to bring the message of Jesus here at home while we send missionaries to the foreign fields.

Our National Home Mission Board is heartily in accord with our Foreign Mission program and all support this

program and praise the Lord for what they are doing but we feel that if we can get our Home Mission program going that it will strengthen our foreign mission work. As we look on the fields here at home that are white unto harvest, how we long to see the old-time revival break out in our ranks here at home and sweep across America, north and south, east and west, until we could have churches in every state.

You know, in every town there are people who do not go to church. Their children are not in Sunday School. Oh, what a field of labor!

Your Board proposes to try to evangelize by putting Home Mission workers in this field. To evangelize by organizing churches and staying

there until the work is established. Also to work among the American Indians in North Carolina and Oklahoma. Now I am certain every Free Will Baptist is interested in seeing this done. If so, listen to the appeal of your National Home Mission Board. You know as your board knows, it will take money to put up a program like this. We are setting April apart as Home Mission Month. We are going to ask you for five thousand dollars in offerings during April.

Now all you pastors and workers, please do your best to help us reach this goal. I suggest that each pastor take a freewill offering at one service in your church and that you urge your Sunday School, your league and woman's auxiliary to give an offering to this worthy cause. You will or have received literature about this drive. Please get it before your church and don't forget the days set apart for prayer, our simultaneous revival campaign of which you will soon learn more about.

Oh, how our hearts are burdened during these perilous times when mothers' boys are dying in Korea. May we bring this gospel of Jesus to every nick and corner of America that our boys may be saved before they are drafted into our armed forces. I think we are just about to the midnight hour and may we wake up to the needs of the hour and do something about it. Your board is depending on you. Don't let us down. You won't, will you? Send all offerings to Rev. Harry E. Staires, Oilton, Okla., who will receipt and credit you for same.

Now give your board a chance to work in co-operation with your state board in putting this needy program over to the glory of God. Look for more in your next paper.

Your humble servant,
Rev. J. B. Bloss
Chairman, National Home Mission Board
Columbia, Tenn. Rt. 5

"After forty-seven years of coaching football, I can say without hesitancy that a football player, as well as any boy or girl, would be a fool to drink alcoholic liquor."
—Alonso A. Staggs.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

JIMMY LEARNS A LESSON

Maynard Good

The sun had been up for two hours when Jimmy awoke. He was half ashamed for being a sleepyhead when there was only one more day of vacation left. It was the middle of November, and because of a teacher's convention the pupils were given two days of vacation, and already one day was gone. The day before, Jimmy's friend Donald and he had planned a camping trip by the river with strict commands to stay off the river. This, however, put a new idea into their young adventurous minds.

Donald had suggested building a raft. It would be a great sport, for they had never tried anything like that before. Donald's brother could go, too, since there was not much to do at home.

An hour and a half later Donald and Jimmy along with their two younger brothers and two neighbor boys started for the river with a full load. In their wagon they had a pound of hamburger, four large potatoes, two loaves of bread cookies, a frying pan, some salt, and a few forks. But under all this lay the forbidden hatchet and sixty feet of new rope, neatly coiled to keep it hidden better. They also had about a pound and a half of spikes.

"Won't this be great?" cried Jimmy. "Just think of all the fun we will have telling the other fellows about this! I even know where there's an island that we can go to when we get the raft made." He had visions of a large solid craft with long sweeping oars to propel it, and a long sweep for a steering oar, and catwalks to help pole the raft against the current as the need arose.

"And we can hide it some place and keep it for a diving raft next summer," said Donald.

"Maybe we could charge admission for the other fellows to come and see it?" chimed little Bill, Jimmy's brother.

The two older boys laughed loudly at the very thought of this. Suddenly Donald became serious. "Listen, don't you tell a single soul about this raft or we will make it hot for you. See!"

Little Bill quaked in his boots, but answered bravely. "If you hurt me, I'll tell my mother, and besides I'll make Jimmy beat you up and he can do it too 'cause I saw him do it once down in the pasture."

"Oh, come, come, fellows, let's have a little more harmony in the crowd! We are almost there and we want to have co-operation from all of you, and we can't unless we are all on friendly terms. And, Billy, don't take Don seriously; he was only teasing."

A half hour later the boys were hard at work. Jimmy and Donald had the smaller boys do all the extra running and the things they did not want to do themselves. Just before dinner the mighty raft was finished, but what a strange looking raft! However, it looked wonderful to the six fellows who had given three hours of hard work to see it finished and ready to be launched.

"Isn't she a beauty!" exclaimed Donald. "What do you say we launch this raft right away and take our food and everything over to the island to eat? It would be a lot more fun than eating on the mainland."

"No," objected Jimmy. "I would rather eat dry food than things that have been soaked in the river for a while. I don't think we should launch it until we've had our dinner." No one said a thing. "What do you say, fellows, let's eat dinner right now? I'll fry the potatoes. Where is the skillet?"

After peeling and slicing the potatoes, they were ready to begin. Soon their dinner, which consisted of half-raw potatoes and burnt hamburgers, was ready. After they had finished the meal, they washed the dishes in the river.

"What do you say we launch this raft right away?" cried Donald, who was always ready to do something and then think afterward.

"No, we have to make plans so that we'll know just what to do at the right time," replied Jimmy. "I'll be the first one to take it over to the island just to test it. You fellows hang onto the rope to pull me back in case all doesn't go well."

About forty feet of swift river had to be crossed before the far bank would be reached, and he wanted to be sure that he was not left to drift down the river on a cruise all his own. He knew that he must go very slowly in order to be able to cross at all. After a short argument it was decided that Jimmy was right. He should be the one to go across first. The launching proceeded, but rather slowly. Although the raft weighed only about five hundred pounds, it was dead weight for the six small fellows to shove into the water. After fifteen minutes of struggling the raft was in the water and many none-too-solid pieces started to float away. It was a triangular affair with three main logs, and some smaller poles for flooring. Jimmy eyed the thing half-heartedly. It was bobbing up and down like a cork only not nearly so lightly. When he stepped on it, it nearly submerged. He was glad that he had on his high-top boots. He even began to wish that he had not insisted that he be first. However, not wishing to be called a sissy, he held his head high and decided to shove off.

"Hand me that pole, Billy," he cried. "Just call me Huck Fin!" and a mighty cheer went up as he left the bank. After about five minutes of deft poling, Jimmy reached the shore of the island. Quickly he looked the island over and started back. The trip back was much easier because all he had to do was keep the raft from going too far downstream.

"It was wonderful, fellows; honest it is just as safe as a cradle, and we can have more fun on that island than we can have over here. Don, let's go back and take turns taking these boys over." Jimmy was excited and eager for adventure.

When the two boys stepped on the raft it almost submerged completely. Each had on high boots and heavy jackets. They both had an eight-foot pole for steering. Leaving their lives in the hands of the younger fellows on the bank did not appeal to Jimmy so much. Just as he was thinking about it the raft started to go down stream with decided force. With an anxious gasp he looked toward the distant shore. The rope had slipped from their companions' hands and they were stupefied to silence. The quick-thinking Jimmy pulled his pole out of the water and shoved it down between the flooring.

"Don' brace yourself," he cried. "We're going to stop."

The raft rocked crazily as there was too much weight on it and when Jimmy shoved his pole to the bottom of the river the raft gave a violent lurch which nearly cost him his footing. To his dismay there was a terrific splash and Don was overboard gasping and struggling.

"Swim! Swim!" screamed the helpless Jimmy. But his only reply was a desperate look from his friend. Through all the excitement he had lost his hold on the pole that held the raft in midstream, and now he was once more caught in the current of the terrible river. Jimmy spent the next three minutes in a wild ride that seemed to last forever, and when at last he floated near the shore under a low-hanging tree he was glad to catch a stout branch and hang on while the raft went on down the stream and crashed to pieces against a rock in the middle of the river. Hurriedly he climbed to the bank and ran wildly upstream to help Don if there was a chance. About half way back he came upon his chum just dragging himself from the river, soaked and very much exhausted.

"Are you all right, Don?" cried Jimmy. "Let's hurry back and get those wet clothes dry. We have to go home dry or there'll be trouble."

Upon their arrival at the camp site, they found their small brother crying and the other two boys trying to stop them.

"O. K.," yelled Jimmy, "you boys quit crying, and you two help me get wood and make a fire big enough to dry Don's clothes."

For two hours they waved the clothes before the campfire until it looked like they were making smoke signals. It was

a group of tired-looking boys that trooped home that night smelling very smoky, but that did not matter much. When Mother would ask why they smelled so smoky they could say, "The wind blew the smoke on us all day." The boys were just walking in the yard when Jimmy said to Bill, "Remember, not a word to anyone. I'll do all the talking."

"Did you have a good time today, boys?" asked their mother.

"Sure," replied Jimmy. "It got rather cold in the afternoon and we had to stay near the fire about all the time. But we had fun."

Jimmy's conscience bothered him all that evening so much that he could hardly eat, and he never once looked his father straight in the eye.

That night just before he went to bed he had a guilty feeling when he prayed. As his mother tucked his brother in for the night, she noticed that he was crying. "Why are you crying, little Bill?" she asked.

"I—I—I'm not crying," replied Billy. "I guess it is just the smoke."

Their mother had not left the room for more than five minutes when Billy was at his brother's bedside and whispered in Jimmy's ear.

"Let's go and tell Mother all about today. I don't feel right, and I can't sleep."

"No," said Jimmy. "Do you think I want Father to give me a good whipping? Go to bed and keep quiet."

In ten minutes Billy was back and said, "Jimmy, if you don't go with me to tell Mother, I'll go myself."

Jimmy did not say a thing but silently got up and took Billy's hand and went to his mother's room. There they told their story of the near-tragedy.

"And just think, Don might have been drowned," said Jimmy in a hushed voice.

So the two boys asked their Heavenly Father to forgive them for their disobedience.—Words of Cheer.

FOURTH UNION REPORT CENTRAL CONFERENCE, N. C.

Our union meeting convened with Otter's Creek F. W. B. Church in Edgecombe County on December 30, 1951. The devotions were led by Rev. H. T. Sowers. The welcome address was given by Rev. C. D. Hamilton. The response was by Rev. R. C. Proctor. Ministers present were as follows: W. L. Hart, E. L. Abrams, H. T. Sowers, R. C. Proctor, C. D. Hamilton, N. D. Beaman, T. P. Ellis and Hubert Burress. The visiting minister was Heber Joyner of the second union of the Central conference.

Fourteen churches represented in the union with offerings. In the morning business session the following motions were passed: First, to grant Rev. L. B. Manning a letter of dismissal in order for him to take membership with another union.

Second, to receive Hubert Burress into this union as a licensed minister.

The union voted to meet the next time with Antioch Church in Wayne County. The union sermon was delivered by Rev. W. L. Hart who brought us a soul stirring message. His subject was taken from Second Corinthians, fifth chapter.

The devotions for the afternoon session were led by Rev. C. D. Hamilton. An offering was taken for the orphanage to the amount of \$29.28. By motion the union accepted A. J. Tyson resignation as treasurer of the Fourth Union. Howard Cayton was elected to fill A. J. Tyson's unexpired term.

By motion the union voted to give Watery Branch Church \$30, and received an offering of \$31 to total \$61 to help them in their Sunday School building program.

The reports of committees were received

as a whole. After a rising vote of thanks for the kind hospitality shown by Otter's Creek Church the union adjourned to meet with Antioch in April.

Rev. R. C. Proctor, Moderator,
Hubert Burress, Clerk

"I believe that liquor has contributed more to the moral, intellectual and material deterioration of the people and has brought misery to more defenseless women and children than any other agency in the history of mankind."—John Mitchell.

"I never saw a city or village yet whose miseries were not in proportion to the number of its public houses."—Oliver Goldsmith.

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"RELIGIOUS MANNA"

OR

"SINFUL AMUSEMENTS?"

Won't some serious thinking and capable Christians get our Christian youth on their hearts?

Our youth enjoy good church services, the League, and Sunday School work. But young people have more time on their hands than they use sufficiently for the glory of God.

It is good to take them to put on programs, at hospitals, and at Convalescent homes for the aged, etc. But do we think of the "in-between-time" they have on their hands? What do our youth find to do to occupy themselves? We as parents can answer that. (or can we?)

Why can't we Free Will Baptists do something to help entertain our youth? You ask what. Well, if we preach clean living, do we see to it that our children have the right sort of amusement?

If the world can have ideas to keep our youth satisfied, can't we as God's people equal them and even more?

I believe if each church would purchase a projector and show one good picture, taken from the Bible, each week, our youths would be much happier, and they would be learning the Bible too.

Don't you think that if the church would put the Bible before them in pictures, so they could learn we would have more dedicated Christian youth?

Now, then, let us consider the case. Some will say that would be too expensive. Is it any more expensive than the worldly picture shows are? If our youth would give to this project just what they give to the worldly shows, with the help of the parents, this thing can be put over.

Singing Convention

There will be a Singing Convention at Wintergreen F. W. B. Church, the second Sunday afternoon, March the 11th at 2:00.

Every one is invited to attend.

Mildred Civils, Secy.
Dover, N. C.

In our city we have a "Youth for Christ," each last Saturday night of each month and usually they show a Biblical picture and the house is filled with our youth, as well as adults, both old and young. Most every one enjoys a good religious picture.

Let us teach our youth as well as Adults the Bible in pictures and scriptures on the screen.

Think it over, Christians.

Mrs. Jack Arnold
805 Wine St.
Gainesville, Texas

THE MASTER'S TOUCH

"He touched her hand, and the fever left her."

He touched her hand as He only can,
With the wondrous skill of the great Physician,

With the tender touch of the Son of Man,
And the fever pain in the throbbing temples

Died out with the flush on brow and cheek;

And the lips that had been so parched and burning

Trembled with thanks that she could not speak

And the eyes, where the fever light had faded,

Looked up—by her grateful tears made dim;

And she rose and ministered to her household—

She rose and ministered unto Him.

"He touched her hand, and the fever left her."

O blessed touch of the Man divine!

So beautiful then to rise and serve Him

When the fever is gone from your life and mine;

It may be the fever of restless serving,

With heart all thirsty for love and praise,

And eyes all aching and strained with yearning

Toward self-set goals in the future days;

Or it may be a fever of spirit anguish,
Some tempest of sorrow that dies not down

Till the cross at last is in meekness lifted
And the head stoops low for the thorny crown;

Or it may be a fever of pain and anger,
When the wounded spirit is hard to bear,

And only the Lord can draw forth the arrows

Left carelessly, cruelly, ranking there.

Whatever the fever, His touch can heal it;
Whatever the tempest, His voice can still it;

There is only joy as we seek His pleasure;
There is only a rest as we seek His will—

And some day after life's fitful fever,
I think we shall say in the home on high;

"If the hands that He touched but did His bidding

How little it matters what else went by!"

Ah, Lord! Thou knowest us altogether,
Each heart's sore sickness, whatever it be.

Touch Thou our hands! Let the fever leave us—

And so shall we minister unto Thee!

—Anon.

Has the Curtain Fallen?

Has the curtain fallen over the Christian Colleges in China, shutting them off from the rich and fruitful contacts and relationships of many decades?

Looking only at today and tomorrow, it becomes increasingly clear that the answer must be yes. This act in which we have played our small but not insignificant parts appears about to end.

A new act is starting in which we may have no share. Indeed, we may not even be able to view it, unless the curtain proves transparent. It will be enacted by a comparative handful of apparently powerless men and women pitted against forces which seem to dwarf them. It will involve social change, economic struggle, political consciousness, and incompatible ideologies. How it will be resolved, God only knows.

But now is not the time to say the curtain will never rise again, that we can no longer hope to share the stage with those from whom that curtain has shut us off. Looking into the more distant future, we see that the drama of the Christian Colleges has not ended. Perhaps once more, at some uncertain date, we shall again be permitted to work with Chinese friends and colleagues—in new and better ways, we hope.

For that day we must prepare, so that we may play our part well. We must not let the memory of the Christian Colleges die, and we must stand ready when the curtain lifts again.—Selected.

MISSION ITINERARY

By J. C. GRIFFIN

March 9—Holly Springs, Carteret County

March 12—Welcome Home

March 13—Davis Shore

March 14—Stacy

March 15—Sea Level

March 16—Edward's Chapel

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Watch for extension of listed itinerary.

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The Bryan Free Will Baptist Church was organized in 1894 with fourteen charter members. The first church building was a white frame structure located near the heart of the town.

The Rev. A. M. Stewart was the first pastor to serve the Free Will Baptists in this church. Following Rev. Stewart's administration, the church was under the guidance of the following pastors during the early years of the church's development: S. L. Norris, J. J. Tatum, T. C. Ferguson, T. A. Searcy, W. T. Woods, R. E. Lawless and C. C. Wheeler.

In 1917, while the Rev. Fred Comber was pastor plans were completed to replace the frame church building with a brick structure to be erected on the same site. The brick church was completed and occupied in 1918 during the pastorate of the Rev. J. J. Tatum.

In 1940 the present church was erected at the corner of Parker and West 30th Street. The building site was given by W. J. Coulter in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Coulter. The church building was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Edge, and Dr. R. M. Searcy gave the pulpit furniture (continued on page two)

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in honor of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Searcy. At the same time the two-story educational building was erected to complete the church properties. These properties are very convenient and practical in their almost daily use in forwarding the work and the Word of the Lord.

The church building is composed of an auditorium, choir assembly room, pastor's study and utility rooms. It is equipped with a Hammond Electric organ and a spinet piano which are used for the various services. The baptistry, which is appropriately one of the most beautiful features of the auditorium, is decorated with suitable paintings and lighting effects to produce a Christian atmosphere during baptismal services.

The educational building has many uses and consists of an auditorium, eleven Sun-

day School rooms, a nursery and a kitchen. The building is used by the Sunday School, Leagues, and Women's Auxiliary for their regular meetings. It is also available to these organizations for any Christian Fellowship and social hours that they may sponsor.

The membership of the church now totals 255, and the congregation both as a group and as individuals, prosper and grow in the Word of the Lord under the guidance of their pastor, the Rev. R. B. Crawford.

A Note of Thanks

We wish to express our heart-felt thanks for the kind deeds and expressions of sympathy shown us in the recent illness and death of our husband and father.

Mrs. Offe Proctor and children

MUCH EVERY WAY

"Flu" is an uninvited guest! Thanks for the many cards, and fervent prayers in our behalf.

The District League Convention of the S. C. Conference met at Sand Hill Church near Effingham, S. C., Jan. 27.

Said Convention was well represented, especially by the young folk. Luncheon was served in the Community Club House, which was a great treat to all. The young people are putting things over in the Spirit of unity. The next District League Convention will convene at Liberty Church near Manning, S. C., Saturday, April 21st.

We are delighted to see a spiritual awakening among our Free Will Baptist people relative to the full-time pastorate of our churches. The writer has undergone a complete change in his attitude, from the time he began the ministry forty-seven years ago, and until today. At that time we preachers did not think we were getting anywhere if we did not have about 4 churches, so we could make our round once a month. But we have learned by experience that such type of pastoral work does not meet the demands of today.

Years ago, I lived in this State, and I was serving four Free Will Baptist churches, and Darlington was one of them. I made my round once in a month, met a few faithful ones, who

Rev. O. M. Hilburn
Darlington, S. C.

were real glad to see the day arrive for preaching service. I would at that time receive about 50c per month for the service rendered. I would dismiss the little number, with a faithful promise to be back the next month. Since that day, they have caught a new vision. In keeping with the well wishes of the pastor, the church has gone on full-time, and the work has grown to such a rapid pace that the auditorium has been enlarged with five Sunday School class rooms, pastor's study, and a baptistry. Yet they are in need of more room so as to accommodate the masses. In fact they are laying plans for about a seventy-five thousand dollar structure. This is one of the great numbers that have gone on full-time. Rev. Seldon Bullard is pastor of Darlington Church. The best preacher in the United States can become top heavy with too many churches. The churches at the same time becoming chafed, and sore at the preacher, and that the best solution for the problem is to rotate. The preacher is blamed for being a poor pastor, and at the same time he has never been allowed, in reality, a fair chance to serve the church as pastor.

We can easily solve the problem of putting our city, and village churches

on full-time basis, but it seems to be a problem to know what to do about our rural churches, in view of the fact that about 80% of our churches of today are in rural districts. That should be an easy matter to decide. First, let the church put on a building program at once, and build a parsonage at, or near the church, and put your pastor in it. Then when you harvest your produce from the farm, see that your pastor is cared for, and don't forget that one tenth of your income belongs to God. In so doing, your pastor is living, not only with you but like one of you. And if you furnish him about every thing that goes on his table from your farms, he can get by with a small amount of cash, just enough to buy his "odds, and ends," buy his gas, and keep up the wear of his car.

As I see it, we will have to get busy if we expect to hold our own. Other denominations will build inroads to try to intimidate our good honest members, and some of them would, if possible, get under the eyes of your church, and mine, and organize them a church out of a small hand-full of "riff-raff" material that is amphibious, or somewhat of a "hybrid nature," and then laugh you to scorn, and think they had pulled a smart stunt. So, for this, and many other reasons, I suggest that we put our churches on full-time, and feed the flock of God.

CHRISTIAN WORKER'S INSTITUTE— HECTOR, ARKANSAS

The first Christian Worker's Institute ever to be held in central Arkansas came to a close Friday night, February 23 and was in every sense of the word an outstanding success.

Since this was the first venture of its kind, there was some reluctance on the part of some to attend. After the first few nights, however, this condition changed, for those who came for one night to see how things were invariably came back the next night and brought someone with

them. At the close of the last week more than 100 people were attending the class sessions. Many of them started too late to qualify for the certificate, but nevertheless, they caught the spirit of the Institute and vowed that they would enroll in the next one the very first night.

We granted thirty certificates for the Christian Worker's Institute and 25 Teacher Training Certificates for the Pedagogy unit. Among those receiving awards were five preachers: Revs. J. D. Coffman, Junior Proctor, J. T. Robertson, R. G. Webb, and Curtis Lybarger. These men were faith-

ful in their attendance and added much to the Institute by their presence and participation.

As a direct result of the Institute there were nine souls saved and rededicated and the Welcome Home Church and Community were left in state of revival. The next session of the Institute will be held at Greenbrier Church, near Conway in August.

Damon C. Dodd

Let us try to be sensible; let us try to be good-natured; let us try to be fair.—Charles Dickens.

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

EASTER SUNDAY

(The first part of the message)

The 25th of March is Easter Sunday. Perhaps many are thinking and talking about that "new dress" and hat and the "new suit for the old man." Many people get very religious just before the great occasion. I say "great" because of its IMPORTANCE. It is great to every true "born-again Child of God." Paul the apostle stressed its importance to the greatest heights when he said: "MOREOVER, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15:1-4).

Then Paul goes on to give the number of witnesses who saw the Lord Jesus after His resurrection.

Notice that Paul says we are "Saved by this gospel." What Gospel? The Gospel that "Christ died for our sins, and rose again." The death of Christ was not enough. He had to die, also He had to be resurrected. If Christ had remained in the grave there would have been no salvation. He had to arise and return back to His Father's throne as our "ADVOCATE" and "ONLY MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN."

Christ was literally brought from the grave to the fellowship of His disciples. He walked with them and talked with them. He would suddenly appear in their midst, and then suddenly disappear. He convinced them that He was a LIVE. We have their testimony. To disbelieve the testimony as given by those who saw Him is to disbelieve God's record concerning His Son. To reject the resurrection is to dispute God's Word. This means damnation. There is no salvation without a full and complete BELIEF in the Holy Scriptures.

It is just as necessary that we believe that Jesus Christ arose from the grave and lives today as it is to believe that Christ died for our sins.

MAY WE NOTICE THE IMPORTANCE

"Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you

that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yet, and we found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ, whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not then is Christ not raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain, ye are yet in your sins. Then they which have fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (I Cor. 15:12-19). From this Scripture we are assured that, if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. A religion without a living source is no better than a heathen religion.

John writes; "AND when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and death" (Rev. 1:17, 18).

This tells us that Christ—the LIVING CHRIST—"Has the keys of HELL and DEATH." Christ gave the keys to the kingdom to Peter. Peter used the keys at Pentecost and at the home of Cornelius and that is as far as Peter can go. Christ reserved the keys of Hell and death for His own use. He has power to open and to shut. Praise, God for this bit of knowledge, which would have been undiscovered had Christ remained in the grave. But A LIVING, ETERNAL REDEEMER want-

ed us to know that He had the KEYS, and not man.

A MESSAGE FROM CHRIST

John writes in verse 5 of Revelation One: "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth."

Christ was the first to rise from the dead. He arose that we who believe in Him as our personal Saviour could be raised in His likeness.

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Rom. 8:11).

Mohammed lived and established a religion that his followers will fight and die for. But Mohammed is dead. His body has never been seen. Buddha founded a religion that now covers nearly one third of the human race. But Buddha is dead and will stay dead until the White throne judgment.

Confucius established a religion through his philosophy. But Confucius is dead.

The Christian religion is the only true religion because its FOUNDER LIVES. We do not worship a dead Jew; but a LIVING, ETERNAL SAVIOUR.

THE RESURRECTION OF THOSE WHO ARE CHRIST'S

"But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward those that are Christ's at his coming" (I Cor. 15:20-23).

It is very important that we belong to Christ. My dear reader, you may not think much about the resurrection. But it is an important matter.

(The second part will follow next week)

BIBLE CONFERENCE FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE April 15-19, 1951

The dates of the Bible Conference of the Free Will Baptist Bible College are April 15-19. There has been a slight change in the dates that were previously agreed upon. You who have seen a College catalogue have noticed that spring Bible Conference was announced for April 8-12. Because of other scheduled meetings which many of our people wish to attend, it was decided that we would move the Conference up one week.

The Annual spring Bible Conference has become a fixed date with many of our people looking this way for a period of fellowship and blessing. If you have been attending the Conferences in past years, we know that you will not want to miss this one. If you have never attended one of the Conferences, we give you an invitation to make your plans to be with us on these announced dates.

C. L. Johnson

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I am available for evangelistic work. I am a graduate of the two-year course of our Free Will Baptist Bible college in Nashville, Tennessee. I am pastoring Saint Paul's F. W. B. Church in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Any one who would like to write to me concerning doing evangelistic work are requested to address me at 707 Gray Street, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
Rev. Charles W. Brown

If it is not right, do not do it. If it is not true, do not say it.—Marcus Aurelius.



Evangelizing the Local Church



(Continued from last week)

Mrs. Martha Everson

The Sunday School offers unlimited means of evangelization. It is the most inclusive of all the Church's various organizations. Its constituency includes male and female, the youngest and the oldest, the saved and the unsaved.

One of the main things about a Sunday School is its spirit. Some appear to be cold, indifferent, lifeless. Others seem alert, eager, full of life and zeal, always forward looking. Here are some suggestions for improving the spirit of the Sunday School. The school should be: (1) Under the control of the church (2) adequately organized (3) staffed with qualified officers and teachers (4) enrolling all possibilities (5) emphasizing the use of the Bible (6) positively evangelistic.

The crowning mark of a good Sunday School is its passion for winning people to Christ. Jesus said, "I have chosen you . . . that you should bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain" (Jno. 15:16). The Sunday School is one of the easiest ways to win people to Christ, and it offers places for immediate service.

In addition to these two, there are the woman's Auxiliary, the League, and other organizations—all of which should be used to evangelize. The duty of the church is to feed hungry souls. Since the church is the body of Christ, all the various organizations should work together in harmony under the control of the church, with leading souls to Christ as the common objective.

The pastor should share the responsibility of evangelizing with the church. He must teach soul-winning and practice it. Some qualities necessary for the soul winner are: (1) definite experience with the Lord (2) a love for souls (3) a realization that he might be held responsible for lost souls and (4) a working knowledge of the Bible.

The pastor is a busy man. Besides preparing and delivering sermons, he

has to visit his church members, minister to the sick and needy, comfort the bereaved, attend to various denominational obligations, and do a great number of other duties. However, in all the busy multitude of things, he must keep the major emphasis of his heart and mind on winning men to Christ.

Nothing cements a pastor's people to him more strongly than winning them to Christ. Who can be indifferent when that wayward boy or headstrong girl is won, or when the long unconcerned father or worldly mother is lead to Christ? There is no substitute for this soul-winning passion, and the pastor will soon find there are those in the congregation who are eager to help him in this work.

The pastor who stresses the importance of soul-winning to his people and then actually sets the example by leading souls to Christ is doing his share to evangelize his church.

Now then, is the pastor supposed to do all the evangelizing? Evidently the majority of we church members think so. But the truth of the matter is that it is just as much my responsibility as his. Every one is saved to serve, and the importance of personal work cannot be overlooked. It is the method used by Jesus in dealing with Nicodemus, the woman at the well, man at the pool. It was used by the apostles and the early Church. It is the work needed now if many souls are to be reached.

This is an age of heart to heart method—man to man, woman to woman. The vast number of traveling salesmen, used by business houses, illustrates this method, while the wonderful agency system developed by the life insurance companies is a splendid example of success coming from personal work and personal contact.

The Holy Spirit will convict men and women of sin, but He needs hu-

man help in reaching human hearts and inducing them to act after they are convicted. Most people whom you and I know are already convicted and convinced that they should be Christians. The great difficulty is to get them to do it now, and this is our part. God holds us responsible. "So thou, O Son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; there, thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die, if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand" (Ezek. 33:7, 8).

But how can I help? What can I do? The average church member asks. The best way to help is by true Christian living. True Christian living means living like Christ so that our lives will constantly testify for our Lord. In England, during the days before street lights, lighted lanterns were hung in church steeples and in front of some of the dwelling houses at night for the benefit of travelers. The watchman going his rounds called out "Hang out your lights!" And this is the call of Christ. We should let our lights shine, and let the world know by our actions and words that we are followers of Him. James tells us, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this. To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." We must give ourselves completely to Christ. We must be able to say with Paul, "For me to live is Christ."

Constant use of the Bible is another requirement of the evangelist. There is no substitute for reading and meditation. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The Word of God shows men these four things: (1) The need of a Saviour (2) Jesus as the Saviour (3)

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The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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LET US PRAY

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"Laboring fervently . . . in prayers"
(Col. 4:12)

The true calling of a Christian is not to do extraordinary things, but to do the ordinary things in an extraordinary way. The progress of world missions and certainly the effectiveness of Free Will Baptist worldwide witness depends to a very large extent upon the prayers of Free Will Baptist Christians. Our special seasons of prayer and especially our week of prayer preceding Easter observed with extraordinary fervor and zeal in every Free Will Baptist church will give power to our missionary efforts as will no other force within the plans of Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

We will be meeting at a time when there are many problems that can not be solved, many dangers that can not be averted, many possibilities that can not be attained, many burdens that can not be borne, many hopes that can not be realized, many plans to promote, active co-operation in Gospel work on the part of all our churches that can not be carried into the realm of achievement by human strength, wisdom, ingenuity, or genius. What we need is what God can do. Therefore, before God, let us be found "laboring fervently . . . in prayers"—in prayers not placid, where no strong crying is, but in prayers that are spiritually passionate, earnest, persistent, humble, penitent.

We can not have power without prayer. Only through prayer can we have the spirit to co-operate as "workers together with Him" in a world-wide program, and deepen our own spirituality.

It is the conviction of all who have proved the faithfulness of God that

nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God. There is no such thing as unanswered prayer when the basis of our beseeching is found within that sovereign will.

Jesus said: "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." Andrew Murray said: "In relation to his people God works only in answer to their prayer."

In all our churches do we not need our forthcoming Conferences, Conventions, and Associations intercessors like Abraham for wicked Sodom, like Moses for wayward Israel, like Samuel for the nation changing its form of government, like Elijah for an apostate nation, like Jesus for the chosen disciples, like Paul for the churches he founded, like John Knox for Scotland, like Epaphras for the assembly at Colossae!

Knowing that intercessory prayer is our mightiest weapon and the supreme call for all Christians today, I pleadingly urge our people everywhere to pray. Believing that prayer is the greatest contribution that the Woman's Auxiliary can make in this critical hour, I humbly urge that we take time to pray—and when we take time, really pray.

Let us all pray in family worship, for our youth, our aged, our pastors, our homes. Let us pray for all the departments of our convention that they all may have the wisdom which is from above, and also all the boards of our National Association. Let us pray daily for our missionaries on foreign fields of service as well as those laboring together with us here at home in church activities. There is much to be gained in setting apart a definite time to pray for definite causes. The psalmist said: "Evening and morning and at noon will I pray for thee." Umbrella prayers are so lazily offered, God must weary of them. The prayer that knows where a missionary is, what kind of work

she is doing, brings answer from the Christ who sent the missionary to that field of service. Let us pray for ourselves that we may not lose the word concern out of our Christian vocabulary. Let us all pray for and in our regular meetings. In his book "Prayer," Dr. O. Hallesby devoted an entire chapter to "Prayer as Work." He says, "The machinery in Christian enterprises has become too heavy because we are operating it with human labor instead of power from above. The powers of heaven are at our disposal. The future of Christian work depends upon whether the Spirit of God can persuade us to take up the work of prayer." Praying is not easy; it requires exercise of faith. It calls for time in petitions.

If we can expect glorious results when one Christian prays—since "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much"—how much more can we expect when thousands make prayer their portion, their pastime, their passion, their practice. Therefore, during the week preceding Easter, let us, in all our churches, be found "laboring fervently . . . in prayers," be found there each day this special week with holy boldness, with serene confidence—knowing that God is faithful to perform that which He has promised, and that God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that in us worketh. How much these special seasons of prayer become times of refreshing and reinvigoration for those who pray and for the work and the workers in faraway places, depends in a large measure on how wisely these services are planned and directed, by the fourth vice-presidents who are charged with the responsibility for planning these observances. The secret of all our failures is our failure in secret prayer as well as in group prayers.

So with shared responsibility for carrying out the various prayer plans and suggestions printed in her yearly Calendar of activities, Woman's National Auxiliary Convention seeks to find God's will for her every activity;

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: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

NATIONAL HOME MISSION PROGRAM

More and more emphasis is being placed by Free Will Baptists on the subject of home missions as time passes. And this is where the emphasis should be placed. No church can hope to go very far in the field of missions until it has supported the home mission program in a good way. We Free Will Baptists have played negligent, to say the least, for decades concerning this all important work of spreading the gospel. We have been content too long to travel in our narrow circle, and to stay in the country with our church activities. What we have is proof of this fact. Our pastors and people have in the past been negligent, in a very large way, concerning this subject.

But it is gratifying to note that there are those now who are interested in home missions. They are talking home missions in their churches and communities. They are taking the subject before the conferences and associations, conventions and study course groups among the woman's work of the church. The time has come in which Free Will Baptists must not be afraid of getting out and doing work in the home field. In fact, the foreign mission program cannot get very far until we develop a strong home missionary front. The home base must be strong. It must be spreading out all the while, and developing new and better churches, and greater congregations before we can ever hope to do what God would have us do for his cause in the world. Almost in every direction there is need for Free Will Baptist churches to be organized, in both the country and in the cities. The Doctrine of the Free Will Baptist church is sound and people will accept it when they learn of it, and have it presented to them in an intelligent manner. We have been a rural church long enough. Let us launch out and do mission work in the cities and erect churches there for the glory of God.

FORGIVING

By J. L. McIntosh
Lyles, Tennessee

"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors" Matthew 6:12. We should live daily so that we can truthfully say, "Lord, forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors," so that we may earnestly pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." How often shall my brother trespass against me and I forgive him? Till seven times, nay but seventy times seven.

Strive to have it on earth as it is

in heaven. Be merciful unto all, love your enemies, render good unto all men, judge not nor condemn, but forgive and you will be forgiven. It has been said it is human to err, but divine to forgive.

Forgiveness often wins or conquers our foes. The lord of the wicked servants, after he had been forgiven for his indebtedness went forth and abused a fellow servant who owed him a small pittance. He became very angry with the servant and delivered him to the tormentors, there to remain until he paid the debt.

The son who goes to war must be supported from the home front. The same is true of the home mission work. The already established churches over the country must arise and raise funds to build up a home mission treasury adequate for the establishing of home mission posts, and new churches. With a great many Free Will Baptists the **urge** is on, and now is the time for the pastors, the church organizations, and all concerned to arise and raise money and place it in the Home Mission treasuries, State and National, to the extent that the home mission program can go forward in a good way to establish churches in new fields. Why have we not had churches in the cities and towns all over this country decades ago? The answer comes from a prominent churchman of another denomination. This is what he said twenty years ago: "The reason Free Will Baptists have not gone into the cities and established churches, as other denominations have, is because they lacked a properly trained ministry. Nothing is wrong with their doctrine. If they had had training and vision, they would have gone places."

Now that we are having better trained church leaders, and have greater vision for the cause of Free Will Baptists, we should launch out, without fear and trembling, and set in order a strong home missionary program from which strength can be acquired, and greater work can be done by our denomination. Any church that is not interested in home and foreign missions is lagging in its duties and responsibilities as an organized unit for the cause of Christ. Let an alert young pastor arouse it to its purpose and place in the Christian work, and it will arise and do things for home and foreign missions, as a great many of our churches are now doing in a creditable way. Let every pastor urge his congregations to give more liberally to this most worthy cause, and thereby enable the Home Mission program to effect a greater work here in the home land.

So likewise shall our Father do unto us if we fail to forgive our fellowmen of their sins. Paul said, Brethren, if a man be overtaken in fault, that is, if he has sinned, ye that are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering yourselves also.

We should never condemn a person for his errors until we ourselves have ceased to make them. Always be charitable, and above all a Christian, remembering that it is human to err but divine to forgive.

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VIEWING AND REVIEWING

By Thomas H. Willey

This is a write-up that should have been made some months past—only those who travel from place to place can know how difficult it is to write.

In September I headed northward, planning to visit with our people en route to the first missionary conference at Nashville, Tennessee. Due to the condition of the treasury, the missionaries with a spirit of sacrifice made up for my trip the amount to take me as far as Durham, N. C.

My first stop-over was at Pamplico, South Carolina, with Brother Paul Kettelman. The people of South Carolina responded at once. In fact they had already responded to the first SOS call for help.

To me one of the most precious experiences is to meet our Free Will Baptist people. In the personal contact there is a personal interest immediately manifested and aroused. We have example after example of folk like one dear man, a preacher, who to meet him and to know him is to love him, but he was opposed to the program of foreign missions. He gave his testimony in a missionary meeting and said, "I felt that it was an imposition on any church to take an offering for foreign missions when we have so much need all around us. But this man, Brother Willey, has convinced me differently, and now, just as strongly as I was opposed to the foreign missions before, I am all out for the support of missions." I know this Brother now and I love him. Our people need to know the need and what we are doing to meet that need and who we are. The very wistful thought, as I think of you, and when I say you I mean the person that is reading this report, that is in my heart is that I could really spend some time in your home, help you chop some wood or milk the cows, hang around a while, sit up half the night and talk with you asking you all sorts of foolish questions and let you see how much I need to learn about cows and pigs and chickens and grasses. To me it is a wonderful thing when a fellow can start out on a three-thousand-mile trip and meet a warm-hearted loving friend and brother and say I have come to eat dinner or stay overnight, and to know one is welcome.

The only thing I have to say of our people anywhere in these great United States is the very best. I want you to know, even if you are not interested in missions or even if you are opposed to missions, I

haven't time for anything else but to love you. The first thing you know, this is going to be a love letter to the people called Free Will Baptist and not a report.

The people of South Carolina are simply wonderful. I never visit them anywhere without a sense of yearning to stay with them in a revival meeting. When I begin to think of what to say about them, words just don't fit. Brother Kettelman's people are tops. Then on to Brother Bullard at Darlington, S. C. Brother and Sister Bullard and their people just make a fellow feel good all over. I have been with them before and always want to go back. Brother Bullard's radio program is really something to brag about. I anticipated seeing one dear man, Brother Clyde Hyman, but he went to be with the Lord before I could see him.

The thing that amazed me was the welcome and response on the very spur of the moment. We went to see Brother Vause, that great old soldier of the Cross, and what churches he has as a testimony to the fact that a man can stay with the task and leave a great monument other than stone and marble—a living monument, great congregations! I visited Bethel Church and looked in amazement at the great Sunday-school and the fine modern building going up. Then listened to a message on the Sunday-school lesson, a message from a layman, which could not have been better delivered by some great preacher. Then the warm introduction by the Sunday-school superintendent. Well, I have not forgotten your response to our need and we are grateful to you folk.

From Darlington we went on to Durham and of course felt right at home, renewing old friendships. Our people were all out in cooperation with the Oliver Greene meeting and I was privileged to attend some of those meetings. The Greenes are real friends to our work in Cuba. For years they have supported a number of our students. They have not only given money but they have advertised our work and expressed in writing and by word their admiration for our missionary program.

(To be continued)

Announcement

I will be available to hold Revival meetings for any church that may desire my services for this year. I will start booking revivals now with those that desire my help.

Rev. A. Bennett Cook
Rt. 1, Bonifay, Fla.

OUR MIRACLE WELL

By Thomas H. Willey

A well would seem like a strange thing to be testifying to the miraculous power of God. God has given us another well at the school. Many said it couldn't be done except at great cost. We are calling it the miracle well.

Through my friendly contact with the Department of Agriculture, the Government placed a drilling machine on the school property and we began at what everybody said was the most unlikely place on a hill. We knew there was solid granite rock beneath.

At five yards we struck the blue granite. The well man pounded away and at 25 yards, going through solid blue granite, the chief engineer said, "I fear that American will not have water." Driving on to 30 yards we struck water. At 35 there was a flow of water, 22 yards of it and strong. The head man came to see the marvel and said, "I don't understand it. This is out of this world." We took the opportunity to tell him that the God who hears and answers prayer did this. This Government engineer and the two Agricultural agents listened and asked questions as we witnessed. The well-digger, a fine young Cuban, begged me for a Bible and declared he never heard anything like what we talked of and believed. He said, "I must know more. Every time I am at home I am coming to visit you."

I found God had not ceased working for us. The next great item was a pump and pipe. This would be something very costly. I went into the biggest implement house in Havana to consult with a man whom I have learned to appreciate greatly, and explained my needs. He called his engineer and told him what I needed. At the same time, with high faith, I priced some disks for the farm. They said, "The windmill, pump, pipe, and disks will be here the middle of the week. Come and get them." We went in and asked for the bill and how to meet the payments. This fine successful business man looked at me and with his boyish smile said, "This is all paid. All I want to see is that it operates." How great our God is! Philippians 4:19: "My God shall supply all your need."

How our God has undertaken and given us real friends! The motors that pump water, the light plant—came because a dear layman, a man of God said, "Brother Willey, take it and pay as you can." Through the same man we have a wonderful ton Dodge truck with which we carry our students, and another Ford half-ton. Through another a ton and a half truck.

These things to me represent something that cannot be bought—confidence. By the grace of God and His enabling we shall walk before Him humbly that we may never be found a disappointment to the hopes

and confidences deposited in us as missionaries.

How we praise God for each of you, our friends. If you could come down and share with us in the great joy of knowing these fine young Cuban men and women, you would know why it is such a joy and blessing to serve our Lord among them.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION BOARD FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1951

Cash on hand February 1, 1951—\$5,884.54

Receipts

Alabama	193.28
Arkansas	18.54
California	115.40
Florida	6.50
Georgia	169.58
Illinois	114.00
Indiana	25.00
Kansas	30.00
Kentucky	130.00
Michigan	579.56
Missouri	1,121.18
New Mexico	30.00
North Carolina	1,443.34
Ohio	557.70
Oklahoma	241.61
South Carolina	341.88
Tennessee	642.31
Texas	169.27
Virginia	21.85
West Virginia	520.72
Sale of Barnard's Books	168.00

Total \$6,640.72

Grand Total \$12,525.26

Disbursements

Missions Visualized	386.46
Office help	75.00
India	2,200.10
Cuba	1,600.00
Laura Belle Barnard	180.00
Miss Josephine Stevens	
(Africa)	62.00
Rev. and Mrs. Wilfong	150.00
Wiley's Insurance	10.01
Postage	48.58
Rev. Kenneth Turner	
(Expense)	25.60
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Rev. E. C. Morris (Exp.)	5.00
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Rev. L. A. Halliday	
(Expense)	20.30
Printing of Additional Literature	178.75
Rev. Mark Lewis (Exp.)	3.30

Total Disbursements \$5,660.80

Cash on hand March 1, 1951 \$6,864.46

Balance in Various Accounts

General Fund	\$3,071.37
Barnard's Books	674.00
Letter to Melitino	14.68
India Car Fund	\$3,104.41

Total Accounts Balance \$6,864.46

State	Quota	Paid	Balance
Ala. . . .	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 587.58	\$ 962.42
Ark. . . .	500.00	349.73	150.27

Calif. . .	200.00	315.00	
Fla. . . .	800.00	568.64	231.36
Ga. . . .	2,000.00	1,805.77	194.23
Ill. . . .	2,500.00	1,607.21	892.79
Ky. . . .	1,200.00	274.35	925.65
Mich. . .	4,000.00	5,531.23	
Miss. . .	850.00	452.75	397.25
Mo. . . .	8,000.00	4,676.53	3,323.47
N. C. . .	11,000.00	8,627.88	2,372.12
Ohio . .	2,000.00	600.21	1,399.79
Okl. . .	5,000.00	1,245.93	3,754.07
S. C. . .	3,000.00	1,925.08	1,074.92
Tenn. . .	5,000.00	3,965.09	1,034.91
Texas . .	1,600.00	1,368.22	231.78
Va. . . .	1,500.00	230.23	1,269.77
W. Va. .	2,000.00	1,055.36	944.64

\$52,700.00 \$35,187.34 \$19,159.44

California paid over

quota \$ 115.55

Michigan paid over

quota 1,531.23

1,646.78

\$17,512.66

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

APRIL FOR HOME MISSIONS

Dear Free Will Baptist People:

We are approaching April, which is National Home Mission Month. I am sure many of you will say we have too many drives for money, and I, as Chairman of the Board, wish we did not have to ask you for money, but I am sure you know that we can not promote this great work of our denomination without money. So I hope you will think and pray about this phase of our work. Did you know that there are more than sixty million people in America that do not go to church anywhere? Oh, what a field of labor right here at home!

The National Home Mission Board met in Hector, Arkansas, February 23rd. We had a very spiritual and harmonious meeting, with all the Board present except Rev. James A. Evans, and Brother Purcell of Oklahoma, served for him. The minutes of that meeting will be in the Free Will Baptist paper soon.

We hope to see results from this meeting that will cause rejoicing throughout our ranks, and joy in the presence of the angels.

We ask that all join in one united prayer for our Simultaneous Revival Campaign. Our goal is twelve thousand souls for Christ. I hope that number will be exceeded.

We also plan to organize many new Free Will Baptist Churches in the

very near future. So we ask each pastor to help us by taking an offering in his church in April, and sending same to Rev. Harry E. Staires, Quilton, Oklahoma. Urge your people to give, remembering that our goal is five thousand dollars. I think that is a very small amount for three hundred thousand Free Will Baptists to give. Don't you?

I have a nice banner that is to be sent to the church that sends in the largest offering. Let us see which church gets it. The banner is very nice and you will be proud to put it up in your church. If you do not get to go to church, just mail your donation you will make will be appreciated.

We can witness for Jesus by giving to this worthy cause.

Yours for the Master,

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Chm.

National Home Mission Bd.

To Those Who Say Can't

"I can't!" exclaimed John. "I can't do right, even though I want to." *

"Tut, tut," said his father. "Did you ever hear of a person with the aphasia?"

"The aphasia! What's that?"

"Aphasia," exclaimed the father, "is a disease that makes it impossible for a person to use words he wants to use. He cannot make his tongue mind him. Have you ever seen a person with the rickets?"

"Rickets! What are they?" asked John.

"That," said his father, "is a disease in which the bones soften and the poor man cannot walk. His limbs won't mind him."

"My, that's awful!" exclaimed John.

"And did you ever see a drunken man?" asked the father.

"Sure, a few of them," answered John.

"Well, did you notice how they tumble around, and say all sorts of things? They cannot make their minds or their bodies or their tongues obey them; and now you, John, say 'I can't.' Have you the aphasia or the rickets, that you can't? But there is one Doctor for you who can cure you. Have you gone to Him? He is Jesus. He will make you able to say 'I can, I will be good.'—Young People's Service.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

This is to inform our church people that my address is now changed from 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, to 433 East Bend Drive, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

LET US PRAY

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and asks His power for the performance of His work.

Because there are extraordinary needs within our denomination to be met by our prayers and our gifts, it is suggested that offering envelopes be sent to every member of the Woman's Auxiliary as well as the young peoples' auxiliaries, well in advance of Easter morning. What better way to commemorate our Risen Lord's saving power than on Easter Sunday following our week of persistent purposeful praying together, we, as helpers in our church, come bringing a special foreign mission offering?

"If my people—will humble-turn-pray, then will I hear from heaven." Let us all pray and bring our gifts, remembering that "all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MAKING PROGRESS MANNING, SOUTH CAROLINA

We want to praise the Lord for the wonderful progress that the Woman's auxiliary of the Darlington F. W. B. Church has been making for the past few months.

We now have on roll forty members, and they are very active. These members have been divided into two groups, or circles, with a circle leader and a secretary for each group. With an average attendance from fifteen to eighteen at each meeting, while at our general monthly meeting our attendance averages between twenty and thirty present.

All of our vice-presidents are very active bringing in their monthly reports regularly. The "Penny a Meal" plan for Foreign Missions bank has been started in most of our homes. From these banks twenty-three dollars, and twenty-three cents were paid in on Foreign Missions on Sunday, February 4. We are hoping to have a larger sum by the close of the year.

Our week of prayer program is being planned for the last week of March. A church-wide stewardship study is to be taught by our pastor, Rev. Seldon Bullard in the very near future. Last year we took as our mission study, "His Name Among All Nations." This year in the summer we expect to take as our study, "World-Wide Missions."

The young girls have been divided into two groups, namely: The "N. Y. A's," and "Go Tells." Both of these groups have a very efficient leader, and both are doing a great work in the name of the Lord.

We are planning a union meeting of both the women and the girls. They are to come together with a program made up of some members of all groups. The purpose of this is to bring about a more perfect band of unity for the cause of missions, and also local activities.

We had the happy privilege of having with us Mrs. Lizzie McAdams on February 15 at one of our regular church meetings. She gave many helpful suggestions. Then on February the 25th we were very grateful to have with us for the Sunday morning services Miss Laura Belle Barnard who gave to us a wonderful message, and a picture in words of the great work that is being done in the mission fields in India.

We would like to ask for the prayers of all Christians that God may continue to bless our work as we strive to advance the work of the kingdom of God here at home and abroad.

Mrs. R. D. Taylor, President

WESTERN N. C. AUXILIARY CONVENTION TO CONVENE APRIL FOURTH

The Annual Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Western Conference convenes Wednesday, April 4, with Pleasant Plain Church, Johnston County.

If you do not have the new Report Blanks, please order from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C. Last year a number of Auxiliaries sent in blanks that haven't been in use for quite some time; therefore, our report for the year was not as complete as it should have been. Please fill out every item on the blanks, if possible, and send them to me at least one week before the Convention.

Bring your Achievement Charts to the Convention.

Please remember to double your donation to the Convention, since we meet annually instead of semi-annually, as the others do. Don't forget the 30c per capita dues. The State Auxiliary Convention dues are no longer being sent to the District Conventions, but directly to the State. Send your donation and dues to the Treasurer, Mrs. Leon Foster, Selma, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3.

Let us have 100% representation, and in these trying times, let us be much in prayer and labor for the cause of Christ at home and abroad, that His will may be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Mrs. R. N. Hinnant, Secretary
Micro, North Carolina

EAST NASHVILLE AUXILIARY STAGES GOOD MEETING

The Woman's auxiliary of the East Nashville Church met at the church on Monday night. A supper was served to around eighty people by the auxiliary members. Following the supper, the Reverend Damon C. Dodd delivered a wonderful message on

the subject of "Stewardship." The message thrilled the entire audience. Following this message, Mr. Ennis brought a message in song, accompanied by Mrs. Alice White. The Girls' Trio also brought a message in song, accompanied by Brother Henry Melvin who had just returned from a tour over the country in the interest of the Bible college.

Following the speeches and messages in song, Mrs. Edna Harris called a short meeting of the Auxiliary members with twenty present, and one visitor. One new member was added to our auxiliary. Our work is growing under the direction of our leader, Mrs. Edna Harris.

Mrs. O. C. Briley, Cor.-Secy.

PROGRAM OF THE EASTERN WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

TO CONVENE WITH
LONG RIDGE CHURCH
Duplin County

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1951

THEME: *The Vision of Testimony*

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, *Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace.*"—Acts 18:9.

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Devotions by Mrs. J. R. Davidson
- Roll call of officers
- 10:15—News of last Convention
- Greetings: By Mrs. Ben Sutton
- Response: By Mrs. E. M. Prescott
- Ministers recognized and welcomed
- Seating: Delegates from other Conventions
- 10:30—President takes over with remarks and instructions to delegates
- Silent prayer for Peace, our Nation, and our boys in Service, Rev. J. R. Davidson closing Prayer
- Appointment of Committees: Finance, Resolutions and Petitions
- 10:45—Report of First Vice-President
- Report of Third Vice-President
- 10:50—"Our Missionaries and Their Needs," by Rev. J. C. Griffin.
- 11:10—Report of Fifth Vice-President
- 11:15—"News from Our Orphanage," by Walter McD. Croom
- Congregational singing—Offering
- 11:30—Message: "The Vision of Testimony," by Mrs. Bruce Barrow
- Noon—Adjourn for refreshments and recreation

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:15—Devotions: Mrs. W. G. Murphey
- 1:30—Resumption of business
- Minutes of morning read and approved
- Reports of Second, Fourth, and Sixth Vice-Presidents
- 1:50—Talk: "Our Bible College," by Rev. J. R. Davidson
- 2:05—Report of Secretary
- News from the Field, Mrs. J. C. Griffin
- 2:15—"All Aboard for Cragmont!" Mrs. L. E. Ballard
- Special Music: Rev. J. R. Davidson
- Committee Reports: Resolutions, Petitions, Finance
- Treasurer's report
- Recommendations and miscellaneous business
- 3:30—Closing
- Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie"
- Benediction

PROGRAM

PEE DEE AUXILIARY CONVENTION
OAK GROVE CHURCH
SATURDAY, April 7, 1951

Theme: Workers Together as Good Stewards.

10:00—Registration

10:10—Devotion, Mrs. Lottie Simmons

—Welcome, Mrs. Hattie Bryan

—Response, Mrs. A. L. Duncan

—President's message

—Recognition of ministers and visitors

—Roll called of auxiliary

—Special music

—Reports of vice-presidents: First, Second and Third

—Orphanage News, Rev. Wingate Hansley

—Congregational singing

—Appointment of committees

11:30—Convention message, Mrs. L. E. Ballard

12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15—Devotion, Mrs. Luther Jones

—Workers together in Hope, Rev. C. B. Hansley

—Special music

—Reports of vice-presidents: Forth, Fifth and Sixth

—Special music

—Report of Field Worker, Mrs. C. B. Hansley

—Business and reading of minutes

—Reports of Committee

—Adjournment

Mrs. H. C. Adcox, President,
Mrs. George Suggs, Secretary

"THE SADDEST DISCIPLE"

"The Saddest Disciple," an Eastertime dramatization, produced annually by Rev. L. E. Ballard, assisted by members of his family, will be presented according to the following schedule during the week preceding Easter:

Sunday, March 18—Deep Run Church, 7:30 p. m.

Monday, March 19—Greenville Church, 7:30 p. m.

Tuesday, March 20—Open date.

Wednesday, March 21—Hugo Church, 7:30 p. m.

Thursday, March 22—Open date.

Friday, March 23—Little Creek Church, 7:30 p. m.

Sunday, March 25—Cabin Church, 7:30 p. m.

The cast for this dramatization, as listed in publicity folder, includes:

Rev. L. E. Ballard, Monologue and characterization of Simon Peter:

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Readings and solo parts;

L. Beverly Ballard, Musical responses and specialties;

Gerald P. Ballard, Song specialties.

The troupe carries their own scenery, including illuminating pictures, the cross that "comes to life," costumes, and other fixtures. Churches or groups interested in the open dates shown above, or in the presentation of the program during the week following Easter, are invited to communicate with Rev. L. E. Ballard, Box 86, Ayden, N. C. A free will offering is taken in connection with each presentation, one half of which goes to the cast for expenses, and the other half to some designated denominational cause.

HOME HINTS

Grapes team well with bananas in a salad.

A little cinnamon in the water when you cook oatmeal will impart a pleasing taste.

Burned or stained parts of enameled pans may be cleaned by rubbing them with salt.

Beets won't lose their gay red if the long taproot, leaves, and an inch or two of stem are left on while they are cooking.

Old stockings make shoe bags for traveling.

If soap is not thoroughly rinsed off silverware, it will cause the silver to tarnish more quickly.

Wax your dust pan and the fluff and litter will slide easily into the garbage pail.

Imitation leather can be cleaned with lukewarm water and mild soap.

If your carpet sweeper has ball bearings, occasionally put a drop of oil on each bearing.

Boiling water poured through fabrics from a height of two feet will remove fruit stains.

Refrigerate eggs with the large ends up to avoid the off-centering of yolks.

To clean a milk bottle, pour a little baking soda into it when half-filled with cool water. Soak a while, if necessary, then shake well.

Adding a little paraffin to hot starch will prevent its sticking to the iron.

When you clean the refrigerator, wash the rubber door seal with warm soap suds, rinse well, and dry.

Eggs absorb odors of other foods and should not be kept near fish, onions, and the like.

Don't pour boiling water over stacked dishes, lest you crack some of them.

The less-expensive cuts of meat usually require long, slow cooking at low heat.

To prolong the life of a broom and preserve its shape, stand it with straw upward instead of standing it with straw down.

—Selected.

Announcement

I will be available to preach in revival meetings for any church that may desire my service for this year.

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THROUGH DEATH TO LIFE (Easter)

(Lesson for March 25)

LESSON: Mark 15 and 16. Mark 15: 33-37; 16:1-7.

GOLDEN TEXT: Matthew 28:20.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

The Eternal Word

1. Today's lesson takes us to the very heart of the gospel. Other tremendously important doctrines lead up to the events which we study in this lesson. There is, for example, the doctrine of the pre-existence of the Lord Jesus as the eternal Son of God. While He began His existence as the incarnate Son of Man in the birth at Bethlehem, He is the Eternal Word who in the beginning was with God and was God. There never was a time when He did not exist.

There is also the very wonderful doctrine of the virgin birth of our Lord. This tenet of the faith is not, as some have suggested, immaterial whether it is accepted or not. It is an integral part of the narrative and an absolute necessity to the entrance of our Lord into the human family apart from sin. In addition, there is the doctrine of His holy and sinless life, together with the fact that He performed miracles.

These are all important doctrines which have to do with the person and work of Christ. In a very real sense, however, all of them lead up to the doctrines which we are concerned with today—atonement and justification.—Moody Monthly.

2. The Darkness. For three hours (from noon till three in the afternoon) there appeared thick darkness "over the whole land." Some believe that this was over the whole earth, and not over Palestine alone. It is quite evident that this was the fulfilling of the scripture, Amos 8:9, "I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the

clear day." Remember, the Jews had often demanded of Christ a sign from heaven, and here they had one which no person could doubt.

But for some it blinded their eyes, for they still would not believe in Christ. It was, nevertheless, the fulfilling of the prophecy of Jeremiah 15:9, "Her sun is gone down while it is yet day." Figuratively speaking, it was truly the darkness which was to befall the Jewish church and nation, because of their individual and national sins. While they were doing their best to extinguish the Son of righteousness, they were hastening upon themselves the thick darkness of sin and corruption of Satan, and were blinded by his evil spirits. Three hours of mystical darkness (from 12 to 3) was time enough to convince Christ's opponents of the sign of their spiritual darkness, but they would not believe.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

3. The Two Cups (Mark 15:23, 36). Two cups were offered the Lord Jesus when He hung on the Cross. The first was given to him shortly after the crucifixion had been completed. It was a mixture of wine mingled with myrrh. We are told that it was customary to offer this stupefying mixture to victims who had been crucified. It was a humanitarian gesture, for it was intended to deaden their suffering somewhat. The Lord Jesus refused to drink the cup. He was to drink the cup of suffering to the very dregs. He was to be conscious every moment until the time came for Him to dismiss His Spirit.

And this is the reason why He drank the second cup when it was offered to Him. It was not actually a cup, but a sponge filled with vinegar, put upon a long reed and lifted to His parched lips. It was not that He had grown so much thirstier now when he took it, but because of its symbolical significance. It set forth the sourness and bitterness of man's attitude toward Him. No one could relieve Him from this, or even share in enduring it. He accepted this without complaint or murmur. Those whom He came to save were the very ones who caused this suffering.

Our minds cannot grasp the depth of Divine love that provided in Jesus such a sacrifice, and paid such a price for our redemption from sin. But we can accept God's provision and rejoice in it, and give testimony of it to others.—Selected

"But none of the ransomed ever knew
How deep were the waters crossed,
Or how dark was the night that the

Lord passed through,
Ere He found His sheep that was
lost."

5. The Resurrection Triumph. The suffering and humiliation were past. The day of his resurrection was a day of pure, unadulterated triumph and was recognized as such by everyone who became convinced that his resurrection was real. Our lesson tells about the women who came to the tomb on Sunday morning at the rising of the sun. They were expecting to anoint a corpse, but they found the tomb empty. Jesus had risen, and it was to be the privilege of these women and others to see him alive. Friends of Jesus did see him alive on at least ten different occasions, one of which was an appearance to over five hundred of his followers (I Cor. 15:6)—Arnold's Commentary.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Which Christ?

A very learned man once said to a little girl who believed in the Lord Jesus: "My poor little girl, you don't know whom you believe in. There have been many christs. In which of them do you believe?" "I know which one I believe in," replied the child, "I believe in the Christ who rose from the dead!" Thank God for such faith! It is a living faith in a living Christ! Death can only separate us for a short while from our loved ones who die in the Lord. We shall meet them in the morning. A father and a son had been shipwrecked. Together they clung to floating debris, until the son was washed off and vanished from the father's sight. The father was rescued in the morning in an unconscious condition. Several hours later, he awoke in a fisherman's hut. He was lying in a warm,

soft bed. In heartbroken agony, he remembered his son! But, as he turned his head, he saw his son lying beside him, alive, and his heart was filled with joy!

"We shall meet beyond the river,
By and by, by and by;
And the darkness will be over,
By and by, by and by!

A small boy from a non-Christian home had been brought into the Sunday School. His mother was unsaved, and she had a morbid fear of death. On Easter Sunday, the lad was all attention as the teacher spoke of the resurrection of Christ's body from the grave, and His victory over death. He hastened home as fast as his little feet would carry him and, with shining face, he exclaimed to his mother, "Oh, Mother, you needn't be afraid of dying any more, for Jesus went through the tomb and left a light behind Him!—Selected

EVANGELIZING THE LOCAL CHURCH

(continued from page five)

How to make Him a personal Saviour
(4) How to meet difficulties in the way of accepting Him. The Bible is indispensable to a knowledge of God and Christian growth. It is God's Word that is used in the saving of a soul and not man's word.

The one who would have success as an evangelist must be baptized with the Holy Ghost and live a life of prayer. We must pray for the unsaved ones, calling him by name, pray for the right words to say, and then pray that God will give power to what is said.

The evangelist must be regular and punctual in church attendance. Paul considered Sabbath Day worship an unquestionable duty. He warns us in Hebrews not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. Jesus, as well as the apostles, set the example of attending church on the Sabbath. "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy" is one of the ten commandments. And to keep it holy, we must attend church if possible. The man who says that private wor-

ship is enough is not inspired with the true spirit of Christianity.

Another distinction of the evangelist, is compassion. We must love our fellowman and have pity upon him. Our burdens for souls should be great enough to make us "go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in."

Dear Saviour, help me every day
To love more nearly as I pray:
I would walk daily by thy side
And trust in thee whate'er betide.

Help me to live so near to thee
Thy likeness may be seen in me;
Make me so gentle, kind and true
That I would do as thou wouldst do.

To win some precious soul to thee,
My errand here on earth would be;
And every day till thou shalt come
To do some good, to help some one.

These are some things I believe are necessary to evangelize my church: (1) a real revival in which the membership fully surrenders to Christ (2) the various organizations working together in harmony under the control of the church with one objective—that is winning the lost to Christ. (3) The pastor stressing the importance of soul winning and actually leading souls to Christ. (4) The laity actively engaged in personal work.

The Church is the best institution on earth because it was established by Christ, and He is depending on it to evangelize. Is this the time for us to halt? Definitely not! "So then, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth" (Rev. 3:16). The most of our churches are in this condition—lukewarm. We want to hold on to Christ, but we don't want to oppose work.

We need courage for our tasks today—courage of the lasting kind, too. Many start. Few finish. Many "mount up with wings like eagles." Few continue "to walk without fainting." Christ is the answer. Let us surrender fully to Him. When we have given Jesus every thing, then we will become evangelists.

Solomon says, "He that winneth souls is wise" (Prov. 11:30). Notice what the Lord says to encourage us in our efforts: "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sin" (Jas. 5:20).

Many voices are calling for spiritual recovery today. Intelligent men are sending, as never before, the inadequacy of our spiritual achievements. Surely the world has a right to look to the church of Jesus Christ for help and leadership in such an hour. The only way to measure up to this opportunity is by turning aside from secondary tasks and placing the emphasis on spiritual revival and evangelistic passion. And this must begin in the local church.

God help us to be faithful to our trust!

WHITER THAN SNOW

What's whiter than the snow,
Dear children, do you know?
Look at it lying low,
Or on the mountain's height,
What's whiter than the snow,
Glistening so pure and white?

Whiter than snow the soul
By Jesus' Blood made whole,
Washed stainless, pure and clean,
Ransomed to share the light;
Suited for dwelling e'en
In God's own presence bright.

Once viler than the mud,
Needing the Saviour's Blood;
Yes, Jesus Christ's alone
Could wash its every stain,
His only could atone,
Ought else would be in vain.

And as we see the snow
Lying around us low,
Thus it reminds us how
Willing and thankful hearts
Low unto Jesus bow,
Owning what He imparts.

And as on mountain height,
Snow gleams so pure and white,
Seems unto Heaven near;
So, conscious of God's love,
That casteth out all fear,
Saved souls His favor prove.

Dear children, can you say,
Jesus has washed away
My sins, yes, every one
By His most precious Blood;
Yes, Jesus Christ, God's Son,
Has brought me nigh to God?

—Unknown.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

"GREATER LOVE"

Dear boys and girls, did you ever have a real friend? I am sure that you have. Someone has described a friend as one who knows all of our faults, yet loves us in spite of them all. The Bible says, "There is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother," and, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." A real true friend, then, is worth having.

There was once a man who was also a real, true friend to his younger brother. Their names we will call John and Charlie. They lived together in the same city.

The older, John, was sober and industrious, but Charlie was of a character quite the opposite—careless, trifling, living only for self and sin. John often pleaded with the boy to change his ways before some disaster should overtake him, but his words met with nothing but angry responses.

One dark night Charlie rushed into their home, pale, trembling and disheveled. "John! John!" he cried, "You've got to help me—I killed a man in a fight and the police are after me—hide me quick!"

Instantly John pulled the boy into a back room, saying, "Take off your clothes and put on mine—hurry and you'll be safe."

Charlie obeyed, hardly noticing in his fright that John was also putting on his stained and dirty garments.

Another moment and the police arrived. John went to the door.

"Ha! You're that man we want!" they exclaimed. "And no use to deny it for there are the blood stains on your clothes! Come along with us."

Without a word, John went.

He was tried, convicted and sentenced to hang for murder. On the day before the execution could be carried out he secured permission to write a letter to Charlie.

"My dear little brother," the firm hand penned, "I am this day dying in your place so that you will no longer live as in the past, but a good clean and upright life. You will wear my clothes, work in my place and be as I have been in every way. God will help you as you ask Him. And it is because I believe that you will do this that I am able now to suffer for a wrong that I did not commit. Ever your affectionate brother, John."

Upon receiving this note, Charlie was so wrought on that he went at once to the prison, determined to confess his crime so that even at this late hour, John might be released. But he was too late.

Broken-hearted, the boy returned home, put on his brother's clothes, and as far as possible stepped into his brother's mode of life. When old companions came to entice him again into sin, they were met by as firm refusal as John ever uttered. Indeed as time went on, everyone began to understand that Charlie was altogether changed—converted, and living to the last detail the life of the one who had died for him.

What an example of Jesus, was John! Willing to lay down his life for one he loved, even so Jesus laid down His life for us. He also gives us a robe of righteousness in which to appear before the Father instead of our own filthy rags.

Yes, Jesus is our real, true Friend, and can we do better than Charlie—lay aside our old life and ways and take on those of our beloved Saviour? He will help you.—E. A. R. in, *The Gospel for the Youth*.

PROGRAM

NORTH CAROLINA S. S. CONVENTION-
INSTITUTE, MIDDLESEX, N. C.THEME: *Accountability*

TEXT: "So then everyone of us shall give an account of himself to God."—Rom. 14:12
SONG: "Ready"

Rev. J. Albert Harris, Music Director

Thursday Morning, April 19th

- 9:00—Registration (convention officers' conference)
- 10:00—Opening Assembly, Congregational Singing
- 10:15—Welcome Address—Walter Croom, Supt. of Orphanage
- 10:20—Response—Hazel Dawkins
- 10:25—Devotions: "Accountability of Our Time"—Rev. W. A. Hansley
- 10:35—Introductory business sessions: Sel-

ection of Temporary Committee, reports of convention officers, etc.

- 11:05—President's message
- 11:20—Our 1951 Cragmont Program—Rev. Rashie Kennedy
- 11:25—Chorus singing
- 11:30—Convention sermon: "Accountability"
- 12:00—Lunch and recreation

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:00—Congregational singing
- 1:15—Meditation: "Accountability of Our Talents," Mrs. L. E. Ballard
- 1:25—Annual Sunday School Institute—Session 1—Subject: "Field Secretary Service." 1. "Why We Need a Full time Secretary"; 2. "Accountability of Field Secretary"; 3. "Financing Our Field Secretary"
- 2:50—Congregational singing
- 3:00—Announcements, assignment to the homes, etc.
- 3:10—Adjourn

Thursday Evening

"YOUTH FOR CHRIST SERVICE"

- 7:30—Music service—Congregational singing, special music and chorus singing, Mrs. Bagley Morris
- 8:00—"Declaring Yourself" (Testimony Time)
- 8:30—Sermon: "Responsibility of Youthful Stewards," Rev. J. B. Narron
- 9:00—Adjourn

Friday Morning, April 20th

- 10:00—Congregational singing
- 10:10—Devotion: "Accountability of Our Possessions," Rev. R. W. Allman
- 10:20—Report of Delegate to National Sunday School Convention, Rev. Rashie Kennedy
- Report of State Field Secretary program, Rev. Rashie Kennedy
- Report of Our 1951 Cragmont program, Rev. Rashie Kennedy
- Report of District Sunday School Convention by their presidents
- Greetings from: State Convention of Churches of N. C., Rev. L. B. Manning, Pres. Woman's Auxiliary Convention of N. C., Mrs. J. C. Moye, Pres. F. W. B. League Convention, David Wooten, Pres. Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Rev. Jas. A. Evans, Pres.
- 11:05—ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE SESSION No. 2 Class Demonstration Old Fashioned Method, Rev. L. E. Ballard and group Modern Method, Rev. R. P. Harris and group
- 12:00—Lunch and recreation

Friday Afternoon

- 1:00—Congregational singing
- 1:10—Meditation: "Living Accountable to God," Rev. R. H. Jackson
- 1:20—Final Business Session: Reports of committees, motions, resolutions, election of officers, etc.
- 2:40—Installation of officers, Rev. J. C. Griffin
- 2:50—Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie"
- 3:00—Benediction

ELOISE

Eloise had gone away from home for a short visit. Her family did not know exactly when she would get back. One night her father came home from the office, tired and downhearted. The first thing he saw as he came into the living room was his armchair drawn close to the fireplace and his newspaper lying near.

Going to his room, he found everything he needed ready. "Eloise must be home," he thought. "Only Eloise thinks about doing these things for me."

Called to dinner, he noticed one of his favorite dishes and said to his wife: "Eloise must be home. Is she?"

Before his wife could answer, Eloise slipped in from the kitchen and put her hands over her father's eyes. "Guess who," she said.

"Eloise," answered her father.—Sel.

"She is very domestic in her tastes, isn't she?"

"Yes, she really enjoys her husband's cooking."

NOTICE

The Sunday School Convention of the Third District of the Eastern Conference will meet at Sarecta Church, in Duplin County, on Friday before the First Sunday in April at ten o'clock, which is the thirtieth of March.

Report blanks will be mailed to each Sunday School in due time to represent to this convention. Trusting we will have a good Convention.

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AARON BAILEY

Our loving heavenly Father, in his infinite wisdom, saw fit to call from our midst my beloved Brother, Aaron Bailey, on February 4, 1951. He was 54 years old, and was a member of Spring Branch Church.

He has left to mourn his loss his Christian wife, Lillie Moore Bailey, one daughter, Mrs. Richard Humphrey, two sons, J. T. and William Perry, and four grandchildren, and also his Mother, Mrs. Mary Bailey, two sisters, Mrs. Robert Hill, Mary Virginia Bailey, and three brothers, Moses, Dave, and Edgar Lee.

He was laid to rest beneath a beautiful mound of flowers in the family cemetery.

—Written by a Sister,
Mrs. Virginia Bailey

ROBY BOONE AYCOCK

It was on September 13, 1950, that Brother Roby Aycock was called home to be with the Lord. He was born April 28, 1884, Nahunta, in Wayne County. He was married to Miss Pacha Davis, daughter of the late Rev. J. E. Davis. To this union was born one son, Clenon of Orangeburg, S. C., and four daughters, Ruth and Mrs. Grace Pate of the home, Hazel of Clayton and Mrs. Jessie T. Wilkinson of Virginia.

Brother Aycock united with Pleasant Grove Church in 1924 and immediately became an active and dependable member of the church until his homegoing.

His funeral was conducted by his pastor,

Rev. R. N. Hinnant assisted by Rev. L. R. Ennis. The absence of Brother Aycock from the home, church and community has been deeply felt. May the Lord richly bless his family.

Written by his pastor.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Convention of Free Will Baptists for February, 1951.

Receipts

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1951 ..\$1,149.70
Receipts for February 112.74

Total to account for\$1,862.44

Disbursements

Paid to Superannuated
Ministers\$240.00
Operating expense 28.29
Paid to the National Board 8.45

Total disbursements 276.74

Balance March 1, 1951\$1,585.70

Receipts Itemized

Mt. Zion (Nash Co.)\$ 15.80
Friendship (Johnston Co.) 1.00
Oak Grove Aux. 5.00
Greenville 18.54
Davis 5.00
2nd. Western Union 5.00
Core Creek S. S. 9.60
N. C. State Aux. Conv. 52.80

Total\$112.74

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Oak Grove, Craven Co. -----	13.00
Mt. Zion, Washington Co. -----	15.00
St. Paul's -----	58.25
Hickory Chapel -----	35.05
Union Chapel, Beaufort Co. -----	20.00
Palmetto Chapel -----	11.25
Ruth's Chapel -----	30.00
Srs. Delight, Craven Co. -----	5.32
New Haven -----	23.00
Bridgeton -----	16.77
Oak Grove, Sampson Co. -----	6.00
Macedonia -----	22.59
Juniper Chapel -----	30.65
Gebschmane -----	11.64
Core Creek -----	30.00
Wintergreen -----	11.55
Wintergreen L. A. -----	5.00
Moseley's Creek -----	48.68
Warden's Grove -----	20.00
Friendship, Jones Co. -----	12.01
Whaley's Chapel -----	18.00
Smith's New Home -----	21.00
Smith's New Home L. A. -----	5.00
Deep Run -----	30.22
Gray Branch -----	13.00
Antioch, Craven Co. -----	25.00
Sweet Gum Grove -----	26.03
Union Chapel, Nash Co. -----	5.00
Pleasant Hill, Wayne Co. -----	32.50
Casey's Chapel -----	66.00
Sidney -----	10.00
2nd U. M. West. Conf. -----	10.00

Total ----- \$ 689.50
Expenses ----- 219.20

Balance ----- \$ 470.30
50% to Foreign Missions ----- \$ 235.15
50% to Home Missions ----- \$ 235.15

Home Missions

Balance ----- \$2,257.84
Greenville ----- 12.35
White Oak Hill ----- 4.78
50% Mission receipts ----- 235.15

\$2,510.12

Disbursements

S. R. Wilcox ----- \$ 25.00
R. S. Jackson ----- 25.00
Harry E. Staires, National
Home Mission Treasurer ----- 103.36

153.36

Balance ----- \$2,356.76

Foreign Missions

Casey's Chapel League ----- \$ 5.00
Kinston League ----- 7.47
Marion S. S. ----- 10.00
Washington Mission ----- 5.00
Saratoga ----- 26.00
Horney Heights, Cuba ----- 10.00
Avery's Creek ----- 5.00
Mt. Beulah, Women's Aux. ----- 26.50
Edgemont ----- 25.00
Union Grove, Wayne Co. Youth's
Auxiliary ----- 40.00
Greenville Sunday School, Willing
Workers' Class ----- 5.00
Cedar Hill ----- 24.00
Greenville ----- 37.07
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Malachi's Chapel, Penny a meal ----- 7.55
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Portsmouth, Va. ----- 10.00
White Oak Hill ----- 7.00
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Cuba ----- 10.00

Fairmount Park S. S. -----	35.00	Goldsboro, L. A. -----	7.72
Fairmount Park Young Adult League -----	21.00	Winterville -----	20.00
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Juniper Chapel S. S. -----	30.00	Sound Side, Penny a meal -----	14.82
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Hickory Chapel League -----	9.00	Washington Mission -----	10.00
Marsh Swamp Fellowship Club -----	16.00	St. Mary's, New Bern, N. C. -----	52.00
Little Creek, Va. -----	5.00	50% Mission receipts -----	235.15
Little Creek, Va., S. S. -----	5.00		
Bridgeton, L. A. -----	4.00	Check to Raymond Riggs -----	\$1,111.92
Pearsall's Chapel S. S., Adult class for Cuban student: Celia Izquierdo -----	10.00	Mrs. Stevens Fund -----	
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Spring Hill, Willing Workers' class, Cuban School -----	5.00	With thanks to all, I am, In His Service, -----	\$ 66.59
Goldsboro, Penny a meal -----	35.08	J. W. Alford, Treas.	

PROGRAM

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

OF THE

Eastern Conference of South Carolina

CONVENING WITH

Black River Free Will Baptist Church

ANDREWS, SOUTH CAROLINA

Saturday before First Sunday in April, 1951

BRO. J. G. WILLIAMS, Superintendent

ELD. DEWEY POWELL, Host Pastor

MRS. H. C. SIMMONS, Secretary

— SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION —

PROCEDURE

- 9:30—Opening Song by Congregation
—Scripture Lesson Bro. J. G. Williams, Superintendent
—Prayer
—Welcome Address Bro. Roy Mixon
—Response Bro. George Williams
- 10:00—Appointment of Temporary Committees
—Minutes of last Session read by the Secretary
—Field Worker's Report
- 10:20—Program by local Sunday School
- 11:00—Sermon Rev. Malcolm Harrelson
- 12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Re-assemble
—Song by Choir
—Short program from each Sunday School represented
- 1:50—Reports of various Sunday School Superintendents, Orphanage funds
turned in, etc.
- 3:15—Talk Rev. T. A. Williams
- 3:30—Final business session
—Reports of Temporary Committees
—Unfinished business
—New business
—Petition for next Convention
—Return of thanks to Host Church
—Song and adjournment

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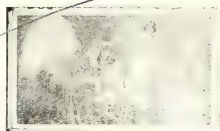
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Easter Issue



The Soldiers Who Fled from Their Post

They watched at the tomb in the garden
Where rays of the starbeams shone bright,
They guarded the grave of the Master
Through hours of the earth's saddest night.
How strong and how stalwart the sentries,
Their courage was often their boast
And, yet, we have oft heard the story—
The soldiers who fled from their post!

And sad was the grave of the garden,
Yet heaven itself was so nigh
And, lo, in the hush of the midnight
The angels came down from the sky;
They flung back the door of the prison,
A radiant, starry-crowned host,
The terrified sentries beheld them,
And all of them fled from their post!

O wondrous that morning of glory,
That joyous victorious day,
When Jesus, the Conqueror of Calvary,
Came forth, our Redeemer for aye;
Today He will help us to conquer,
He's near when we need Him the most,
All doubts and all shadows must leave us
Like soldiers who fled from their post.

—Elsie Duncan Yale

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1951

NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

MY FIRST FOUR DAYS IN GREENVILLE

On November 24, 1950, I resigned the church in Goldsboro to become effective February 26, 1951. After much prayer and consideration I accepted the prayerful, confidential and unanimous call of the Greenville Free Will Baptist church to begin work with them March 1, 1951. I left the Goldsboro church without a pastor and it is my sincere prayer that the Holy Spirit will direct in the call and placing of the man of His choice as pastor very soon.

My first day Thursday, March 1, in Greenville was a very pleasant one. I attended to some important matters in connection with the work here and visited the sick. One of my friends came from Goldsboro and took me out for a barbecue dinner. Of course! I want him to come again!

The second day, Friday, March 2, was a very busy as well as a very happy one. I worked on the program, and messages for the first services. That night from 7:30 to 9:30 the church people came to the parsonage and gave us the warmest reception that we have ever received. The house was filled with some of the most friendly people that I have ever met. At 9:30 the family marched around in the dining room where the refreshments were being served. After the refreshments we were very much

surprised to walk back into the living room and find three large boxes filled with fine things to eat: such as chicken, eggs (10 dozen), sugar (59 lb.), pork, lard, a great variety of canned goods, and many other household necessities. All of "this" when I was so unworthy. Then I think of the verse in the Bible where Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." When the Lord's people are so loving and liberal with His servant there is nothing else left for me to do except to give my life in consecration to Him by giving my life, time, talent, and tithes, in serving God by serving His people. By the Grace of God through His servant and His people in Greenville we are on our way to success in His work.

Saturday was a busy day in preparation for two services on Sunday and also getting ready for the City-Wide Visitation Evangelistic program.

On Sunday, March 4, 1951 we conducted our first service in Greenville. At 10 o'clock I taught the men's Bible class. After the Sunday School class I was introduced by the superintendent, Brother Jesse R. Boyd, to 219 men, women, boys and girls who were in attendance. At 11 o'clock the morning worship began. The organ music and singing was beautiful. Brother Edd Griffin, chairman of the Board of Deacons, introduced me to a packed house of people. Chairs had to be brought out and a row placed in the back, in each aisle, and in front, to take care of the people. Then is when I had the "time of my life," as I preached my first message in the Greenville church. We had a wonderful service. I thought to myself, what about tonight? On Sunday evening there was a fine group of young people present for the leagues and a house filled again for the evening service. At the close of the message the family presented themselves for membership in the Greenville church. The right hand of fellowship was given and the Lord warmed our hearts with His Spirit.

We want to give all you folks in and around Greenville, and elsewhere, a hearty invitation to come to see us and worship with us at every opportune time. I'm looking for my friends in Goldsboro to come to see us. We can never forget those good

N. C. Central Conference Ministers Meeting

All ministers of the Central Conference are urged to be present for the first session of the ministers' semi-annual fellowship meeting which convenes with the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, Monday, April 2, at 10:00 a. m. During the noon hour we plan to eat together Dutch style.

The purpose of this meeting is for fellowship and discussion of problems common to the ministry.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, Moderator,
Grifton, N. C.

people. To them and the Lord we give the credit for the success of the church there. We had a happy ministry in Goldsboro and believe the Lord will bless us here in Greenville. Pray for us.

Love in Christ,
Rashie Kennedy, Pastor of the
Greenville F. W. B. Church
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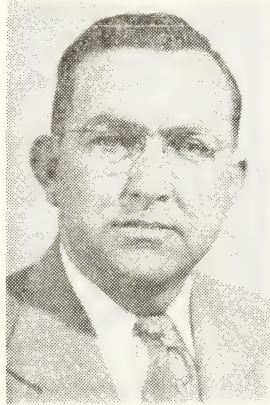
"And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them."—Luke 24:15.

Simple words, these; but they hold for us a rich ministry of suggestion. They take us back to the first Easter, nineteen hundred years ago. They set our feet upon that strange, enchanting road that leads from the Resurrection to Pentecost, the Easter Road. Two of Jesus' disciples were going from Jerusalem to Emmaus, a distance of nearly seven miles. Their heads were bowed, their shoulders were drooping, their feet were dragging; and the few gestures that they made indicated the pain, the disappointment, and the confusion with which their conversation was filled. Their hopes had been shattered. Their Master had been executed upon a shameful cross. More than that, He had been buried, and His sepulchre sealed; and then to overcome them with confusion that knows only the language of despair, they learned that the grave had been rifled, and that the body of their Lord was missing. Such are the dreary thoughts that vexed their tired minds and plagued their broken bodies, as they traveled the Easter Road.

These two disciples were mourning a dead Jesus, but such mourning is always a mistake. Their hearts were sad, and when hearts are sad, Jesus is never far away. "Jesus himself drew near and went with them." Jesus sought to reveal Himself to these sorrowing disciples. Such a revelation as Jesus made to these disciples may be made in the house of God or it may be, as in this case, on the common highway; but the fact is that everywhere and at all times, the living Jesus—the Jesus of the sacrificial cross, the Jesus of the spoiled sepulchre, the Jesus of the Easter Road—is seeking to give to the sons of men a revelation of Himself. A revelation of Him will turn darkness into light, sighing into singing, doubt into assurance, despair into hope, and weakness into strength.

Luke describes this self-revelation

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of the risen Savior in the closing verses of his Gospel. As a matter of fact, there were two unveilings, the first to these two disciples, and the second, just a little later, to a larger group in Jerusalem. For our present purposes, we may think of them as one. The main question is this: What did this revelation of our Lord mean to His disciples? What were its effects upon them?

This revelation of our Lord threw light upon the Scripture. The disciples, thinking that they were talking to a stranger, gave a recital of what had been done to their Master. Then they told how all their hope had centered in Him and how this hope was now blasted—so blasted that it could not be revived by a thing so substantial as a rumor that certain women had been told by angels that Jesus was alive. Then followed the exposition of the Old Testament teachings about the crucifixion and the resurrection of Christ. "He expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself." The open grave gives us a living Christ, and a living Christ gives us the opened Scriptures.

Let us understand that Christ is the key to the Word of God. Apart

from Him we can neither understand nor appreciate its truth. The Old Testament shows the necessity for His coming; through its promises preparation is made for His coming; the Gospels tell the story of His coming; while the rest of the New Testament prophesies to the value of His Second Coming. There is a saying: "ALL roads lead to Rome." So it may be said of the Bible: All the books composing it lead to Jesus Christ. "Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning; Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ."

This revelation of our Lord meant assurance to the soul. These two disciples have reached the village now—these two and Jesus; and the sun has gone down. Eager for more of the presence of this extraordinary companion, the two disciples asked Christ to abide with them. Hardly had they entered the house when the guest became the host. Christ took bread, broke it, and served it. "And their eyes were opened and they knew Him." They had given Him hospitality; He gave them certainty. They had opened to Him their homes; He opened their eyes. "And they knew Him." Knowledge of His resurrection and of His living presence became theirs at first hand. It had been reported to them that He was alive, but they were not impressed; now they knew it for themselves.

Christianity is a religion of experience. You may be more or less impressed with the testimony of others, but you have a right to a testimony of your own. Indeed, unless you know Christ for yourself you will not in any vital sense be a Christian witness. That the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, you can know only through experience.

A famous business man has written a book, **The Man Nobody Knows**. Is that Jesus? Let me reply with an illustration from the life of that eminent scientist, Dr. James Simpson. He is best known as the discoverer of chloroform. Once when a group

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

(Easter message continued from last week)

THE NATURAL BODY

"It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body" (I Cor. 15: 44). In spite of those unbelievers, who try to do away with the "SPIRITUAL BODY," Paul says, "there is a spiritual body." I will believe what Paul says about the matter, in preference to those who advocate such false doctrine.

THE BODY OF CHRIST

The resurrected body of Christ was a visible body. Mary Magdalene, who went to the Sepulchre on the "first day of the week," saw Jesus, though at first she did not recognize Him, but after He spoke she knew it was her Master. He had a body. Mary could not have seen Him if there had been no body. "And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say Master. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I have not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and to my God, and to your God."

So Mary declares that she saw the Lord in His "risen" body. She wanted to touch Him. This is proof that Jesus was a visible being. But let us go further with this evidence:

"Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in their midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he showed them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. Here again is the evidence that Jesus was a VISIBLE BEING who had a body that could be seen and handled.

Thomas was not with the other disciples when they saw the Lord at "evening on the first day of the week." So when Thomas came in they said, "We have seen the Lord." He was like many unbelievers

of our day. He said, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. After eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst of them, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he unto Thomas, Reach thither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach thither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing." Read the 20th chapter of the gospel according to John, and you will agree that Jesus was a VISIBLE LORD. But we are not through yet. It is in the 21st chapter of John we are told that Jesus visited the disciples who had gone fishing, and he said unto them. "Cast your net on the right side of the ship." It was here that Jesus had prepared for those hungry fishermen a breakfast of broiled fish. And here, after that they had said, that he put that heart-searching question to Peter: "Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon son of Jonas, lovest me more than these?" Peter had denied his Lord three times, now he is to confess his Lord three times even with "grief." "And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord" (John 21:12).

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, all agree that Christ was visible to his disciples. Paul tells us that more than "five hundred saw him." Then he says; "and last of all he was seen by me" (See First Cor. 15:6-8).

WE ARE NOT TO HAVE SORROW

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not as those who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which sleep." (I Thess. 4:13-15).

May we notice that it is just as important that we believe that Jesus AROSE FROM THE DEAD as it is for us to believe that He is the Son of God, and to believe that He died for our sins. That doctrine that "Jesus did not rise from the dead" is of the devil. The Roman soldiers were hired to lie by saying, "His disciples stole him while we slept" was no greater a lie than the one "That he turned to gasses and escaped the tomb," nor that doctrine that God slipped him out and off to a wait some future date of appearing. Christ lives on high.

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PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENT

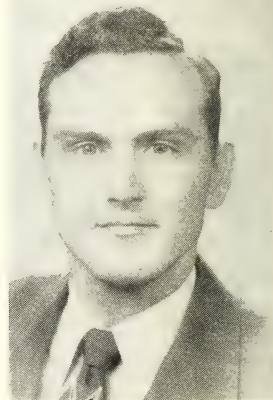
This is to announce that I am available for evangelistic work. I am a graduate of the two-year course of our Free Will Baptist Bible college in Nashville, Tennessee. I am pastoring Saint Paul's F. W. B. Church in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

BIBLE CONFERENCE FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE April 15-19, 1951

The dates of the Bible Conference of the Free Will Baptist Bible College are April 15-19. There has been a slight change in the dates that were previously agreed upon. You who have seen a College catalogue have noticed that spring Bible Conference was announced for April 8-12. Because of other scheduled meetings which many of our people wish to attend, it was decided that we would move the Conference up one week.

The Annual spring Bible Conference has become a fixed date with many of our people looking this way for a period of fellowship and blessing. If you have been attending the Conferences in past years, we know that you will not want to miss this one. If you have never attended one of the Conferences, we give you an invitation to make your plans to be with us on these announced dates.

C. L. Johnson



Rev. Charles W. Brown

Any one who would like to write to me concerning doing evangelistic work are requested to address me at 707 Gray Street, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Charles W. Brown



The Necessity of the Cross



By J. E. Wooten

We do not evaluate a gift primarily because of its intrinsic value, nor prizes it altogether because of its worth or advantage to us personally. It is the motive and personal concern of the giver, reflected in the gift itself, which attach it to us and endear it to our hearts.

As we consider briefly the subject captioned here as "The Necessity of the Cross," let us look for the motive back of the enacted scene. We know that sin had separated man from God, and that men "were dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1). Then we note first that Christ came to

Atonement for Sin.

Christ came to do for man what he could not do for himself. He had brought condemnation and death upon himself by an act of sin, but he could not meet the requirement for his justification through atonement for sin. Then Christ came, and "we have now received the atonement" (Romans 5:11). He was without sin, but became sin "for us" by bearing the penalty for our guilt. He became the propitiation "for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:2). Through the atonement the sinner is

Cleansed from Sin.

No condemned sinner can stand in peace in the presence of God. Christ removes the sins of all those who elect to accept Him as their own personal Saviour, and cleanses them "by washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5). So "there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in

Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). When man is set free from sin he becomes

Reconciled to God.

Man estranged himself from God through disobedience, and was powerless to reconcile himself to Him who had brought him into existence. But Christ, through His work of atonement, brought the offender and the Offended together again. The Father honored the work of the Son, and "we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son" (Romans 5:10). Once man is reconciled to God he receives

Salvation

Salvation signifies rescue or deliverance, and presupposes a state or condition of servitude or bondage. All those who serve Satan are in the bondage of sin, but Christ came to set men and women free from the power of Satan. Salvation through Christ is full and complete, for "if the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). It is through this freedom or salvation that men enter into

Eternal Life.

Man sinned against God and brought death upon himself, but still God loved and favored him. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15). Our only hope of eternal life is in His Gift. "Neither is there

salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). These and all other blessings and benefits of God to men speak of

The Necessity of the Cross

John 3:16 gives the sum and substance of the motive back of God's Gift to the world. He "so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son." It was the wondrous love of God, even beyond man's imagination. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). But the evidence of that infinite love must, of necessity, be expressed through sympathetic human suffering, culminating in the vicarious death of the Saviour on the cross. Without the cross there could have been no substitutionary death, and without that death there could have been no resurrection. It was God's way.

This Easter season speaks to our hearts of the resurrected, ascended, and living Saviour, and it inspires us to enlarge and intensify our gratitude and praise to our heavenly Father. We know that the Saviour conquered death when He broke the seal of the tomb, and He said, "Because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19). We thank God for our assurance of eternal life through His Son, and for the blessed privilege of living with Him forever. But let us not forget to join Paul in saying,

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Galatians 6:14).

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

This is to let our friends know that we are moving from Macclesfield, N. C. to Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Those who desire to communicate with us are requested to address us at the following address:

Rev. P. C. Wiggs
301 Tarboro Street
Rocky Mount, N. C.

GRIFFIN'S N. C. ITINERARY

March 27—Little Creek (Greene County)
March 28—White Hill, Beaufort County
March 29—Smyrna, Blount's Creek, N. C.
March 30—Dublin Grove
April 2—Mt. Zion, Pamlico Co.
April 3—Trent, Pamlico Co.

Yours in Christ
J. C. Griffin

Announcement

I will be available to hold Revival meetings for any church that may desire my services for this year. I will start booking revivals now with those that desire my help.

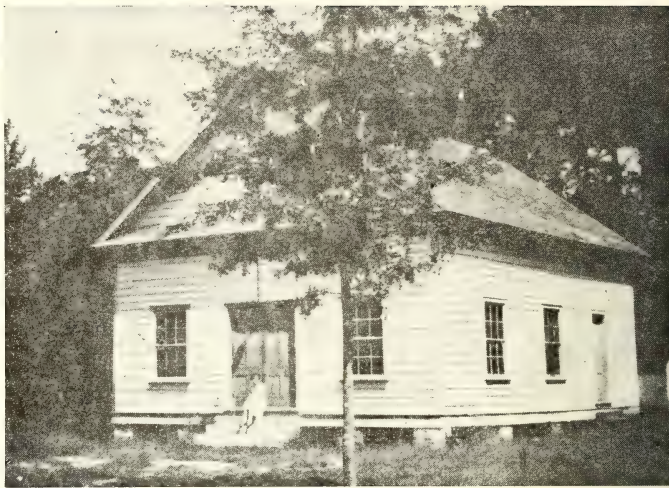
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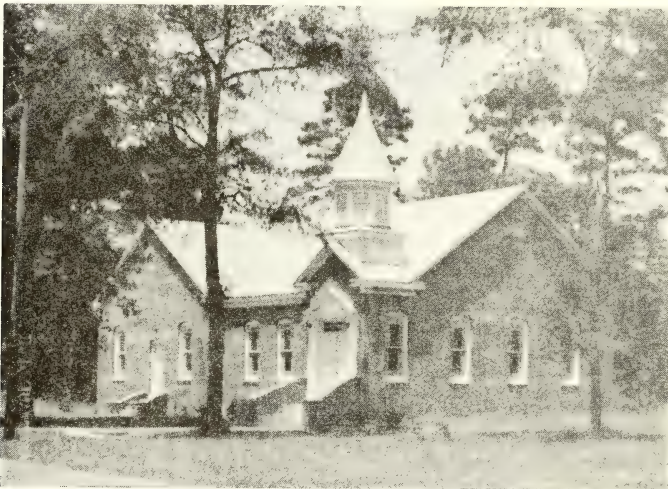
THE OLD AND NEW CHURCH BUILDING AT ANTIOCH

This is the old church edifice of Antioch, which used to stand near Askins on the old Vanceboro road, in Craven County, North Carolina. Under the pastorate of Rev. J. C. Griffin, 1918-1922 the church was moved from the former site to the present in the Forest community. With the moving the church picked up new life, in that a Sunday School was organized and the young people began to take interest in a great way. The church has been served by various pastors since it was moved. Rev. J. C. Griffin is the present pastor.

Under the pastorate of Rev. Clinton Lupton a new church edifice was erected. This new edifice included the old building which was made into class rooms and a part of the new interior of the auditorium and the right hand enlarged so as to make a good and beautiful auditorium. The building is brick veneer and well heated with floor furnaces, fed by gas.



ANTIOCH OLD BUILDING



ANTIOCH NEW BUILDING

This new church building is to be dedicated on the First Sunday in April, at 11:00 A. M., with suitable dedication services. Dinner will be served picnic style, on the church grounds.

All former pastors are cordially invited to attend the services and all former members are invited to come home for the occasion, and let us make it a time of refreshing and fellowship for the glory of God.

SPRING BRANCH REVIVAL

This is to announce, and to invite everyone to attend our spring revival at Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church, near Walstonburg, North Carolina. The services will begin the 25th of March and run through the entire week. Our pastor, Rev. S. A. Smith will bring the messages.

We would like for everyone that can to come and be with us each evening. If you can't come, then won't you pray for us that the meeting might be a great success.

We would like for you to see our church now that we have done some repairing. We have put in a new floor, bought a new carpet and painted inside and the outside. Some of the people have set out shrubbery around the building and now we are very proud of our building and grounds, so come on out to see us at Spring Branch.

If you can't come to our revival then come anytime you can because you are always welcome at Spring Branch.

Mrs. Walter Mercer,
Church Reporter

YOUTH FOR CHRIST RALLY

PLACE: Aspin Grove Church

TIME: Saturday night, March 31, 7:30

PROGRAM

Devotions—Spring Branch Junior singers

Special—King's Cross Roads

Testimony period—

Bible Quiz—Aspin Grove

Special—Marlboro

Congregational singing—

Sermon—Some one from King's Cross Roads

Congregational song and benediction

By member of Aspin Grove Church

HULL ROAD CHOIRS TO BROADCAST OVER KINSTON RADIO

There will be a tape recording of Easter songs and choruses presented by the Adult and Junior Choirs of Hull Road Church, on Easter Sunday morning, from 9:30 A. M. until 10:00 A. M. over Kinston's new station, W. E. L. S. The readers of the Baptist paper are requested to tune in for this broadcast.

Mrs. Gilbert Jones
Junior Choir Director
Snow Hill, N. C., Route 2

Subscribe to the Baptist.

Too many of us speak twice before we think.

:-: Resurrection Revelations :-:

"Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not. After that, he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them. Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:9-15.

"To whom (the eleven) also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God," Acts 1:3.

The doctrine that the bodies of all men in the graves (John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15) will be raised and united to their souls (Job 19:25-27; Rev. 6:9-10; Jude 14, 15; I Kings 17:21-22) brings renewed hope and comfort in a world on the threshold of what seems to be the greatest devastating catastrophe to overcome mankind. The infallible proofs of Christ's resurrection give to each Christian an unshakable assurance that all men in the city of the silent dead shall hear the voice of "The Resurrection and Life" and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Though the Son of God was crucified, buried, and placed in a tomb sealed by the Romans and guarded by armed soldiers, the voice of the angels re-echoes in the witnessing of every one who has been saved by the power of an endless life: "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said." This glorious message of the gospel has meant a new life, new outlook, and new aspirations to many of the strangers and pilgrims on earth.

The atoning, resurrected, and ascended Lord Jesus Christ has brought many revelations to us through his resurrection. Crystal facts burst forth in heavenly beauty as we meditate upon this event which climaxes every wonderful thing He ever did. What does His resurrection reveal? Let us now think of some of these nuggets of truth as resurrection revelations.

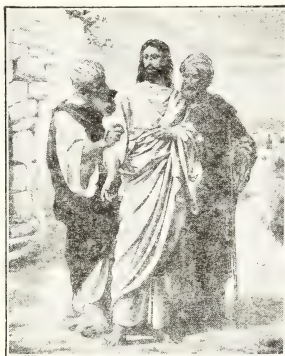
1. The Revelation of His Power

The atoning, resurrected, and ascended Lord Jesus Christ in our power of the gospel in the salvation of souls. He is the source of that power. He is the sum of all

Ralph Staten, Red Bay, Ala.

power. To Him has been given all power in Heaven and in earth. "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father," John 10:17-18. The same Spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead shall also quicken our mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in us (Rom. 8:11).

"And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ Jesus, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come," Eph. 1:19-21.



This power is a guarantee to the washing and cleansing efficacy of the blood of Christ. Every born-again person has been washed in his blood (Rev. 1:5), had their conscience purged from dead works by it (Hebrews 9:14), and through confession of his sins can be cleansed from all of them (1 John 1:7, 9). "... and without shedding of blood is no remission," Heb. 9:22. "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins," 1 Cor. 15:17.

This power is a pledge to our being able to persevere in grace. "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me," 2 Cor. 12:9. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us into a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from

the dead . . . Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time," 1 Peter 1:3, 5. "For we are made partakers of Christ (his power), if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end," Heb. 3:14.

This power is an assurance that we shall live again, also. "It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him," 2 Tim. 2:11. "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt," Dan. 12:2. "Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day," John 11:23-24. "And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day . . . No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day," John 6:39, 40, 44. "Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed," I Cor. 15:51-52. The last trump at the last day will bring that anticipated joy and reality to those who die in the Lord (Rev. 14:13).

This power is a surety that some day we shall be forever with the King of kings and Lord of lords in a body fashioned like unto his. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall arise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord," 1 Thess. 4:16-17. "Let not your hearts be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also," John 14:1-3. "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself," Phil. 3:20-21. "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness," Ps. 17:15. John corro-

borates David's statement in I John 3:2: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

II. The Revelation of Divine Adaptation

The resurrected Lord Jesus Christ appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country (Mark 16:12). This is indicative of the fact that the Lord is in a position to adjust his ministry to meet every need of our spiritual welfare for our good. What an inducement for us to lead a consecrated life and a loyal devotion to the living Christ!

The resurrection renders him adaptable to bring comfort to all men. "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him: for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also," John 14:16-19. "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you, but if I depart, I will send him unto you." John 16:7. A dead man cannot speak comfort to our aching hearts, but a man who has been through all the sorrows of earth and the grave and who has risen from that grave can heal every wound that we shall ever have. Are you as an orphan in the world, heavy-hearted today? Have you lost a loved one? Does grief surround your life? Then come unto him who can adjust himself to bring your needed comfort.

The resurrection renders him adaptable to intercede for us. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God," Rom. 8:25-26. He stayed in the world for a while and then He went home to the Father. He is at the right hand of the Father interceding for us. We do not need an earthly high priest today, we do not need any human intermediary between us and God. We can go right to the heart of God through Jesus Christ our risen Saviour. "Seeing then that we have a great high-priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not a high-priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may ob-

tain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need," Heb. 4:14-16.

III. The Revelation of Divine Commitment

After the resurrection of the Lord, he soon after, about forty days, charges the eleven (as a divine institution or company): "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen," Matt. 28:19-20. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth," Acts 1:8. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. . . And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen," Mark 16:15, 20. "If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister. . . Whom (Christ) we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that ye may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus," Col. 1:23, 28. Generations have come and gone. A new generation is here for us throughout the world. Thus the living Christ means a living commission is entrusted in the hands of this living generation throughout the world, for any church which will carry the gospel of salvation to those without God and hope.

This commitment implies a great privilege. The ministry of reconciliation which has been put in the hands of the Lord's witnesses should compel us to make great sacrifices. The opportunity to bring the best news, the richest experience, and the greatest good to the world should compel us to be faithful stewards of such a wonderful, compassionate, and conquering Christ. No one shall ever be able to honor men in a partnership of so great a business. While we can engage in the soul winning business, the saving of the most valuable thing in the world, let us lift high the banner of the cross and marshal every energy at our command to carry the gospel of the living Christ to every field where sin and the devil make a battle ground.

This commitment implies a great responsibility. Men are saved by the gospel of the resurrected Christ (I Cor. 15:1-3; Rom. 1:16). It must be preached, believed, and declared again and again for men of all ages to have the opportunity to be saved from the wrath to come. I would that every God-called minister to-day could say the words of the Apostle Paul: "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of; for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel. . .

a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me," I Cor. 9:16, 17. It is by the gospel that men can believe and be born again (I Cor. 4:15; 1 John 5:1). Shall we withhold such blessing and hope from people without Christ, lost on the road to an everlasting hell of fire and brimstone? Should not the love of Christ constrain us to keenly feel our responsibility and discharge it with all the resources at our command?

May as we join forces throughout the world in commemorating the resurrection of Christ at this Easter season catch a clearer vision of its meaning. And may this clearer and richer meaning instill within us a deeper devotion and a fuller consecration to the ever-living Christ.

WOULD YOU CRUCIFY JESUS!

In Jerusalem many years ago,
A mob of blood thirsty men,
Took the life of Jesus Christ;
Their true, beloved Friend.

They drove Him to the Cross
When there was no need;
They beat, mocked, and scourged Him
For mercy He did plead.

But for the sins of those so cruel,
Up to heaven He did cry;
"Forgive them Father," of this deed
For them is why I die.

We today think of those
Who crucified our Lord,
As mean and heartless creatures;
Whose deeds pierced like a sword.

Yet, we are so indifferent
About our Master's Word.
We're satisfied to rest secure,
In what we've felt and heard.

In unity, and in love,
We're commanded to go forth,
And do our Blessed Master's will;
But instead we go with force.

And when there's hard work to do,
Our duty we will shirk;
We have ourselves to think about,
God knows, we can not smirk.

We rest at ease in Zion,
While souls are lost in sin;
Satisfied to waste our time,
While Jesus pleads within.

Yet, we wouldn't hurt Him,
We love Him, we say.
Remember our sermons are preached
By the way we live each day.

Wake up dear Christian friends!
How can we afford,
With selfishness, neglect and greed
To crucify anew our Lord?

—Mrs. Katie W. Roper

It's Easter Every Lord's Day

The will to live is vibrant in man's spirit. The enigmatic grave-dark, foreboding, inevitable—looms athwart every pathway. Logic offers no satisfactory solution to its shadowy passage. Research supplies no answer. Science has devised no experiment to confirm man's hope of life after death. And yet man's indomitable spirit faces the unknown and unknowable future with assurance. The enigmatic grave yields only to faith—faith and the fact of the resurrection.

But man's great problem is not life after death. His is a present need. Life now Christ promises—and gives. Life with Christ is a current reality. Indeed it is not length of days, nor mere continuance, but quality of living which Christ bestows. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." But abundant life has the vitality to span the chasm of death because of the quality which Christ bestows now. The wonder, the radiance, the assurance of that life are such as to cause the Christian to exclaim that his blessings are "new every morning."

There is a story told of a pastor who was writing an Easter sermon, and when half way through, the concept of the risen Lord broke in upon him as it never had done before. "Christ is alive!" he said to himself. "Alive!" And then he paused.

Mrs. J. E. Frazier
W. N. A. C. Executive Secretary



"Alive! Can that really be true? Living as really as I myself am?"

He got up and walked about repeating, "Christ is living! Christ is living!" At first it seemed strange and hardly true, but at last it came upon him as a burst of sudden glory. Yes, Christ is living! It was to him a new discovery. He thought that all along he had believed it; but not until that moment did he feel sure about it.

He then said, "My people shall know it; I shall preach about it again and again until they believe it as I do now."

The living Christ became his one great theme: and there and then began the custom of singing an Easter hymn in his church every Sunday morning. A visitor was surprised, on a November Lord's Day morning, to hear the hymn given out, "Christ is Risen: Hallelujah!" He mention-

ed it to the pastor afterwards and he replied: "I want my people to get hold of the glorious fact that Christ is alive, and to rejoice over it; and Sunday, you know, is the day on which Christ left the dead."

The resurrection of Jesus is our guarantee of life eternal. Romans 8:11 reminds us that if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in us our mortal bodies will be quickened to live for Him. We cannot live for our King in inactivity.

Jesus is the vine, through which resurrection life flows into the branches to bear "much fruit."

When does resurrection life flow? Does it flow independent of our will? Just as our lives must be clean from sin, and kept continually cleansed, even so we must yield our members. To do this our will must operate. Jesus said, reminding His disciples of the cardinal truths of the gospel in Luke 24:46-48, "Ye are witnesses of these things." When we witness, we are conscious of resurrection life as it flows through us.

The resurrection—the actual historical event witnessed by Mary, attested by Peter, confirmed by the five hundred, and crowned by His ascension to glory—demonstrated the vitality of His life which was apparent to His disciples every day that they companied with Him. Even today that same glorious power is realized by the Christian. Christ is alive in us every day. It's Easter every Lord's Day.

HE GIVETH MOORE

ANNIE FLINT

He giveth more grace when burdens grow greater,
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase

To added affliction, He addeth mercy,
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.
When we have exhausted our store of endurance,

When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,

When we reach the end of our hoarded resources

Our Father's full giving is only begun.
His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,
His power has no boundary known unto men;

For out of His infinite riches in Jesus,
He giveth and giveth again.

"If you fool the people to get their money, that's fraud, and you can be jailed; but if you do it to get their votes, that's shrewd politics."—Anon.

TO LEAD A REVIVAL

The Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, N. C., is happy to announce that the Rev. George Dunbar of Chucky, Tenn., will preach in a series of evangelistic services beginning March 25 and running a week or ten days with them. The Rev. Dunbar is no stranger to the Free Will Baptists of Durham and vicinity and this announcement is being made with the hope that they will turn out in great numbers to hear him.

Rev. R. P. Harris, Pastor

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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NOTICE TO SECRETARIES OF LOCAL AUXILIARIES

Please do not send your report from the local Auxiliary to me. I am secretary of the State Auxiliary Convention, and will receive my reports from your District Secretaries. Send your local auxiliary report to the secretary of your District Convention. I have received two recently, and in one instance paid eighteen cents to get the money and letter to the proper place. I

am giving below the names and addresses of the District Secretaries.

Eastern: Mrs. Alice Lupton, 801 Pollock St., New Bern, N. C.

Central: Mrs. Marvin Moore, Route 1, Scotland Neck, N. C.

Western: Mrs. R. N. Hinnant, Micro, N. C.

Albemarle: Miss Alice Webster, Pine-town, N. C.

French Broad: Mrs. C. R. Foster, Black Mountain, Route 1, N. C.

Cape Fear: Mrs. H. T. Hinson, Route 2, Dunn, N. C.

Pee Dee: Mrs. George Suggs, Box 89, Bladenboro, N. C.

I do not have the address of the secretary of the Piedmont District, but feel sure if you will send them to Mrs. Walter Carter, Rockingham, N. C., she will help you to get them to the right place. Please do not forget your contribution to the State Auxiliary Convention.

Mrs. James A. Evans, Secretary,
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AUXILIARY CONVENTION OF THE CENTRAL N. C. CONFERENCE TO MEET MARCH 28

The auxiliary Convention of the Central Conference will meet at Free Union church in Greene County, March 28.

The blanks have already been mailed out to the local Auxiliaries. Please fill them out and mail them with an offering to the Secretary of the Convention by March the 21 in order that she can prepare and mail the Vice-President's reports to them before the Convention.

Please don't forget to send your 30 cents per capita dues which is to be paid at the Spring meeting of the Convention.

Ten cents of this per capita dues is kept in the district, 10 cents goes to the State Auxiliary Convention, and 10 cents goes to the National Auxiliary Convention.

Please send a delegate to this Convention. We have a very interesting program planned and the people of Free Union church are looking forward to having a delegate from each local Auxiliary present, as well as all the officers of the Convention being there, so please don't disappoint us.

Let's all help to make this the best convention we have had in the Central District.

I shall be looking forward to see each local auxiliary have a delegate present at this meeting.

Mrs. Paul Thigpen, President
Mrs. Marvin Moore, Secretary

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

OF THE

Albemarle Conference

Place: Free Union, Beaufort County

Time: Thursday, April 12th, 1951.

Theme: Teamwork for God.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotions, Mrs. Cecil J. Waters
- Welcome, Mrs. William Webster
- Response, Mrs. Eleanor Moore
- President's message
- Recognition of ministers and visitors
- Reading of minutes and the roll call
- Appointment of Committees and Orphanage News

PROGRAM

FOR THE

CENTRAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

TO CONVENE WITH

FREE UNION CHURCH

Wednesday, March 28, 1951

THEME:

Workers together with Him, that His way may be known upon the Earth

- 10:00—Registration
 - Devotions Mrs. Earnest Wooten
 - Greetings Mrs. Thomas Tyndall
 - Response Mrs. Alfred Ginn
 - President's Message
- 10:30—*Making His Way Known through Enlistment* . . Mrs. C. L. Patrick
 - Duet Mrs. P. L. Barrow and Mrs. Thelbert Cunningham
 - Visiting ministers and delegates recognized
- 11:00—Orphanage News Mr. Walter McD. Croom
 - Making His Way Known through the Orphanage* . . Mrs. J. C. Moye
 - Congregational singing
- 11:30—Convention message Mrs. L. E. Ballard
- 12:00—Appointment of Committees
 - Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions Mrs. Bruce Barrow
- 1:15—*Making His Way Known through Christian Education* . Mrs. Carl Barrow
 - Making His Way Known through Missions* . Mrs. R. S. Pollard
 - Special Music Local Choir
- 1:30—*Making His Way Known through Christian Stewardship* . Mrs. C. A. Eubanks
 - Making His Way Known through Superannuation* . . Mrs. Frank Walston
 - Making His Way Known through the Field Worker* . . Mrs. J. C. Edmondson
 - Duet Mrs. J. C. Moye and Mrs. L. E. Ballard
- 2:00—Business period
 - Reading of minutes
 - Reports of committees
 - Report of treasurer
 - Appointment of delegates to other conventions

Pianist—Mrs. Andrew Heath

Chorister—Mrs. J. C. Moye

MRS. PAUL THIGPEN, President
MRS. MARVIN MOORE, Secretary

—News from the Field, Mrs. J. C. Griffin

11:00—Program, Fairmount Park Go Tell Auxiliary

11:30—Sermon, Rev. Clinton Lupton

12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotions, Mrs. Jack Wallace

—Report of Vice-Presidents

—Report of Committees

—Special music, local church

—Business period

3:00—Adjournment.

RECORDS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

Statistics as revealed in reports are vitally important. One with experience, imagination, and understanding can readily translate statistics into personalities, efforts, and achievements. In keeping and gathering statistics for a Woman's Auxiliary report one is recording her auxiliary's efforts in kingdom work to use for an effective check in future work. She is witnessing of God to others. She is exchanging with others methods of achievement. She is entering into fellowship with others in a common cause. She is furnishing evidence of earnestness of purpose and effort in achieving that purpose. Reports are important. So, report! Learn to whom to report, and what and when to report; then report regularly, for reports are vitally important.

Those who are not interested in any project and want to find excuses to sustain their indifference can usually do so. Some people oppose making reports, saying: "Women do things for credit. They report things done especially money just to show off. They just like to make good reports!" Those same people forget that it is a worthy goal to be of good report in the Lord's work. Every good profitable business keeps accurate records, has regular audit of books, makes regular reports so that it may check its weaknesses and keep its production well balanced and efficient. All civic and social clubs for women keep records and make reports. Are they more important than religious organizations? We think not. Records make up the history of any organization. So records do speak for themselves. What is the Woman's Auxiliary record in

your church saying about you?

Below is what the W. N. A. C. financial record for the first six months of the present convention year is saying about your auxiliary. Do you like it? We hope that during the next six months every Woman's Aux-

iliary will strive to make her good better and her better the very best record ever to make in the Plan of Work which Free Will Baptist women "work together with Him. . . that His way may be known upon earth."

State	Co-Laborer Fund to W.N.A.C. Treas.	Designated Gifts to W.N.A.C. Treas.	Gifts Direct to N. F. M. Treas.	Total
Alabama	\$ 19.00		\$ 37.00	\$ 56.00
Arkansas	6.00	41.77		47.77
California	25.00		27.00	52.00
Florida		1.00		1.00
Georgia	37.82	21.55	12.00	71.37
Illinois		102.64	96.50	199.14
Kentucky			6.10	6.10
Michigan			117.95	117.95
Mississippi		1.00		1.00
Missouri	23.34		31.00	54.34
North Carolina	302.65	14.00	752.01	1,068.66
Ohio	14.00		1.00	14.00
Oklahoma	27.00			27.00
South Carolina	28.00	25.00	109.50	162.50
Tennessee	200.14	72.65	43.50	316.29
Texas	30.00		22.00	52.00
Virginia	25.00			25.00
West Virginia			11.89	11.89
Total	\$737.95	\$279.61	\$1,267.45	\$2,285.01

The above contributions were made by Woman's Auxiliary members in reporting states from July 1, 1950 to January 1, 1951, to the various phases of the National F. W. B. program. Only the foreign mission treasurer sends an itemized report to the W. N. A. C. treasurer, thus no

record could be made for the amounts sent direct to the other National treasurers.

**TRULY RECORDS DO SPEAK!!
SO KEEP RECORDS!! REPORT
RECORDS!!**

Mrs. J. E. Frazier,
W. N. A. C. Treasurer

TO THE FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA

The coming of spring reminds us that our annual conference at Cragmont is not far off. The Executive Committee is already busy preparing the program. The conference will open on Tuesday, June 5, and will last for four days, until the closing of the conference on June 8. This schedule will permit us to leisurely travel up to Cragmont on Monday and to return in time for those Quarterly Conferences (Meetings) on Saturday. In the next few weeks you will receive the full program as it is being worked out by our committee.

The problems which our churches are facing demand a united Church among our people; and the unity of our Church will depend largely upon the unity of our ministers. If we are divided, our churches will be divided; if we stand together, our churches will stand together. No other week in the year offers us such opportunity to make and renew our acquaintances with our brothers in this common task to which we have been called as does this week of fellowship during the ministers' conference at Cragmont. Let this become our password: "I'll see you at Cragmont!"

Wm. Burkette Raper, Secretary,
North Carolina Ministerial Association of Free Will Baptists



THE CREATION

(Lesson for April)

Lesson: Genesis 1 and 2; Genesis 1:1-5; 24-31.

Golden Text: Psalm 104:24.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

1. The Profound Fact

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

This "beginning" is not that mentioned in John 1:1—"from eternity," but the beginning of the sidereal system, of which the sun, with its attendant planets, forms a part. John carries us back beyond all created things, when the work of creation had not commenced. It is deeply interesting to note that "God" is in the plural (Elohim), and it is joined with a singular verb. Here surely is the truth of the blessed Trinity!

While we are using the Hebrew word for God—Elohim—we will do well to learn that it is a uniplural noun. It is really a plural form, but is used with a singular meaning. You will find it clearly in the 26th and the 27th verses of our lesson. When the Heavenly Father was about to create man, He said to the Son (John 1:1), "Let Us make man in Our image." But the Record does not say that "They" created him in "Their" image: "in the image of God created He him." There always has come a very special pleasure to me in contemplating on the fact that our Lord Jesus had a part in this exceedingly magnificent business of the creation of the universe: "all things were made by Him; and without Him (the Word, our Lord Jesus) was not anything made that was made" (vs. 3). Read also Col. 1:15, 16.

In that connection we must not pass by the mention of the Holy Spirit in this lesson. In the 2nd verse of Gen. 1 we read, "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." Alexander Marlowe

in his translation gives it this way: "But the Spirit of the Elohim was brooding gently upon the face of the waters."

2. The Creator of Light

The creation of **light** occupies a great place in our study, for without light there could be no life, growth, fruitfulness. From the sun streams forth light and warmth which are so essential to animal and vegetable life. In the darkness grows the foul, poisonous fungus. In the light grows the green grass; the flowers in their beauty, and fragrance; the trees with their shady leaves and luscious fruit. God Himself is the **Source of all light**. "God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all" (1 Jn. 1:5). He covers Himself "with light as with a garment" (Ps. 104:2); He dwells in light unapproachable (1 Tim. 6:16). Into the world He sent His only Son, "the **Light of the world**" (John 8:12). He came bringing the light of truth to chase away our darkness, for "in Him was life; and the life was the **light of men**" (1:4, 9). They who receive Him as their Saviour, and follow Him, no longer stumble in the darkness (12:35). We are to **shun** the darkness, for we are the children of the day, and as God made a division between the light and darkness (Gen. 1:4), so, in the moral and spiritual realm, this division must be observed (II Cor. 6:14). The works of darkness are to be cast off and we are to put on the armor of light (Rom. 13:12).—Selected

3. The Food Question

Verse 30 of our lesson speaks of the food God has provided for every beast and fowl and creeping thing on the earth. Some years ago our friend W. B. VanValin spent considerable time in northern Alaska conducting explorations for the University of Pennsylvania. Among the many things he told was how he stood on top of pressure ice 75 feet high at Icy Cape, Alaska, and viewed with six-power binoculars as far as the eye could reach a black undulating line of ducks flying over the expanse of water between the shore ice and the polar pack. It was a marvelous spectacle. He said: "Millions of

ducks—where on earth or water have they all come from? Where are they going, and how can they obtain food sufficient to support such vast numbers?"

Man might well wonder how such vast numbers could ever survive in such an environment. If by some magic man were able to direct the migrations of these creatures he would be apt to make some tragic mistakes. No man, relying upon his own wisdom, would dare to send millions of fowls into the Arctic regions and expect them to survive; but when the infinite Intelligence which is behind nature does this through some instinctive prompting, in the scheme of things provision is made for their sustenance and survival.—Arnold's Commentary.

4. Psalm 139:4

We quote the paragraph below from an address by Dr. W. B. Riley on, "Are the Scriptures Scientific?"

When I read what the scientists have to say concerning the physical man I am staggered mentally! But if what they tell me is true, then the Psalmist's statement concerning the creation of his body is certainly justified.

If there be a thousand miles of blood vessels in my body; if there be 1,500,000 sweat glands on its surface; if my lungs are composed of 700,000,000 cells; if my heart beats for a single day were "concentrated into one huge throb of vital power, it would be sufficient to throw a ton of iron 120 feet into the air," then since it has already beat 3,000,000,000 times since I was born, and has lifted what would equal the weight of 600,000 tons; if my nervous system controlled by a brain that has 3,000,000,000,000 nerve cells of which 9,200,000,000 are in the cortex or covering of the brain alone; and if in my veins there are 30,000,000 white corpuscles and 180,000,000,000,000 red ones—then it is some job for an Amoeba to evolve itself into that complexity, I grant! It sounds to me more like the work of God.

"And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness * * so God created man" (Gen. 1:26, 27).

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The Power of the Resurrection



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"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead."—Philippians 3:10, 11.

Through the old dispensation, embodying the ethics of Sinai, concerning itself with the kingdom of God as affecting the present life rather than the life to come, the early Hebrew prophets, through divine revelation, taught the resurrection of the dead. The patriarch Job, although righteous, asked the question, Job 14:14, "If a man die shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come." Vs. 15, "Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee; thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands." Job could not see the fulness of the plan of redemption, yet he testifies of the hope. Job 19:25, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." Vs. 26, "And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." David believed in the resurrection of the dead. In the 49th chapter of Psalms, verse 15, we read, "But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me." The prophet Isaiah speaks of the resurrection in his prophecy, Isa. 26:19, "The dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise."

The early Christians were taught of the resurrection by the Lord himself, and they believed. After the crucifixion of our Lord the small group of women made a visit to the sepulchre where He had lain; "And

they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great" (Mark 16:3, 4). The women feared greatly, and an angel of the Lord appeared "And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. Vs. 6, "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay" (Matt. 28:5, 6).

The resurrection of our Lord is a historical fact. He was seen of the small group of women, seen of the two disciples on the Emmaus road, by the ten in the upper room, seen of the eleven, including doubting Thomas, seen of the disciples on the shores of Galilee, seen of five hundred believers in one company, seen of individual disciples on different occasions, and seen last of the eleven on the day He ascended into Heaven.

The resurrection of Christ is more than a historical fact. It is a spiritual force. The disciples were never empowered until after our Lord ascended, but immediately after He ascended the Holy Ghost descended on the day of Pentecost, and empowered the disciples. From the day of Pentecost God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, by the Holy Ghost has empowered thousands of men and women for greater service.

The resurrection is more than a historical fact, or spiritual force. It is the prophecy, hope, and assurance of future life. "Because I live ye shall live." The apostle Paul writes, 1st Thess. 4:16, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Vs. 17, "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

The promise of the resurrection to Christian believers appears four times in the 6th chapter of St. John alone, vs. 39 "And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day." Vs. 40, "And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day." Vs. 44, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him, and I will raise him up at the last day." Vs. 54, "Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

Christ arose from the dead as he said he would. He promised to come again to receive us unto himself, that where He is there may we be also. He left us this admonition, "Watch and pray," for in an hour ye think not the son of man cometh. Be ye also ready.

THE LOVE THAT HAS NO LIMITS

I am thankful to know that the love of God is greater than all things. It is through His love that we have life everlasting.

I'm so happy that I have the love of Jesus Christ in my heart and soul, although the pathway seems dark and dreary sometimes. But, if we will only think of Jesus, how as man he was born of a Virgin, was the reputed son of a carpenter; was subject to his parents, was himself a carpenter; was

wearied, hungered, thirsted, wept, betrayed, judged, condemned, crucified, complained to His Father forsaking Him, died and was buried. These are some of the reasons why this great Love has no limits, because it went above and below all limits.

Our blessed Saviour dropped all heights being rich to become poor. He made for Himself no reputation and took upon Himself the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of man. He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross, and today that great

love and blood will wash from us our sins. It is through the blood of Christ that I have that great love today, although I am not worthy. I thank God that I know and feel that Love today.

Rev. Edward Hodges
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Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.—John 19:22.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

How Do You Know That JESUS IS ALIVE!

G. H. CLEMENT

Next Sunday was Easter, and Johnny Dunlop knew that he would have to have his recitation a lot better than he had it that Thursday. Each class in the Sunday School was expected to do something in the special Easter open session, and he had to represent his class. Walking home from school that day he did not know that anyone was right behind him, so he started to practice his piece out loud. The theme of it was, of course, the risen Saviour; and the words of the angel to the women: Why seek ye the living among the dead? A loud laugh right behind Johnny startled him. He turned and saw it was Jim Woods, who was noted at school for his bad language and rough ways. Some of the younger boys called him a bully.

"Well, I'm surprised at you, Johnny," he exclaimed mockingly. "Of course I knew you went to Sunday School and all that, but you make me laugh about what you're saying about Jesus' being alive. How do you know that Jesus is alive?"

How do I know that Jesus is alive, thought Johnny? Well, I know He is because He lives in my heart. But somehow he figured that answer would not satisfy Jim.

"If you really want to know, Jim," he replied, "I will tell you. I know that you think the Bible is a book of fables, so there's no use telling you that what it says about Jesus' being alive is all that we need to know to prove He arose from the grave. I know you'd laugh at that. But something happened in our home a few

years ago that should convince you that Jesus lives today."

Jim glanced at Johnny, and laughed.

"What ever happened in your home, or anybody else's home that proves that Jesus is alive," he said with a sarcastic chuckle.

"Give me a chance and I'll tell you," replied Johnny. "My father came home from the last war with the bad habit of drink; something he never had before. Each Friday night he would take his pay to the veteran's clubhouse, and sit around with chaps he met overseas, and spend most of his money treating them and himself to booze. Saturday and Sunday were two days that Mother and we children dreaded. It wasn't long before Father lost his job; and when his job went so did our house. We all had to move into two rooms, and Mother had to get odd jobs along with Father to keep even this roof over our heads and buy enough food for us. Father still went to the clubhouse and spent money there that should have gone for food and clothes. For three years, Mother and the rest of us, had a terrible time.

"But one Friday night something happened. Father came home a changed man, and now our home is just like Heaven. This is what he told us: 'When I got finished cleaning Jones' office windows, I started for the clubhouse. I had walked only a few blocks when I passed some folks at the corner who were singing hymns. A boy handed me a tract, and I was about to tear it up when I noticed the title: *Are You Prepared for Eternity?* I had never thought of eternity before, so I shoved the tract in my pocket, thinking to read it sometime. When I got on the Barton Street tram and sat down, right across from me

on the sign rack was a card which read: "*Eternity Is Long Without God.*" Those words startled me. It seemed that a voice was speaking to my heart: "Prepare for eternity!" But I kept on going to the clubhouse.

"When I transferred unto the Kenilworth bus, a young chap sat beside me. Pretty soon he got to talking to me. He was a Christian. He got the conversation around to "religion," and I nearly fell off the seat when he remarked: "It's surprising the number of people who live as though there were no eternity!" He saw my face turn pale, and asked me if I were sick. "Yes," I said, "sick of sin!" I told him of how that word "eternity" was following me that night. The result was we got off the bus at Gore park, and right there and then I accepted Christ as my Saviour, and everything is going to be different from now on!"

Jim was listening intently. There was no smirk on his face now.

"And, Jim," continued Johnny, "everything was different from that night on. The difference was so great that Mother and I have accepted Jesus too; and we all joined that Gospel Church down on the corner of our street, and Father and Mother teach in the Sunday School. In fact, Father is a deacon there now, too. You can see for yourself how well he has done back at his old job of toolmaker; and we don't live in two rooms, either. And there is only one Person who did all this, Jim, and that is Jesus. He changed everything for us! So don't try to tell me, Jim, that Jesus isn't alive!"

Jim was silent for awhile, as they walked together down the street.

"Say, Johnny," he finally said, "what time is Sunday School next Sunday? How about calling for me?"

A few weeks later Jim found out that Jesus lives; not only because of what Johnny had told him, but because he had received Jesus by faith and now He lived within his heart.

REPORT SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION ARKANSAS

The Social Band Association of Free Will Baptists met in its 76th annual session, in September, 1950, with the Sutton church, near Pocahontas, Arkansas. The Association convened in a recent constructed and dedicated church edifice. A large representation attended during the three-day session. A harmonious spirit characterized the deliberations of the assembly. The devotional and preaching services were very inspiring and enjoyed by all.

The transactions of the delegation gave evidence that a greater evangelistic and missionary vision had taken hold of the churches. This spiritual awakening is

kept alive by the Quarterly meetings, fellowship meetings on each Monday evening after the first Sunday of each month, and a radio program each Sunday afternoon at 2:30 on Radio Station KPOC (1420K) in Pocahontas conducted by the Associational Evangelist, Eld. Henry Pauley.

The pastors and churches have shown a generous hand in the moral and financial support of the radio program which started last December. Letters of commendation and reports of conversions have come as a result of using the radio as a means of propagating the gospel of salvation. Letters of correspondence should be addressed to the F. W. B. Evangelistic Hour, care of KPOC, Pocahontas, Arkansas. I have been requested, in behalf of

the evangelist, to express his thanksgiving and appreciation for the cooperation of preachers and singers in the conducting of the radio program and for the financial support of those who have contributed to the Radio Fund. Your continued assistance in this undertaking will be greatly appreciated.

As loyal Christians to the cause of Social Band Association, may we ever so fill our place in the moral vineyard here that we shall see greater and richer blessings fall upon us to help us make ours a bigger and better Association.

Moderator, Eld. Carl High,
Peach Orchard, Ark.
Reporter, Mrs. I. C. Staten,
Pocahontas, Ark.

NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD MEETING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1951, IN HECTOR, ARKANSAS

The National Home Mission Board met in called session Friday, February 23, 1951, at Hector, Arkansas.

Members present were Chairman Rev. J. B. Bloss, Clerk, Treasurer, Rev. Harry E. Staires, Rev. Willard Day and Rev. Geo. W. McLain. Rev. Paul Pursell was elected to serve as proxy for Rev. James Evans, others present at the meeting were Rev. Diamond Dodd and Rev. J. D. Coffman.

Services opened under the direction of chairman, Rev. J. B. Bloss. Song service was conducted by Rev. Diamond D. Dodd. Prayer by Rev. Paul Pursell, Sermon by Rev. Willard Day, Subject: "My Church." Text—Matthew 16:18. One soul rededicated her life to the service of God.

(1) Motion carried Rev. Homer E. Willis and Rev. W. A. Hales serve as Regional Directors for the Eastern district, Michigan, Ohio, W. Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky.

(2) Motion carried Rev. Willard C. Day serve as Regional Director for the Central district, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

(3) Motion carried Rev. Luther Gibson serve as Regional Director of the Southeastern district, Mississippi, Alabama, South Carolina and Georgia.

(4) Motion carried Rev. George W. McLain serve as Regional Director of the Western district, Arizona, New Mexico and California.

(5) Motion carried Rev. Willard Day be empowered to have fifteen hundred cards printed for reports for the simultaneous revivals for the month of April.

(6) Motion carried to sponsor two new places for revivals and the establishment of new churches, Conway, Arkansas and Florence, South Carolina were accepted.

(7) Motion carried Rev. George McLain investigate the possibility of revivals in Albuquerque and Las Vegas, New Mexico.

(8) Motion carried Rev. Diamond C. Dodd conduct the revival meeting at Florence, South Carolina.

(9) Motion carries to employ two college students for revival work in the towns of Lewisburg, Fayetteville and Pulaski, Tennessee, and that we pay them \$75.00 per week.

(10) Motion carried to receive applications and establish a waiting list for home mission workers, rules are to be compiled by Rev. Harry E. Staires and Rev. Willard Day.

(11) Motion carried Rev. George McLain to go to Cuba, Illinois, and investigate the two independent Free Will Baptist Churches and try to bring them in cooperation with the National Association.

(12) Motion carried to share the expense of Rev. Diamond Dodd in the extension program to New York, Pennsylvania,

New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine.

(13) Motion carried that the Board ask the National Association for the sponsorship of the Church signs.

(14) Motion carried Rev. J. B. Bloss and Rev. W. S. Mooneyham work out a plan on the publishing of a special National Home Mission issue for the month of April for the simultaneous revivals.

(15) Motion carried to give the Free Will Baptist Church of Hector, Arkansas, and their good pastor Rev. J. B. Coffman a vote of thanks for the splendid hospitality shown during the board meeting.

(16) Motion carried to adjourn. Prayer by Rev. Willard Day.

Harry E. Staires
Oilton, Okla.

ARE YOU READY!

Miss Agnes Dilda
Fountain, N. C., Rt. 1

In Acts 1:11, we read, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

We all know that Christ is coming again. I wonder how many of us are prepared for his coming. Each of us as individuals know whether we are ready or not. We can't depend on someone else living a life for us so that we may be ready for Christ. There are a lot of people today who are not thinking about the coming of Christ. All they are thinking about is some worldly thing, such as the shows and dances.

In 1 John 2:15 we read, "Love not the world neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." We all know today that the theatres are supported better than the Church. It's the church members, as well as the ones that are not church members, who are supporting such places.

Luke 12:40 read, "Be ye therefore ready also for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

This scripture is warning us of the Second coming of Christ. It's not only the Bible warning us today of the second coming of Christ but nearly every preacher is preaching about it. So we know the time is near at hand. So I hope we can all say we will turn to the Lord. We know that the time is short, if we're not all the way right with God we had better get right. So every Christian should be praying and watching so that we will be prepared for his second coming. So let's all let our light shine brighter for Jesus every day. So we should all think as the song goes: "No one ever cared for me like Jesus." Let us realize what he has done for us and show him what we can do for Him. We should show the Lord we are not ashamed of Him. God tells us in His word that if we are ashamed to confess the Lord as our own

personal Saviour He will be ashamed to confess us before His Father. Surely we don't want to think about the Lord being ashamed to confess us. So let's all live as if we knew the Lord were coming tomorrow. The Lord is always waiting to accept us into His kingdom so if we live a Christian life we will be a child of the King.

THE EASTER ROAD

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of his colleagues were honoring him, One of them asked him to name his greatest discovery. Simpson's answer must have been a bit startling to these men. "My greatest discovery," he said, "is that I was a great sinner and Jesus Christ has forgiven my sins and saved me." Yes, we can know Jesus, not only through Scripture, but also through personal experience.

This revelation of Jesus was the disciples' assurance of help for the task that lay ahead. Standing in their midst, the Master said, "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And behold I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high."

We need have no question about that experience of power. The Word of God is too plain. Read the Acts of the Apostles and see what a mighty release of power it represented in the lives of the disciples. It is the power to be and the power to do. It is the power to enjoy and the power to endure. It is the power to work and the power to witness. Oh, what power it was, and still is!

"The great cause of social crime is drink. The great cause of poverty is drink. I go to the gallows and ask its victim the cause—drink. Then I ask myself in perfect wonderment, 'Why do not men put a stop to this thing?'"—Archbishop Ireland

"Our revenue may derive some unholy benefit from the sale of alcohol, but the entire trade is nevertheless a covenant with sin and death."—Lord Bacon.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS . . .

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There will be an abundance of helpful material in our quarterlies, we are sure, and all who love the Bible will make use of it, and be blessed. Those who have the opportunity should review Dr. G. H. Pember's book, *Earth's Earliest Ages*. The sections of this volume dealing with Spiritualism, Theosophy and Buddhism deserve much attention in these last days.

NOTES AND QUOTES

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STEPHAN A WITNESS

"But he, (Stephen) being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God" (Acts 7:55, 56). Here a dying saint lifts his eyes and sees the visible Christ at the right hand of God. None but an infidel would deny this evidence. "And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my Spirit" (Acts 7:59).

Again may we turn back to the first chapter of the Acts; and from the eighth through the eleventh verse, we learn again that they saw Him go up and they looked steadfastly toward heaven. He went away a visible Lord; and, just as He went away, He is coming back. They saw Him with the natural eye. We will see Him, when He comes again, with the natural eye. He went away in the clouds and He will come in the clouds. Visible clouds—clouds that can be seen with the natural eye.

"Behold he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him; and all kindreds of the earth shall see him" (Revelation 1:7).

THE FIRST EASTER MORN

Softly and silently the shadows crept,
From the lonely grave where the Saviour slept.

Three days He lay dead in the silent tomb,
Wrapped in darkness, its chill and gloom,

And lo! the stone was rolled away,
And the Master stood in the light of day.

Then Mary, who came ere the break of day,
To weep o'er the place where her Saviour lay,

Saw nothing there in the misty gloom,
But the grave clothes laid in the empty tomb.

"Oh, where have they laid my Lord?" she cried;

She knew not that He stood there by her side.

"Mary!" that voice she loved so well,
Like sweetest music on her fell,
And turning she beheld the King,
The Lord she sought in sorrowing.
Then prostrate at His feet she lies,
"Rabboni, Master, Lord," she cries.

"Touch me not, the Master said,
Behold I'm risen from the dead,
I go to meet your God and mine,
Go tell the news in every clime."
He conquered death, sin and the grave!
He died, He lives, mankind to save!

—Lillian Byers

PROGRAM

EASTERN QUARTERLY MEETING

Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists

HEADS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

HEADS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Route 3, Cedar Hill, Tenn.

APRIL 7, 1951

Theme: *Advancing Through Our National*

Program

- 10:00—Congregational singing
- 10:10—Devotional message, Rev. W. C. Clearman
- 10:25—Welcome extended, Rev. William Mishler
- 10:30—Registration period:
Enrolling delegates and ministers
Reports from churches
Appointment of committees
Announcements
- 11:00—Congregational singing
- 11:15—Message, Rev. J. L. Welch
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:15—Congregational singing
- 1:25—Introduction to Open Forum, Rev. L. C. Johnson
- 1:45—Open Forum: "The National Program in Relation to the Local Church," conducted by Rev. L. C. Johnson
- 2:15—Miscellaneous business
- 2:30—Adjournment

Walter Reynolds

REV. WELLS TO CONDUCT REVIVAL

Rev. Wells of Winterville, N. C., will begin a revival meeting Wednesday, March 28, at Piney Grove Church, Beaufort County. The services will begin each evening at eight o'clock.

Olander Harrison

Subscribe to the Baptist.

Financial Statement of The Home Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists by States

Cash on hand July 13, 1950\$1,401.24

Receipts

Alabama	\$ 78.00
California	105.00
Georgia	20.00
Illinois	112.50
Michigan	64.26
Missouri	13.75
Mississippi	12.00
North Carolina	182.96
Oklahoma	286.54
South Carolina	81.00
Tennessee	360.50
Texas	4.00
Woman's National Auxiliary	102.11
Promotional Office Nat'l. Assn.	145.50
Offering at National Association	75.06
Total	\$1,643.18
Grand Total	\$3,044.42

Disbursements

Printing checks	1.25
Office supplies	2.00
Home Mission cards	14.50
Secretarial work	2.00
Church at Norman, Oklahoma	125.00
Mailing tags	6.72
St. Francis quarterly meeting of Missouri	100.00
Cashing of checks	1.40
State Board of Missions, North Carolina	250.00
Promotional Department	600.00
Church at Prague, Okla.	100.00
Church at Springfield, Tenn.	100.00
Telephone	3.00
Printing Letter heads	18.70
Printing of simultaneous revival meetings	32.00
Rev. Willard Day—expense	13.00
Rev. J. B. Bloss—expense	23.88
Rev. Geo. W. McLain—expense ..	39.68
Rev. Harry E. Staires—expense ..	12.00
Total	\$1,445.13
Cash on hand March 1, 1951	\$1,599.29

REMEMBER THE MONTH OF APRIL IS NATIONAL HOME MISSION MONTH. LET US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$6,000.00.

Yours for Missions,
Rev. Harry E. Staires, Secy.-Treas.,
Oilton, Oklahoma

Friendship is a word, the very sight of which in print makes the heart warm.—Augustine Birrell.

Perfection is attained by slow degrees; she requires the hand of Time.—Voltaire.

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Sunday morning is a time when all church lovers look forward to with pleasure. As Christians we should be ever thankful to our Heavenly Father for the privilege of attending Sunday School and church services.

Since the First Free Will Baptist church in Portsmouth, Virginia, was organized, it has grown rapidly, both in membership and spirituality. On January 22, 1950, the ladies of the church met and organized their Sunday School class with eight members present. Since that time the class has grown to a membership of twenty-five. Not only in body have we increased, but the Christian fellowship and spiritual unity have been wonderful blessings to the entire church membership. The inspiration which everyone has in going forward is plainly seen and keenly felt by each member of the church.



THE LADIES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The ladies of our class visit the sick. They send out sick cards, and give baskets of fruits that the less fortunate may share our joys and our blessings. The salvation which we share with others, and the way we Christians live will keep us more and more closely to the Lord. God is holding us responsible to do our part, and if we fail, then we shall have to give an account to our Lord.

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Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

C. R. CALHOUN

On January 8, 1951, the great reaper visited the home of Bro. C. R. Calhoun, and took his wife who was, before her marriage, Miss Zora McGlamory. She was the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary Ann Richards McGlamory.

She was born April 11, 1890, and died January 8, 1951, making her stay here on earth 60 years, 8 months, and 27 days.

She was a devoted wife, and loving mother.

In early life she joined with Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church where she was a very active and faithful member for 46 years. In her last years her health greatly handicapped her work.

She leaves to mourn their loss her husband, Bro. C. R. Calhoun, three sons, Oscar W., Arthur W., and James M. Calhoun; one daughter-in-law, Amanda Calhoun; two grandchildren, Margie Laverne, Arthur Wayne Calhoun, all of Cordele, Ga., except Sgt. James M. Calhoun of the U. S. Army.

Sister Calhoun was much loved, and respected by all who knew her.

She was a great Christian teacher for those with whom she came in contact.

—Written by her cousin, W. L. Cason

CHARNIE ADAMS

A year ago this month, Brother Charnie Adams of Durham, N. C., went home to be with the Lord. The memory of his godly life lives on. He was a Christian who was loved by all who knew him.

Brother Adams was a member of the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church and a former member of the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church of Durham. He served as Deacon in both churches. He served as treasurer of the Edgemont Church for 14 years. During the 18 years of his ministry as a Free Will Baptist layman, he labored faithfully in numerous offices. How keenly has his absence been felt during the past year!

His friends and loved ones are comforted with the blessed hope of being reunited with him someday. Until that day, his memory shall continue to live on and be a blessing.

By one of his many friends

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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

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BIBLE CONFERENCE
FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE
April 15-19, 1951

The dates of the Bible Conference of the Free Will Baptist Bible College are April 15-19. There has been a slight change in the dates that were previously agreed upon. You who have seen a College catalogue have noticed that spring Bible Conference was announced for April 8-12. Because of other scheduled meetings which many of our people wish to attend, it was decided that we would move the Conference up one week.

The Annual spring Bible Conference has become a fixed date with many of our people looking this way for a period of fellowship and blessing. If you have been attending the Conferences in past years, we know that you will not want to miss this one. If you have never attended one of the Conferences, we give you an invitation to make your plans to be with us on these announced dates.

C. L. Johnson

EVERY TITHER WIN A TITHER

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Tennessee
W. N. A. C. Treasurer

Tithers are won like souls are won—by personal witnessing. Not many churches are content to leave all soul-winning to the pulpit. We should not be willing to count our stewardship enlistment task well done when we have utilized only public speech in the pulpit and woman's auxiliary meetings. The impact of a church's—and a woman's auxiliary—stewardship enlistment program is in personal witnessing.

It is not enough to believe and practice the gospel of salvation. We must proclaim it, and win others to believe, and receive it before we have begun to fulfill our Christian duty. So it is with that phase of the gospel which deals with stewardship. It is not enough to believe it and practice it. We must proclaim it and win others to believe it and obey it. There is an obligation to personal witnessing in stewardship.

If in this year, 1951, every woman who is a member of a Woman's Auxiliary, would take as her slogan "Every tither win a tither," the W. N. A. C. would surely advance to new stewardship achievement in this year. This is truly a task every Woman's Auxiliary and all Youth Auxiliaries could be "Workers together with Him" all during this year. When one tither has found the joy of winning another tither, she has started something which keeps on and on. When one has won one, one does not stop with one! But there is where it surely starts. May 1951 be the year when W. N. A. C. has once again started something!

by

EVERY TITHER WINNING ANOTHER TITHER

In cooperation with the Stewardship Commission of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, the W. N. A. C. has in her 1951 Plan of Work this statement: "a 10% increase in the number of tithers reported at the close of the preceding year." This statement is Point IV on the 1951 Standard of Achieve-

ment. Therefore, to be A-1 in 1951, a Woman's Auxiliary must have at least a ten per cent increase in the number of tithers. But, easier and a more worthy goal, we believe, is for every tither now enrolled in each auxiliary to win another tither. Such a goal would certainly enable each auxiliary to achieve Point VI. on the Standard in 1951. May we count on you, auxiliary member, to take as your 1951 stewardship slogan and plan of activity in your auxiliary **EVERY TITHER WIN A TITHER?**

NEWS FROM FAIRMOUNT PARK CHURCH

Greetings from the Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia.

We praise the Lord for His wonderful blessings in the past. Our work here in Norfolk is still growing. It seems that our congregation has grown to the extent that the seating capacity has been overflowed. Due to that fact, we have organized Sunbeams, and are in the process of organizing a Junior Church. This will make seating space for quite a number. We are proud of our young people who are doing a wonderful work and love God with a mind to serve Him. Our Departmental work has really grown to the extent that our Educational Building is inadequate to take care of our Sunday School. For this we are grateful unto God. We see that in the near future we will need more space.

However, in view of the fact that there are many people in the armed forces of the country, and many of our own Free Will Baptist people are in service and will be stationed from time to time in and near Norfolk, we want to extend to them an invitation to come and worship with us. Also, there are those who will be visiting those service men and we want them to come and worship with us as often as it is possible. There is always an unspeakable welcome found in the Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church. Someone has put it thus: "It is the friendliest church in the city." This is a wonderful expression and we praise God for those who feel this way.

Our church activities are thus: Sunday School at 9:45 A. M., Morning Worship at 11:00 A. M., Free Will Baptist Leagues, (all ages) at 6:45 P. M., and the Evening Worship Services at 8:00 P. M. This service is broadcasted over Norfolk Station W. C. A. V., 850 on the dial. Beginning April first the Morning Worship will be broadcasted. Our Mid-week Prayer Meeting at 8:00 P. M. on Wednesday evenings. This is a wonderful fellowship hour.

We feel that once visitors come in to worship with us, they will want to come again and will soon become a part of us.

Now, we are not so proud of our work that we do not want anyone to pray for

us, but with only the grace of God, the church is what it is. Please pray much that we will continue to do as God wants us to do in the field of soul-winning.

Our pastor has a wonderful passion for souls that are lost and so with our leaders of the church. It is our desire to see souls won to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Upon this writing, we are in the middle of a revival and we can feel the power of the Holy Spirit in every service. The pastor, the Reverend W. A. Hales is doing a wonderful job of preaching, and our Education and Musical Director, the Reverend J. Albert Harris, is leading the Song Service. Much can be accomplished in this meeting if we will only pray for a oneness of heart. Please pray that we can always be in the spirit of revival in this church.

IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AT PINE LEVEL CHURCH

We feel that when a church does a good piece of work that it should get proper recognition, not from the standpoint of boasting, but that it may be an incentive for others to do something for their church.

For a long time our Sunday School with an enrollment of over 100 had to have classes held in the church auditorium. Sufficient interest was aroused for the building of 4 Sunday School class rooms at the cost of about \$3,000. In addition to the Sunday School rooms a new piano has been purchased. Also at the beginning of winter the church got busy and installed a gas heating system for the church auditorium and Sunday School rooms.

The Ladies Auxiliary has purchased venetian blinds for the auditorium of the church, and now their project is to construct a solid foundation under the auditorium, using cement blocks.

Mrs. Denson Wheeler,
Alma, Ga., Route 4

GOD IS PRESENT EVERYWHERE

They who seek the throne of grace
Find that Throne in every place.
If we live a life of prayer,
God is present everywhere.

In our sickness or in our health
In our want or in our wealth,
If we look to God in prayer,
He is present everywhere.

When our earthly comforts fail,
When the false of life prevail,
Use the time for earnest prayer,
God is present everywhere.

Then, my soul, in every straight,
To thy Father come and wait.
He will answer every prayer,
God is present everywhere.

Mrs. Ida Barrow Pollard
Ayden, N. C.,

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

My dear reader, do you have a family altar? Every home should have a family altar. There are many reasons why. One is that we are taught to "bring up our children in righteousness." Paul says, "And, ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). Notice that the scripture says, "fathers," not mothers. Yet the most of fathers turn the matter of religious training over to the mother. "Mother, you will have to attend to that boy," is often said by the fathers. One reason is that so many fathers have no spiritual knowledge. It is a shame, and a sin against the child, for the father to be so ignorant of God's truth that he knows nothing of teaching his child the truth of God's law. The father is the head of the home. But some homes have very poor heads. God placed the responsibility on the father, and it will be an awful judgment when that father who has neglected the training of his child, shall stand at the judgment bar of God.

About the best thing that I have ever read outside the Bible on the "FAMILY ALTAR" is a little tract by W. E. Beiderwolf. This tract is entitled "REASONS FOR A FAMILY ALTAR." Mr. Beiderwolf says, "Every Christian home should have a family altar." He gives ten important reasons as follows:

"1. Because it will send you forth to daily task with a cheerful heart, stronger for the work, truer to duty, and determined in whatever is done to glorify God.

Read Colossians 3:17.

2. "Because the family altar will give you strength to meet the discouragements, disappointments, unexpected adversities, and sometimes the blind hopes that may fall to your lot. Read Hebrews 2:18.

"3. Because it will make you conscious throughout the day of the attending presence of an unseen, divine One, who will bring you through more than conqueror over every unholy thought or thing that rises up against you. Read Philippians 4:4-7.

"4. Because the family altar will sweeten the home life of every Christian and will enrich home relationships as nothing else can do. Read Ephesians 6:1-9.

"5. Because it will dissolve the misunderstandings and go toward relieving the friction which sometimes intrudes into the sacred precincts of family life. Read Romans 12:9-11.

"6. Because the family altar will hold, as nothing else, the boys and girls who are now young men and women when they have gone from the parental roof. The family altar very largely determines the eternal salvation of children in Christian homes. Read II Timothy 3:15-17.

"7. Because it will exert a helpful and hallowed influence over those who may at any time be guest within the home. Read Romans 14:7-9.

"8. Because the family altar will enforce, as perhaps nothing else can do, the work of your pastor in pulpit and pew, And will stimulate the life of your church in its every activity. Read Romans 15:6, 7.

"9. Because the family altar will furnish an example and a stimulus to other homes for the same kind of life and service and devotion to God. Read Acts 2:46, 47.

"10. Because the Word of God requires the family altar; in thus obeying God we honor Him who is the giver of good and source of all blessing. Read Romans 12:1, 2."

The above tract can be secured by writing to the "Good News Publishers, 411 S. Wells St., Chicago, Ill.

Lasting Results

The family altar is a part of the family life that will last. A certain Christian father who had used the blessing of the family altar passed on to his reward. The home place fell into the hands of the younger son, who desired to rearrange the building and to make it more modern.

Room after room was modernized. Then they came to the living room, where father's Bible and the table were where family worship was held. As the young man, who had not accepted Christ as a personal Saviour, beheld the table and Bible, he asked the carpenters to retire for a while. Then he took the Bible, read some, and bowed, and surrendered his life to his father's God. It was the remembrance of those things which he had been taught at the family altar that caused him to do this.

The wise man said, "train up a child in the way that he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." My father said, "he might get off when he was young, but that he would come back." That is true in a large measure.

One night when in a revival meeting, just as the altar service was being announced, I noticed a man sitting on the side of the church steps. When the altar service began with the singing and the invitation was given, this ragged dirty clothed man, who was not too sober, came in and to the altar he went. He said, "I'm not dressed fit for this place, but as I was passing I heard the singing, and it took me back to my home and boyhood days, and I had to stop, and listen. I want to get back to God and to the spirit of my home life and church." These memories will last when placed there for the glory of God.

DEDICATION OF NEW BUILDING AT OWEN'S CHAPEL

BRUCE BARROW OF SNOW HILL, *Pastor*

The new building at Owen's Chapel, not far from Wilson, North Carolina, will be dedicated on the second Sunday in May. A special program will be arranged for the occasion. A spread dinner will be served at the noon hour on the church grounds. Former pastors, members, neighbors and visiting friends are given a special invitation to be present for this service. Special messages in song and designated speakers will be outstanding phases of the day's program. We are extending to the public a cordial invitation to come and enjoy the Christian fellowship with us on this occasion.



Promoting with the Promotional Secretary



Damon C. Dodd

The mist sweeping in from Chesapeake bay draped the landscape in a soft sheen, transforming the buildings of Norfolk into bashful statues seeking to wrap themselves in this ethereal mass. Windows became channels for tiny rivulets which made their way, hesitantly at first, and then more boldly across the smooth panes. The slow drip, drip of the lazy drizzle had a lullaby effect on everyone and everything and as a result no one seemed to be in a hurry. The thin lines of traffic moved cautiously, their progress marked momentarily by vivid tirelines on the pavement, only to be obliterated as more of the never-ceasing water came relentlessly on. It was a typical rainy day in the old, old city reenacting a scene which had been played many times before.

We had completed one of our most successful C. W. I. sessions at the Fairmount Park church in Norfolk and I was moving on to the next assignment. But before I leave, let's review some of the highlights of that session. The outstanding characteristic of the whole thing was the spirit of revival which pervaded every class and predominated most of them. The 56 pupils enrolled were enthusiastic about every subject and threw themselves into the work wholeheartedly. They were paced in this spirit by their indomitable leader and pastor, Rev. W. A. Hales. Undoubtedly, this man has more zeal and fervency for the Free Will Baptist cause in general and more genuine love and devotion for his church and people than the average F. W. B. pastor. He attended all the sessions when he was able and his was always the personification of enthusiasm and eagerness. His fine cooperation did much to make the C. W. I. the success that it was. The closing service featured the missionary theme and after showing the picture "A Letter to Meletino"—we received a nice offering and sold several copies of the book, "His Name Among All Nations." The interven-

ing Sunday service saw three souls saved and two of them added to the church. It was indeed with reluctance that I took my departure from the lovely people of Norfolk, especially from Mr. and Mrs. Otto Capps, whose home was ours while we were there.

On Sunday morning I set my sights toward Chester, Pennsylvania and Crozer Theological Seminary where I was to look into the collection of Free Will Baptist historical material which they have. The first leg of the trip was an interesting and exciting one, in that I went by ferry from Norfolk across the bay to Kiptopeke beach, Virginia. The day was none too ideal for the trip across and once I had driven onto the huge boat there was not much to be seen, inasmuch as the fog enshrouded everything. The trip required one and one-half hours and when we landed on the other side the skies were literally pouring out the rain. It was rather treacherous on the slippery pavement but I drove on to Wilmington, Delaware before nightfall.

The next morning I went on over to Chester, Pennsylvania which was only 35 miles distant. The jaunt was made with dispatch and having located the Seminary I was soon in the midst of a most interesting experience. The Seminary library houses the collection of the American Baptist Historical Society, whose curator is Mr. Edwin Starr. This gentleman proved to be of great assistance and he readily and happily pointed out all of the Free Will Baptist material which I wanted. The next few hours flew by as the scenes of F. W. B. history came alive on the pages. Minutes and records of General Conference, the Young People's work, Missionary endeavor, and educational ventures were all there and all of them told their stories; stories of success, failure, sacrifice, attainment, victory and defeats. I

learned that Free Will Baptists have a wonderful heritage and one of which we can well be proud. We would do well to emulate some of the deeds and much of the faith of our forefathers.

One of the important discoveries made on this trip was the location of Free Will Baptist churches in New York state. Brother Hales had made a contact earlier and had secured valuable information of churches of our faith and name in the Empire state. In all, a total of five such churches were located. We are in contact with them and the pastors have been invited to attend our Bible Conference and National Association meetings. It remains yet to be seen what developments will result and what the next step will be.

Leaving Pennsylvania I came back to Nashville just in time to get into the worst ice storm in Tennessee history. We improved on the time to catch up on correspondence and were also able to practically complete manuscript for a Free Will Baptist Minister's Handbook.

Sunday, February 11 found me on the road again, this time to Arkansas bound. I arrived Monday P. M., in Hector, Arkansas and the Welcome Home church and community where I was to conduct a C. W. I. I am making my home with Mr. and Mrs. Lawnie Coffman, whom I met in Pocahontas where they attended an Institute. This is the very first of these sessions ever to come to this section and the response is more than gratifying, with keen interest being shown in all the courses.

With this I'll be taking my leave of you. I'll write next month from Georgia. In the meantime keep praying and working and doing your best for God and your church.

I hold it to be a fact, that if all persons knew what each said of the other, there would not be four friends in the world.—Pascal.

SIN OF PROCRASTINATION or MIDDLE SIN

Rev. W. F. Clark
Thomasville, Ga.

First, I want us to take into consideration the life of the great apostle Paul (Acts 9). In his life we see the awfulness and destructiveness of the sins of omission and commission put into action through the lift of a man. This man was none other than Paul, with a mind to destroy the church and to silence Christians everywhere he went, even unto death. But with him we find a broad mind. Even when he served the Devil he was open. He never denied he was against God, but one day he arrested, tried, and put to death a man so powerful and beautiful with a prayer on his dying lips for his enemies, of which Paul was chief. This life seized Paul, His simple prayer pierced his heart and he found himself under conviction.

Now we come to the text, **The Sin of Procrastination**. We find Paul facing this sin. For the first time, something had Paul and Paul had something that made him miserable. Only one thing would give relief. That was an open confession—not put it off, but decide what to do, and do what he decided.

Now to the readers of this message, Have you dealt fair with yourself as this great man did, or have you stopped at conviction and living the Sin of Procrastination, or the Middle sin? As it was with Paul, so it is with us. We are facing justice. A religion without an experience will not stand at the judgment.

At the cross roads, out a little way from Damascus Paul had an experience, a change of heart, soul, and mind. He didn't change his course. He changed weapons. It seemed that the people were looking for him and were afraid of him, but, Praise God, the change had taken place. There was a new name written down in Glory.

Now, from this sacred spot we find Paul, number two, a lover of the

church, and a blessing to the church he cursed and persecuted only yesterday. Isn't it wonderful how God's grace works! But it works!

I believe that if a few in each of our churches would get away from this **Sin of Procrastination**, and make an open confession—change weapons as Paul did—that we could see the power demonstrated as of old. The power was only promised to those who receive him. We can pray for a Pentecostal revival, the rest of our natural lives, and until we receive the giver of revivals and of power, our prayers will not be answered. The only thing unusual about the one hundred and twenty was they had received Christ. Christ was in each of their hearts. They had power. They were chosen vessels, and so are we if we will receive Christ.

Peter never cursed anymore. He kept his head up and never went back. Why? Because he received Jesus in his heart. A lot of people are trying to justify themselves in sin by referring to Peter. Brother, if you will show me where Peter ever committed a sin after Pentecost, I will eat the book. Why? Because he had received Jesus in his heart and what was sufficient for Paul is sufficient for us. Jesus is our sufficiency.

Yes, Paul, number two, was faithful all the way from the cross-roads to the chop-block. To do this he gave up the world and so will we, if we see the power demonstrated as of old, for there is nothing new, says the book.

"Without him was not anything made that was made." So, Brother, Sister, decide wisely. Ask God to help you decide. Remember, he said, "If you lack wisdom, ask of God who giveth liberally and never turneth away." Yes, decide as for Eternity. Surely we can afford to follow the one with all power. He it was who said, "Come unto me all that labor and are heavy laden. I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Brother, the door is wide open and the table is spread. A square meal is awaiting you. Don't be foolish

and never be satisfied as most of the church members are today for they have themselves fooled. Just got under conviction, joined the church, went to sleep in the Devil's cradle. Brother, hear me, if that is all you have, one day with the drunkards, liars, whoremongers, you will cry for the rocks and mountains to fall on you. Why? Because you will see hell staring you in the face. God has provided a square meal for his people, a satisfying portion, a knowledge of the truth. We find an open door, also an invitation. "The spirit and the bride say, Come, And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17). With your knowledge and mind of good reason, ask yourself this question: "WHERE WILL I SPEND ETERNITY?"

A GOOD REVIVAL AT BRANCH CHURCH

Wade Calvert was the Evangelist

On March the fifth Brother Wade Calvert of Belmont, North Carolina, began a spring revival meeting at Gray Branch Church. The messages were good each night, and everyone seemed to have been filled with the spirit of the Lord. There were forty souls that went to the altar, some being church members and others were not. It was a great meeting in the Lord.

We thank God for such preachers like Brother Calvert. Around three hundred people attended this meeting each night. Different churches were represented, as Deep Run, Piney Grove, Smith's New Home, Sandy Plain, Bethel, Long Ridge, Cabin, Christian Chapel, Woodington, Kinston, Whaley's Chapel, Pilgrim's Home, and North East.

The visiting ministers during the meeting were: Reverends R. C. Kennedy, S. R. Kennedy, J. R. Davenport, Emmett Murphy, Tyndall, C. D. Hamilton, T. P. Ellis, and Baker of Fountain, N. C. This meeting was enjoyed by all attending the services. Rev. R. W. Miller, our pastor, of Mount Olive, North Carolina, was present during the meeting.

Walter King

"Nine-tenths of our poverty, squalor, vice, and crime spring from these poisonous tap-root. Society, by its habits, customs and laws, has greased the slope down which these poor creatures slide to perdition."—General Booth.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

"WATCH YE AND PRAY"

It was in the Garden late at night, when Jesus uttered these words to the Apostle Peter. They were all tired, weary, and sleepy. It was hard for the disciples to keep their eyes open, nor did they fully understand what was about to take place very soon in their very presence.

Peter, James and John were within the Garden a short distance from the others who were at or near the entrance. Jesus had been at prayer, a little further on in the Garden from these three followers. His heart was heavy, his soul was grieved, as he returned to Peter, James and John, there finding them sleeping.

"Simon, sleepest Thou? couldest not thou watch one hour? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." There is need of wakefulness, alertness to watch for the enemy, and to pray. Temptation will come. Be ready to withstand it. Let not mortal flesh and sleep have control over the spirit. Pray that God will sustain you, that His Holy Spirit will guide you, and that no evil will take hold of you.

There is a crisis that is coming soon. Be ready, the flesh is weak, though the spirit is "truly ready." Ye know not now what agony the Master is passing through, but you will better understand later. Be strong, courageous, and prayerful for any eventuality that may come upon you. The enemy will try you, but God's Spirit will hold you up if you will look to Him for strength and guidance.

This same command, "Watch ye and pray," comes today from our Lord to us who are weak in the flesh, and who have all about us the temptations of Satan. When the Church is being tested and tried on every hand, with so much evil in the world, there is grave need for God's people to "watch and pray," and resolve with firm determination, and with the help of God to withstand the forces of evil in the world. Christ in heaven is interceding for his Church here upon earth, and is pleading that the leadership be ever resolute, and courageous to preach the Word in all its purity to a lost and ruined world.

Christ's followers are to watch the course of crime in this country, and seek to check that course. They are to watch the trend of alcoholic beverages, and strive to curtail the manufacture and use by the American people. They are to observe the great devastating effects

of gambling, cheating, and deceiving people who are innocent, and to put forth efforts to make reputable citizens out of those who follow such evil practices in our nation. God's ministering servants are to pray for a sweeping revival in this country that multitudes may see the error of their ways and turn to God and seek salvation. The Church is to be ever faithful, resolute in purpose, patient in hope, and enduring in its efforts to stamp out so much crime, injustice, unbelief and the like, by preaching the Word—declaring the whole counsel of God to the lost everywhere. So teach the divine truth to all classes of people that they may come to know that there is no other way for peace, rest and assurance of lasting happiness other than through and by the Lord Jesus who made the supreme sacrifice on the cross for the salvation of a sinful world.

How important it is that the Church watch and pray always, and keep ever before the peoples of earth the truth of life as laid down in the Bible. Above all else in the world, God's truth must be ever kept before mankind. It will take, as has been true down the past ages, faith, great faith, and the rendering of untiring services for the cause of righteousness if this world is to be won for Christ. The world is being shaken with the lack of confidence in a great many leaders because of their untrustworthiness in high places. Distrust is being felt on every hand in most every phase of human endeavor. Some are beginning to question: Who is my friend? Whom can I believe, or whom may I trust? The Devil is having his way with multitudes of people everywhere. Thus, it behooves the church, and all its forces to arise in strength, faith, and determination to oppose evil wherever it is found. Paul did not slacken his determination to preach Christ because he was opposed on every hand wherever he went. Luther did not give up because he had all Europe against him. Wesley did not cease to preach the gospel of Christ because England criticised, and high churchmen, so-called, cried out against him.

Indeed, the Church today must arise to meet the challenge. The Church must watch and pray; it must hold on to Christianity—the greatest thing in the world; and it must work long and hard, while these days are evil, to lessen the forces of Satan, and at the same time strengthen the power of righteousness by preaching Christ through the power and influence of the Holy Spirit.

NOTICE

This is to advise that I will be available for pastoral work on second and fourth Sundays for another year.

D. A. Windham,
Greenville, N. C.

"I don't want my face washed," cried Jane.

"Oh, come now," grandmother coaxed, "I've washed my face three times a day since I was a little girl like you." Jane (looking at the wrinkles) "Yes, and just see how it shrunk."

A girl met an old flame and decided to highhat him.

"Sorry," she murmured, when the hostess introduced them, "I didn't get your name."

"I know you didn't," he replied, "but it wasn't your fault, you tried hard enough."

PROGRAM

OF THE

Twelfth Annual Session

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION-INSTITUTE

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 20, 1951

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PROGRAM

THEME: *Accountability*

TEXT: "So then everyone of us shall give an account of himself to God." Romans 14:12

SONG: "Ready"

REV. J. ALBERT HARRIS Music Director

THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 19th

- 9:00—Registration (convention officers' conference)
 10:00—Opening Assembly, Congregational Singing
 10:15—Welcome Address Walter Croom
 Superintendent of Orphanage
 10:20—Response Hazel Dawkins
 10:25—Devotions Rev. W. A. Hansley
 "Accountability of Our Time"
 10:35—Introductory Business Session: Selection of Temporary
 committees, reports of convention officers, etc.
 11:05—President's Message
 11:20—Our 1951 Cragmont Program . . . Rev. Rashie Kennedy
 11:25—Chorus Singing
 11:30—Convention Sermon: *"Accountability"* . Rev. F. B. Cherry
 12:00—Lunch and Recreation

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00—Congregational Singing
 1:15—Meditation Mrs. L. E. Ballard

"Accountability of Our Talents"

- 1:25—Annual Sunday School Institute—Session No. 1
 Subject: *"Field Secretary Service"*

1. "Why We Need a Full Time Field Secretary," Rev. Rashie Kennedy
2. "Accountability of Field Secretary," Rev. Bruce Barrow
3. "Financing Our Field Secretary," Rev. R. H. Jackson

2:50—Congregational Singing

3:00—Announcements, Assignments to homes, etc.

3:10—Adjourn

THURSDAY EVENING

"Youth for Christ" Service

- 7:30—Music Service—Congregational singing, special music, and
 chorus singing—Mrs. Bagley Morris
 8:00—"Declaring Yourself" (testimony time)
 8:30—Sermon Rev. J. B. Narron
 "Responsibility of Youthful Stewards"
 9:00—Adjourn

FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 20

- 10:00—Congregational Singing
 10:10—Devotions Rev. R. W. Allman
 10:20—Report of Delegate to National Sunday School Convention;
 Report of State Field Secretary Program; Report of Our
 1951 Cragmont Program Rev. Rashie Kennedy
 —Report of District Sunday School Conventions by their
 Presidents
 —Report of Orphanage Walter Croom
 —Greetings From:
 State Convention of Churches of North Carolina—Rev. L.
 E. Manning, President
 Woman's Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina—Mrs.
 J. C. Moye, President
 F. W. B. League Convention—David Wooten, President
 Cragmont Assembly, Inc.—Rev. James A. Evans, President
 11:05—ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE, Session No. 2
 Class Demonstration
 Old Fashioned Method . . . Rev. L. E. Ballard and Group
 Modern Method Rev. R. P. Harris and Group
 12:00—Lunch and Recreation

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00—Congregational Singing
 1:10—Meditations Rev. R. H. Jackson
 "Living Accountable to God"

- 1:20—Final Business Session:
 Reports of committees, motions, resolutions, election of
 officers, etc.
 2:40—Installation of Officers Rev. J. C. Griffin
 2:50—Hymn: *"Blest Be the Tie"*
 3:00—Benediction

Cragmont is Calling All Sunday Schools—

to send at least two of your pupils to enjoy a week or two they
 will never forget—a week or two "in the land of the sky"—

Your state Sunday School Convention is providing a full time
 worker to be on hand any week you can attend to make your trip
 more enjoyable.

Each Sunday School could and should send at least two pupils
 (or more) to Cragmont this summer. They will return refreshed
 and inspired to be better Sunday School pupils, officers or teachers.
 The cost is small, the return is great.

This year plans have been made whereby a whole class may come and spend a few days or a week at Cragmont. Or better still, a whole Sunday School, or group of Sunday Schools in your District Sunday School Convention, or Union Meeting, may group together and go to Cragmont in a body. Talk to your teachers and Superintendents, and begin making plans right away. Write to Raymond T. Sasser, 207 W. Broad Street, Wilson, N. C., and make reservations for the period you wish to stay. Cragmont has a bus that will make regular weekly trips. Plan to use it for a pleasant, inexpensive trip.

... DON'T FORGET ...

—CRAGMONT IS CALLING—

Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Stockholders Representing Our Convention

1. Mrs. L. E. Ballard
2. Fountain Taylor
3. Raymond T. Sasser

"ALCOHOL GLAMORIZED"

Listen! The radio is playing. Oh! hear the music and the many happy laughing voices, everyone seems so happy. Yes, hilariously happy for now can't you hear the comedian telling a very funny story? He is telling about Pat and Mike coming home early one morning and beating their fists against a lamp post thinking it to be an intruder in their way, because their brain was crazed and paralyzed by the very thing this funny comedian was advertising. You may call that a funny picture, but now lets look in on another picture and see if we find it so comical?

In a dismal dimly lighted three room shack there are some little children's voices saying, "Mommy where is our daddy? Why doesn't our daddy bring our milk? I'm so hungry, and I'm sleepy. I want to eat, mommy, so I can sleep." Still another says, "Will we sleep warmer tonight mother? I got awful cold last night. When will daddy give you money for some warm bed clothes? You asked him so long ago." Then the frail little mother says, "I don't know children, I wish that I could answer your questions. I hope you sleep warmer tonight, Tommy, soon the weather will be warmer, and you will be more comfortable."

There is a faint cry and the frail little mother and the children rush to a crib over in a corner by the stove. Picking her baby up in her arms the mother says, "Oh, my baby you are so ill, you must have pneumonia. Oh baby what must I do. Your fever is so high. Run, Tommy, to Mrs. Jones and tell her to telephone the Dr. for our baby will die for want of care." Tommy says, "Oh, its dark mommy, but I'll go for the Dr. or our little brother will surely die."

Soon the Dr. came and said, "Unless you can put the baby in the hospital, it can not live, as it has double pneumonia in both lungs. The weeping mother says, "Dr. I haven't any money, and my husband drinks most of his check. Oh! What can I do?" Then she raises her head and dries her eyes on her faded apron and says, "Dr. you see my sick baby, my cold dimly lighted house we call home, and my hungry ragged children. Will you remember this scene, and our plight, when you see and hear alcohol so glamorized over radio and television? They may make it a pretty

picture, but it isn't when you see and know the effects of it."

The kindly Dr. agreed and said, "We must get your baby to a hospital, and that he would take the baby in his car, and she could come on later when her husband came home to care for the little ones left at home."

The door opens slowly, and the drunken husband and father comes staggering in. He tells her he hasn't any money, he has lost and drunk up all his his check.

Can't you just hear the wails of those hungry children, and the heart breaking moans of this well meaning little wife and mother, as she realizes her children must be in want for another week, excepting, what the kindly neighbors and church people bring in.

This mother knows full well that her children could have a fair chance in life if it were not for this awful thing called need most, a loving Christian Dad and Money most, a loving Christian Dad and Mother. The thing that pulls their weak spined daddy is the booze and gambling joint each Saturday night, instead of his being home with the little family that need him, and the pay check to make a home any child and loyal wife deserves.

This isn't a pretty picture, Christians, but it is true a million times. It is in your city and mine.

Personal Evangelism would contact many such homes. If we know God and have deliverance, let us help others to know this wonderful friend and Savior that helped you and me so much, and who gave us the peace in our hearts that so many need.

Mrs. Jack Arnold,
805 Wine Street,
Gainesville, Texas

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

This is to let our friends know that we are moving from Macclesfield, N. C. to Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Those who desire to communicate with us are requested to address us at the following address:

Rev. P. C. Wiggs
301 Tarboro Street
Rocky Mount, N. C.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

(continued from first page)

We have seen a great need for more workers in God's vineyard, so before doing anything ourselves, we are taking it to the Lord in prayer, from twelve noon until one o'clock each day. Sometime during that hour we pray that God may have His way with us, and that His will may be done in our lives in making Christ known to those who do not know Him. We are asking all who will to join us in prayer at this hour of the day.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and heal their land" (II Chron. 7:14).

Mrs. D. G. Grimes
Portsmouth, Va.
1 Reid Street

WERE THERE NOT TEN?

By Ruby Weyburn Tobias

Yes, Lord; and with the strength of ten
To drag their weakness to your feet;
Ten men with faith to seek you when
Your boon could make life's bitter, sweet.

Ten who could pray and never faint
Till on their gloom the sunshine broke;
But only one, the kind of saint
In whom your love a paean woke.

And yet, my heart, be not too quick
To censure such ingratitude;
Perhaps this sad arithmetic
Includes your own strange attitude.

Forgive, O Lord, this lack of mine,—
This sin, when all is said and done;
Subtract me from the graceless nine
And count me with the thankful one.
—S. S. Times

"Please send six dozen eggs, if good I will send check." The grocer, however, was not doing business on such risky terms, so he replied: "Send check; if good, I will send six dozen eggs."

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor
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ROBERT'S GROVE HOLDS MEETING WITH ELDERLY SICK LADY

The Auxiliary of Robert's Grove F. W. B. Church met on March 7, in the home of Mrs. Effie Jackson, an elderly lady who has been sick for some time. There were about 45 present for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the group singing "Footsteps of Jesus." Scriptural readings were given by 5 members, and we had sentence prayers. The program was "Workers Together with Him through Our Youth." Devotional Comments were given by Mary Barefoot and introduction by Eunice Honeycutt. The topics were given as follows: I. "Who and How?" by Christine Norris; II. "With What," by Sudie Tew; III. "For What," by Eva Jackson; IV. "We Need Their Help," by Sudie Spell. A special feature, "American Beauties," was given by Iris Britt and Lallan Barefoot, 2 G. L. A. members. A special song, "It Pays to Serve Jesus," was sung by 3 members.

The Personal Service Chairman presented Mrs. Jackson with a Sunshine Basket. The program was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The meeting was closed with dismissal by Annie Lou Tew.

James Spell

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

OF THE

Albemarle Conference

Place: Free Union, Beaufort County

Time: Thursday, April 12th, 1951.

Theme: Teamwork for God.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotions, Mrs. Cecil J. Waters
- Welcome, Mrs. William Webster
- Response, Mrs. Eleanor Moore
- President's message
- Recognition of ministers and visitors
- Reading of minutes and the roll call
- Appointment of Committees and Orphanage News
- News from the Field, Mrs. J. C. Griffin
- 11:00—Program, Fairmount Park Go Tell Auxiliary
- 11:30—Sermon, Rev. Clinton Lupton
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:15—Devotions, Mrs. Jack Wallace
- Report of Vice-Presidents

- Report of Committees
- Special music, local church
- Business period
- 3:00—Adjournment.

PROGRAM

of the

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

of the

Western Conference

to convene with

Pleasant Plain Church, Johnston County

Wednesday, April 4, 1951

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Theme: Working Together with Him

Scripture: II Corinthians 6:1; Psalm 67:2.

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MORNING SESSION

- 9:30—Registration
- 9:45—Hymn "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"
- 9:50—Devotions, Mrs. F. B. Cherry
- 10:00—Welcome, Mrs. Leon Foster
- 10:05—Response, Mrs. Grey Critcher
- 10:10—President's Message
- 10:15—Recognition of Ministers and Delegates
- 10:30—Roll Call of Auxiliaries
- 10:40—Appointment of Committees
- 10:45—Congregational singing, "Close to Thee"
- 10:50—Reports and remarks by First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents
- 11:05—Echoes from the Manual—Mrs. J. Griffin
- 11:20—Prayer for world repentance
- 11:25—Special music, Selma Church
- 11:30—Convention Message, Mrs. Gertrude Ballard
- 12:00—Lunch and fellowship hour

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions, Mrs. Frank Edmundson
- 1:15—Orphanage Report, Walter McD. Croom
- 1:25—Cragmont News
- 1:35—Reports and remarks by Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Vice-Presidents
- 2:05—Music, Orphanage
- 2:10—General business
- Report of Treasurer
- Report of Committees
- Announcements
- Hymn, "Take the Name of Jesus with You"

2:45—Adjournment

Mrs. F. A. Rivenbark, 2nd Vice-Pres.
Mrs. C. E. Ladd, Fourth Vice-Pres.

A MISSION FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN

THE DISTRIBUTION OF TRACTS

Tracts can go everywhere. Tracts know no fear. Tracts never tire. Tracts can be multiplied without end by the press. Tracts can travel at little expense. They run to and fro like the angels of God, blessing all, giving to all, asking no gift in return. They can talk to one as well as to a multitude, and to a multitude as well as to one. They require no public room in which to tell their story. They can tell it in the kitchen or the shop, the parlor or the closet, in the railway coach or in the footpath through the fields. They take no note of scoffs or jeers or taunts. No one can betray them into hasty or random expressions. Though they will not always answer questions, yet they will tell their story repeatedly, if you wish them to. And they can be made to speak on every subject, and on every subject they may be made to speak wisely and well. They can, in short, be made the vehicle of truth, the teachers of all classes, the benefactors of all saints.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days" (Eccl. 11:1).

To encourage God's people to give out or send out tracts, "sowing beside all waters," I give a few tracts which have just come to my knowledge.

In 1875 Dr. Cooke gave a tract to a family in Virginia named Cowles. The family numbered fourteen, and that tract was the instrumentality used in the conversion of the whole family. Dr. Chickering's tract, "What It Is to Believe in Christ," has been a wonderful power for good. Nearly two thousand people have written to or told him personally that they owe their conversion to that tract. In 1876 a wealthy manufacturer of Cincinnati took with him to Florida a few copies of the tract, "Good News for You." On meeting that gentleman several years later, he said that he gave some of those Gospel tracts to a Methodist evangelist who was holding meetings in Florida. The evangelist thought that the tracts would be very useful at his meetings, and he had an edition printed which he distributed at all the services. He subsequently stated the grand result was that by the blessing of God's Holy Spirit they were the means of the conversion of over three hundred persons.

All these years our God has been watching over these silent messengers and who can tell into how many hands they have fallen, and how many hearts have been moved to receive the truth as to God's salvation?

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FEBRUARY DRIVE FOR CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY

From Mr. Fountain Taylor, Treasurer, I have received the following report of donations received during the February drive for funds for Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina. We did not reach the goal aimed at, but we are grateful for the splendid response given. During February we had some extremely bad Sundays, and also there were other drives on at the same time, which may well account for offerings not being taken in many places. We appeal to all our people to keep Cragmont on your praying as well as your giving list through the year. God has surely blessed us hitherto, and will continue to bless if we pray, give and trust.

Gertrude Ballard,
Campaign Manager

REPORT

Union Chapel Church	\$ 5.00
Snow Hill Woman's Auxiliary	5.00
Sts. Delight S. S. (Craven Co.)	10.00
Heath Mem. Bible Class, White Oak Grove Church	5.00
White Oak Grove Sunday School	10.00
Deep Run Church	17.00
St. John's Chapel (Carteret Co.)	2.00
Pine Level Church	50.00
Malachi Chapel Auxiliary	5.00
Grimsley Church (Greene Co.)	11.42
Ayden Church	18.05
Folkstone Church	11.50
Holly Swamp Sunday School	10.00
Holly Springs Auxiliary	5.00
Pearsall's Chapel	25.00
Hickory Chapel (Hertford Co.) League	9.00
Hugo Church	10.00
Cabin Church	9.00
Edward's Chapel Church and Auxiliary	30.00
Smith's New Home Church	5.00
Mt. Zion (Nash Co.) Auxiliary	5.00
Grimsley Church Aux. (Personal check—Miss Alice Dale)	10.00
Trent Sunday School	10.00
White Oak Church	23.00
Selma Church	50.00
Sweet Gum Grove Church	10.00
Arapahoe A. B. Memorial S. S. Class	5.00
Arapahoe Woman's Auxiliary	5.00
Davis Church	2.00
Ayden F. W. B. Sunday School	25.16
Bridgeton Church	5.79
St. Mary's Church (New Bern)	10.00
Rev. R. B. Spencer (Personal)	5.00
Rev. L. E. Ballard (Personal)	5.00
St. Mary's F.W.B.L. (New Bern)	10.00
Rooty Branch Church Auxiliary	5.00
Friendship Church (Nash Co.)	25.00
Friendship Sunday School	5.00
Kenly Church Auxiliary	10.00
Elwood Lane Church	25.00
Rose of Sharon S. S. (Martin County)	5.00

People's Chapel Woman's Aux.	4.00
Christian Chapel Church	5.00
Whaley's Chapel Church, League, Sunday School and Auxiliary	50.00
Y. P. Home Mission Society, Black Jack Church	5.00
Rooty Branch Church (Duplin County)	7.03
Rain's Cross Roads Church	50.00
Snead's Ferry S. S.	8.00
Hugo Woman's Auxiliary	10.00
Rock Springs Church	10.00
Sydney Church	5.00
Howell Swamp Auxiliary	10.00
Shiloh Auxiliary	2.00
Cabin F. W. B. L.	5.00
Bethlehem Woman's Auxiliary	5.00
Hull Road Church	25.00
Hull Road Church (Gift by Levi Hill)	25.00
Core Creek Church	16.83
Stony Creek Woman's Auxiliary	10.00
Branch Chapel Church	10.00
Holy Springs S. S. (Carteret Co.)	5.00
Spring Branch S. S.	5.00
N. C. Woman's Auxiliary Convention	65.00
Pleasant Grove S. S. (Wayne Co. 1st Union Dist.)	25.00
Stancil Chapel Church	10.00
Bethel Woman's Auxiliary	2.00
Bethel Sunday School	11.00
St. Delight Church (Ormondsville)	9.14
Ruth's Chapel Woman's Aux.	10.00
Davis F. W. B. Church	2.00
Marlboro Sunday School	2.42
Rooty Branch S. S.	10.00
Deep Run Church	25.00
Cabin Woman's Auxiliary	5.00
Milbourne Church	10.00
North East Church	10.00
Marsh Swamp Church and S. S.	40.00
Greenville Church	6.18
Spring Hill Church	5.00
Spring Branch Church	15.00
Warsaw Church	7.00
Core Point Chapel Church and Sunday School	15.00
Greenville F. W. B. L.	5.00
Black Jack Woman's Auxiliary	5.00
Union Grove Sunday School (Wayne Co.)	50.00
Free Union F. W. B. L.	5.00
Stony Creek Sunday School	10.00
Cabin Sunday School	25.00
Bethel Church (Pamlico Co.)	7.52
Sandy Plain Church	20.00
Mt. Zion (Kannapolis) Church	20.00
Arapahoe Sunday School	11.45
Sandy Grove Church	25.00
Swannanoa Church, F. W. B. L., and Woman's Auxiliary	35.00
Marlboro Church	21.31
Little Rock Church and Adult S. S. Class	27.20
Casey's Chapel Church	25.00
Aleo Church (Rockingham)	5.00
Reedy Branch Church (Pitt Co.)	30.00
Beulaville Church	5.00
Goldboro Woman's Auxiliary	5.00
LaGrange Woman's Auxiliary	10.00

Marlboro Sunday School	3.18
Pleasant Plain Sunday School	21.75
Total as of March 20, 1951	\$1,429.93
FOUNTAIN TAYLOR, Treasurer	

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Richard Gibbs wrote a tract entitled "The Bruised Reed;" a tin peddler gave it to a boy named Richard Baxter; through reading it he was brought to Christ. He wrote "A Call to the Unconverted." Among the thousands saved by it was Philip Doddridge, who wrote "The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul." It fell into the hands of William Wilberforce, the emancipator of the slaves in the British Colonies, and led him to Christ. Wilberforce wrote "A Practical View of Christianity," which fired the heart of Leigh Richmond. He wrote "The Daisymans' Daughter." Before 1849 as many as 4,000,000 copies were circulated, and it has testified for Christ in over fifty different languages. Look at this! Not a flaw in the chain! Richard Gibbs, Richard Baxter, Philip Doddridge, William Wilberforce, Leigh Richmond.

Beloved, think of the tens of thousands of tracts (silent messengers which speak for Him many times, in many places, and to many hearts), which you may have fellowship in sending forth. And know assuredly that in the day of manifestation a host shall come before Him, saved through such instrumentalities, besides the many saints who have been refreshed by the way through a tract or book given them.

Beloved brethren, are we thus laying up treasures in Heaven to meet us in that day, and to receive at His hand the reward for such service? If we cannot do this work in person, because of the secular service in which we are engaged, we can have fellowship with the Lord by putting into the hands of such as go forth to "sow beside all waters" the necessary means with which to carry on the work.

Let us not miss the rich blessedness which will surely come to our own souls as we thus stand in our lot before Him to do His bidding.—*Full Gospel and Rescue Journal.*

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GRIFFIN'S N. C. ITINERARY

April 5—Holly Springs, Carteret Co.
April 9—Jacksonville F. W. B. Church
April 10—Folkstone
April 11—Bethlehem, Duplin Co.
April 23—Mt. Zion, Onslow Co.
April 24—Beulaville F. W. B. Church
April 25—Pearsall's Chapel
April 26—Long Ridge
April 30—North East
May 1—Sarecta
May 2—Lanier's Chapel

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THE BEGINNINGS OF SIN

(Lesson for April 8)

Lesson: Genesis 3:1—9:17. Genesis 3:1-6, 9-15.

Golden Text: Romans 6:23.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

Again, it is often asked, both by sincere people and by skeptics: Why did God create man, knowing that he would sin, and then punish him for it? Why did not God create man infallible? Then the problem of sin never would have appeared.

We do not pretend to be able to deal with the whole problem of evil. God has not been pleased to reveal the full reason why He permitted it. Some time in the future ages we believers shall be able to understand more fully. Meanwhile, we are to trust to the goodness and faithfulness of God. However, there is this much to say: The possibility of sin inhered in the nature of man. He was created a free moral agent with the power of choice. If he had been made infallible, he would have had no freedom; he would have been an automaton, a machine. He would not have had the joy of choosing, willing, purposing, planning, or of growing and doing. He was created free to choose the will of God for his rule of life, or to choose to be governed by his own desires. Because he was free, he was not compelled to sin. He was equally free to choose the will of God and be confirmed in it. This gift of choice is a great gift, but it is a dangerous one, as events have proved. God would have us have the best.

1. Temptation to sin comes from the devil, no matter through whom it may make its appeal (Gen. 3:1).

2. Temptation insinuates doubt in the justice and holiness of God (vss. 1, 2).

3. Temptation often appeals to the

natural appetites of the body (vss. 2, 3).

4. Temptation is dishonest in its claim that sin will have no serious consequences (vs. 4).

5. Temptation seeks to make man believe that God is a liar (vs. 5).

6. Sin seems to be necessary, beautiful, and desirable until after it has been committed (vs. 6).

7. Sin brings a sense of guilt and leads to an attempt at covering it up (vs. 7).

8. Sin induces man to seek to get away from God as far as possible (vs. 8).

9. Sin is certain to receive the sentence of death from a holy God (vss. 14-17).

10. Sin makes necessary the Saviour whom God's love has provided (vs. 15).

11. Salvation from sin is the gift of God to every one who believes on His Son.—Selected.

12. **Looking over the Fence.** Sometimes when animals are put in a pasture where there is plenty to eat, they look over the fence and are attracted to what they see on the other side. And sometimes they jump over the fence or break down the fence to satisfy their roving desire for that which is withheld from them. So it was with Adam and Eve and so it is with many people who listen to the tempter still.

13. **A Babylonian Picture.** A picture on a very ancient Babylonian seal-cylinder which archaeologists have dug up shows a tree with fruit hanging down. A man and woman are seated, one on each side of the tree, reaching out for the fruit, and close behind the woman is a serpent standing up on its tail. This drawing indicates that the Babylonians knew of a story of a temptation and fall similar to the Biblical account, though no such story in writing has been discovered.

14. **Noah's Carpenters.** Men might help build the ark, and yet not themselves enter into it and be saved. A minister once said to the unconverted librarian of his Sunday school, "What became of Noah's carpenters?" The young man was surprised and did not at once perceive the

purpose of the question; but, after a week's thinking he came under such deep conviction that he gave his heart to Christ.—Arnold's Commentary.

15. The first account of how and when sin began is found in Isaiah 14:12-17, when Lucifer, now called Satan or the devil, rebelled against God. Since that time his chief desire has been to hinder and destroy God's plans—His Creation.

II. The Lesson Illustrated No Secrecy for Sin

A man broke into a small church in Scotland with the sacrilegious intention of stealing the communion plate. Hearing steps outside the building and expecting that he should be discovered, he hurried to the end of the church, where, seeing a rope depending to the ground, he laid hold of it for the purpose of climbing out of sight. But it proved to be the bell rope, and his weight rang the bell, which attracted his pursuers immediately to the spot. The man, of course, was caught; and thus wittily addressed the unconscious cause of his detection: "If it had not been for thy long tongue and empty head, I should not have been in my present predicament." This is the story as we get it from Mr. Gatty's book upon "The Bell"; but it has its lesson. Those who sin are pretty sure, sooner or later, to turn king's evidence against themselves. There is a voice in wrong-doing; its long tongue will not always be quiet. All unaware, the offender puts out his hand and pulls the bell which tells against himself and summons vengeance to overtake him. Let no man dream that he can secure secrecy for his wickedness. Every timber in floor and roof is ready to cry out against him, and before he is aware of it, he himself will be ringing out his own infamy. What will be his dismay when he stands self-convicted before the assembled universe?—C. H. Spurgeon. — 1000 Evangelistic Illustrations.

Life is to be fortified of many friendships.—To love and to be loved is the greatest happiness of existence.—Sidney Smith.

GEORGIA NEWS

Mt. Bethel Bible Conference

To Georgia Free Will Baptists, ministers, deacons and all Christian workers we are planning the Ministers Institute and Bible Conference again the first week in June, 1951. This will be the second session and we earnestly pray that it will be doubled in attendance.

The faculty, unless some change takes place by some unforeseen incident, will be the same as last year, but a course in Evangelism will be added. This course will be in charge of Rev. K. V. Shutes of Camilla, Ga. Last year we were blessed by the presence of women as well as men. We are hopeful that many more ministers, their wives, deacons and any Christian worker, women as well as men, will attend.

The place is Mt. Bethel, Turner County, Georgia, at Ashburn. The Time is the first week in June, beginning the first Sunday night, and going through Friday of that week. The cost is \$5.00 per week. Sheets, pillows, and cases must be carried. Also toilet outfits.

Several Ladies Aids last year aided their pastor by paying his fee. Why not, Ladies Aid members, see that your pastor and his wife is provided with the means to attend this year?

Too, the Georgia Ministers' Association will convene that week. We want every minister to join this worthy unit and cooperate in working for Christ and our beloved church.

Yours in His cause,

Rev. T. B. Mellette

Director of the Camp Institute for the Bible Conference, L. A. S. Institute, and Youth Camp for 1951.

GRIFFIN'S N. C. ITINERARY

March 27—Little Creek (Greene County)
 March 28—White Hill, Beaufort County
 March 29—Smyrna, Blount's Creek, N. C.
 March 30—Dublin Grove
 April 2—Mt. Zion, Pamlico Co.
 April 3—Trent, Pamlico Co.

Yours in Christ
 J. C. Griffin

THE HOARDED CEDAR CHIPS

There was once a woman who left a trunkful of belongings in the house of some relatives, and went away, leaving no address. In the second spring after she did so the house of those relatives was visited by a plague of moths. The relatives did everything they could to trace the plague to its source, and one day they found a moth in the very act of crawling out from beneath the lid of that locked trunk in the cellar.

Of course, it was necessary to break the trunk open, and there lay a mass of utterly ruined clothing, alive with moths. And in the midst of that scene of destruction there reposed quantity of cedar chips, all neatly closed up in a tight pasteboard box. Had the chips been strewn among the clothing instead of being shut up in the box they might have saved everything in the trunk. But there they were, all neat and snug and perfectly useless.

This is a Parable of a Non-Missionary Church. There are such churches, strange as it may seem. The people who are their members know the story of Christ. They listen weekly to the explanations of His teachings. They have His promise of power. They even join in the prayer, "Thy kingdom come." But they do nothing whatever about it. In the midst of a world that needs every atom of saving goodness and faith that can be applied to it, they sit in their box. It is a beautiful box, and they take great pride in it; but after all, as long as it keeps them in and keeps the rest of the world out, it is nothing but a box, when all is said and done. If they would go out and spread the influence of their faith abroad in the world, they might save it from the crime and lawlessness and ignorance that they deplore, sitting safely boxed away from it all.

It is bad enough, when moths must corrupt and destroy; it is worse when the very thing that could have prevented the loss is there, but unused. It is bad enough to think of a world without power to save itself; it is far worse when those who might be the agents of its redemption are

shut up in selfish isolation. Perhaps the cedar chips were even proud, and said, "What a horrible mess the moths are making out there. I'm glad we are safe in this nice, clean box, aren't you? Or more probably, like the members of the non-missionary church they did not even trouble themselves to learn what was going on outside.

Is your church a church, or is it only a box? Are its members going out to apply Christian influences to the world around? Do their lives and deeds bear witness to a real power that can save men? Or do they sit indifferent, and let the forces of evil spread destruction broadcast? Does it make much difference that the chips in the box are clean and wholesome and have saving powers, as long as they stay in the box? What are they worth? We have the answer in the words of our Lord Himself, about the salt that had lost its savor, and they are solemn words:

"It is henceforth good for nothing but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."

The cedar chips could not break out of their box. They were not responsible for their uselessness; it was the fault of the one who placed them there. But Christians are responsible for boxing themselves up. They can go out, if they will. What are you doing?

—Selected.

—Presented by Raymond Riggs

CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION

C—is for Jesus Christ.
 H—is for His life He gave.
 R—is for his Righteousness.
 I—is for his Innocence
 S—is for his Service.
 T—is for his Teachings.

C—is for Calvary.
 R—is for the Rugged Cross.
 U—is for the unity of the Three.
 C—is for his Crucifixion.
 I—is for his Inward prayers
 F—is for his Faithfulness.
 I—is for his Inward peace.
 X—is for Xmas, Christ's birthday.
 I—is for his Inward strength.
 O—is for his obedience.
 N—is for be Near Us Lord.

—Mrs. Peter Brown

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

WHO WON THE BATTLE

Saul and his great army were afraid. The Philistines, who had many chariots, horsemen and a multitude of people had gathered themselves together to fight against him. Yes, most of Saul's army trembled, some even hid in caves, thickets, rocks, high places and pits.

But Jonathan, the son of Saul and a close friend of David, who killed the giant, seemed not to share in his father's fear, for it happened while others tarried, he turned to his armorbearer and said, "Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that is on the other side."

The fact that he was going, he did not make known to anyone else.

Between the passages, by which Jonathan expected to go over into the Philistines' garrison, there were sharp rocks on either side.

When they arrived at the place, Jonathan said to his helper, "Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these (Philistines); it may be that the Lord will work for us: for there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or few."

And his armorbearer said, "Do all that is in thine heart, * * Behold, I am with thee according to thy heart."

Then Jonathan said something like this, "We will show ourselves to the Philistines and if they say, 'Come,' we will go for the Lord hath delivered them into our hands. But if they say, 'Be still until we come to you,' we will stay here and will not go up."

What do you suppose the Philistines said when they saw the two men? They said, "Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing."

MY SHEPHERD

As long as the Lord is my Shepherd I know that "goodness and mercy shall follow me." Not only shall "goodness and mercy follow me all the days of my life," but I shall also "dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Not only does the Shepherd with tender care bestow goodness and mercy in many forms upon those of His flock, He also leads them through life, over rough places, past dangerous pitfalls, through the ranks of soul-destroying enemies. In the hour of temptation He strengthens them; when the way seems long and wearying, He encourages and sustains them; when failure and disappointment depress the spirit, He restores the soul; and when sorrow and sadness burden the heart, His comfort is near in the

By this Jonathan understood that the Lord would undertake for him, so he and the other man climbed up upon their hands and feet and, just as he thought, the Philistines fell before them. They actually killed only twenty men but a great trembling from God came upon the people in the field and in the garrison, and the earth quaked until there was a very great trembling.

The army that had been a multitude melted away, as the men belonging to it went on beating down one another.

When Saul and his army and all those who had hidden saw this, they came out and entered the battle and followed hard upon the Philistines until the latter were beaten.

Who won the battle? We would all say the Lord did, but He waited until Jonathan started. Jonathan, who was only a young man, and his armorbearer, could not possibly have won the battle alone. Neither could David have killed the lion, bear, and giant. But these boys had Someone with them who was mightier than any foe.

God is able for any situation. He wants people who will trust Him and dare to do hard things for Him. Daniel went through the lions' den.

Boys and girls, would you like to do something for the Lord? Maybe someone says you cannot or maybe some people tremble when they think of doing a task such as you would like to do. It doesn't matter so much who we are, but the great question is, "Is the Lord with us?"

Is He with you? Do you know Him? Do you talk to Him and depend upon Him? He is a *wonderful* Friend and He will help fight all your battles. We can be glad that He is our Helper.—E. A. R., in *The Gospel for the Youth*.

Word and the fellowship of the Spirit. The young as well as the old who know His voice and follow Him rejoice and praise His wonderful name.

But the good Shepherd goes farther. If one of His goes astray, He will seek it till He finds it that He may bring it back to the fold. He never ceases to reclaim the willful and perverse. His forgiving welcome always awaits the returning prodigal. And the angels of heaven rejoice.

When life has run its course, the evening shadows lengthen, and darkness thickens, the Shepherd is near to guide through the "valley of the shadow of death." When the portals open to the City of Light and Life the Shepherd is there to meet His redeemed. Face to face, the Saviour and the saved, dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Hallelujah.—*Selected*.

COMMUNISM

What is communism?

Does communism, as its adherents maintain, hold the answer to the social and economic problems of our time?

Is communism compatible with Christianity, or is it definitely anti-Christian?

Everyone should know the answers to these questions, for communism is one of the most discussed topics of the day.

Strictly apart from the antagonism of this widely-accepted ideology for the economic system under which America has become the most prosperous nation on earth, communism is a pernicious menace to our enjoyment of freedom and the blessings of revealed religion.

Communism and Religion

The position of communism with respect to religion is clearly stated in communist writings. It is by no means neutral or indifferent.

We quote from the Manifesto of 1848: "Communism abolishes eternal truths, it abolishes all religion and all morality."

In his book called *Religion*, Lenin makes the following famous assertion: "Religion is the opiate of the people. Religion is a kind of spiritual intoxicant, in which the slave of capital drowns his humanity and his desires for some sort of decent human existence . . . Our program is based entirely on scientific (and) materialistic world conception. Our program necessarily includes the propaganda of atheism. We shall now probably have to follow the advice which Engels gave to the German Socialists—to translate and spread among the masses the enlightening atheistic literature of the eighteenth century."

More recently Communists have declared themselves through Yaroslavsky, the leader of the Anti-God Movement, who says in his book, *Religion in the U. S. S. R.*:

"Religion acts as a bandage over the eyes to man, preventing him from seeing the world as it is. It is our task to tear off this bandage."

In the light of such clear and uncompromising statements as these, it is surprising to hear, from some pulpits, utterances friendly to the "social objectives" of communism. It is disconcerting to learn of some professed Christians who are affiliated with organizations sympathetic to the communist ideology. Certainly no worthwhile social ends will ever be attained by a movement that viciously and openly repudiates the Christian faith which has contributed to our civilization practically everything that is uplifting and altruistic and good.

Communism as a Religion

Although it bitterly attacks religion and faith in God, communism itself, strangely enough, exhibits all the traits common to a religion:

Communism has a sacred scripture, *Das Kapital*. Few except the most sturdy read-

ers are able to wade through this difficult column, but it is held in highest esteem by communists.

Communism has its "god"—the State. Individual rights, the lives and liberties of men, are nothing in comparison with the State which the communist has substituted for God. Communism's defense for all its excesses—its bloody purges, its Siberian death camps, the "liquidation" of the Kulak farmers in the '30's, the essential dishonesty of Soviet foreign policy—is that these actions are right because they were done in the interest of the communist state.

Communism has its Eschatology, or doctrine of "last things." The Christian faith teaches the ultimate triumph of good over evil in the age-long battle between God and Satan, and the ultimate vindication of God's righteousness and the setting up of the Kingdom of God upon the earth. Communism, in a Satanic imitation of Christian doctrine, teaches that some day the class struggle will end in a cataclysmic war between capital and labor, with the triumph of labor and the setting up of a labor government on the earth, ruled by the former wave slaves of the world, the proletariat.

From all this, it is plain that Christianity and communism have nothing in common, in spite of the fact that there are those who would confuse the issue and seek to persuade us that their goals are the same.

Communism is definitely atheistic. The Christian must not compromise with this insidious, unscrupulous ideology which is working openly and by stealth to undermine the foundations of our society and the bases of our faith. For a person to claim to be both a Christian and a communist is for him to betray ignorance of the true nature of either Christianity or communism—or both.

Religion a Necessity

The fact that communism exhibits the traits common to a religion is a striking commentary on the famous proverb of Saba that "man is incurably religious." The communist is driven from the traditional forms of religion by his materialistic beliefs. Therefore, he seeks for solace in a system that tries to dethrone the true God, and he worships a god of his own creation—the State.

Thus communism proves that man must have a God, for a human heart is God-shaped. Long ago Augustine said, "Thou madest us for Thyself, and our heart is restless, until it repose in Thee."

Only in the true God, of course, will we find the rest and satisfaction for which our souls long. Substitutes pall, or prove worthless; God alone is worthy of our deepest devotion and love. In the words of a French philosopher, "There are only two sane men in the world—the one who knows God and serves Him with all the heart,

and the one who does not know God, but seeks Him with all the heart."

Christ? . . . Communism? . . . Chaos?

The issue before us is not simply "Christ or Communism." It is a deeper, more serious alternative than that. It is "Christ or Chaos"—for communism, bred and developed in an era of confusion and crisis, can thrive only in a disordered and diseased society. In its bid for power it displays the ethics of the jungle and the viciousness of a cornered rodent. While pretending to be a defender of labor and the champion of minority groups, it actually is the agent of disruptive anti-social activities. It has openly asserted that "the wounds of the social body must be kept festering." Its goal is not the relief of social evils, but the exploitation of social evils to bring about world revolution.

Once they attain power, the agents of Sovietism become the agents of slavery and terror. Where communism holds sway, the average person loses his freedom, his dignity, and his identity as an individual. As Walter Lippmann says, "Everywhere the movements which bid for men's allegiance are hostile to the movements in which men struggled to be free. Men are asked to choose between security and liberty. To improve their fortune they are told they must renounce their rights. To escape from want, they must enter a prison. To regularize their work they must be regimented. To obtain greater equality they must have less freedom. To have national solidarity they must oppress the dissenters. To enhance their dignity they must lick the boots of tyrants. To realize the promise of science they must destroy free inquiry. To promote the truth they must not let it be examined. These choices are intolerable." (An Inquiry Into the Principles of the Good Society).

Lenin himself admitted that Sovietism and collectivism are back alleys to bondage, rather than highways to freedom, by stating bluntly that "complete submission to a single will is absolutely necessary for the success of our work. The revolution demands the absolute submission of the masses to the single will of those who direct the labor process." Thus Sovietism becomes a synonym for slavery.

What Is the Remedy?

When we turn from a study of communism to a survey of the world today, we realize immediately that since communism is not the answer to man's needs some other answer must be supplied. Millions squat solidly in the dust of despair in Europe and Asia; countless millions more eat daily the black bread of famine, both physical and spiritual. Almost 100 million persons have died in the last two great wars, either directly or as an aftermath of the conflicts; in spite of this, the finest minds of our day hold forth no glimmering ray of hope that history will not repeat itself in a third and bloodier world war.

The answer to the almost hopeless horror of the modern scene does not lie, obviously, in the rearings of great cathedrals, the chanting of beautiful liturgies, or the pronouncing in Pollyanna terms of glittering but empty generalities.

Neither is the answer to be found in any system which operates on the ruthless principle that "the end justifies the means," thus binding the hearts and minds of men with the chains of external power—or which seeks to dethrone God and put in His place men who are fallible at best and fiendish at worst. In fact, the greatest single objection to the communist system is the fact that it is completely man-centered. There is no room for God. Man must never think heavenward—only earthward. He must never consider his soul—only his stomach. The highest objective he is allowed is the economic interest of the group.

Christ the Answer

Not communism, but Christianity, is the only satisfying answer to all the basic problems of life. It is not idle cant to say that Jesus Christ came to save the whole man. He Himself declares: "I am come that they might have it more abundantly." This means present and future life, temporal and eternal life. And the arraignment of this present world is found also in His own words, "Ye will not come to me that ye might have life."

The social problems of our day can be solved, but they can only be solved spiritually. The communal problems can be solved, but they can be solved only individually. Faith in God and His Son Jesus Christ, a vitalizing experience with God whereby the individual commits his entire being to Christ and enters into the realm of spiritual reality, is the sole method by which men and women can come into a living, saving relationship with God.

As are the individuals, so will be the group, the community, the nation. Win the individuals to Christ and you solve the problems of the group. That is the real remedy, that is the real answer, to the ills and problems with which communism professes to cope.—Rev. Robert I. Wells—American Tract Society, New York.

N. C. Central Conference Ministers Meeting

All ministers of the Central Conference are urged to be present for the first session of the ministers' semi-annual fellowship meeting which convenes with the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, Monday, April 2, at 10:00 a. m. During the noon hour we plan to eat together Dutch style.

The purpose of this meeting is for fellowship and discussion of problems common to the ministry.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, Moderator,
Grifton, N. C.

Middlesex Orphanage

FEBRUARY RECEIPTS FOR 1951

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GENERAL FUND

<i>Western</i>	
Spring Hill	\$ 10.00
Branch Chapel	9.61
Marsh Swamp	10.00
Edgemont	17.50
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	14.61
Friendship	9.48
3rd Union	86.36
Calvary	4.67
Pleasant Plain	40.00
2nd Union	44.03
Total	\$246.16
<i>Cape Fear</i>	
Wooten's Chapel	\$ 8.78
Benson	4.70
Powhatan	5.00
Robert's Grove	5.00
Yelverton's Grove	2.07
Lee's Chapel	27.05
Riverside	5.00
Total	\$ 57.60
<i>Piedmont</i>	
Marion	\$ 10.00
<i>Albemarle</i>	
Mt. Zion	\$ 7.75
<i>Eastern</i>	
Pearsalls Chapel	\$ 5.00
Antioch	40.00
First Kinston	20.20
Dublin Grove	8.85
Whealeys Chapel	5.15
Morehead City	10.00
Davis	12.50
Union Chapel	26.05
Ruth's Chapel	10.84
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	2.00
Core Creek	44.67
Wintergreen	2.00
St. Mary's	26.62
Soundview	15.00
Snead's Ferry	2.54
Folkstone	6.00
Rooty Branch	10.00
Beulaville	11.49
St. John's Chapel	20.00
Total	\$278.91
<i>French Broad</i>	
Avery's Creek	\$ 9.85
Horney Heights	5.00
Cedar Hill	10.00
Beaverdam	5.00
Total	\$ 29.85
<i>Central</i>	
Spring Branch	\$ 10.00
Marlboro	4.55
Harrell's Chapel	5.00
Bethany	6.15
Greenville	22.79

Hull Road	10.20
Rose Hill	13.23
Winterville	12.00
Gum Swamp	5.56
Aspin Grove	22.00
Saratoga	5.30
Howell Swamp	10.00
Total	\$126.78

Miscellaneous

Parents and Relatives	\$247.40
Farm, dairy, garden cash sales	512.30
Refunds	10.52
Young People's Friend Subs.	1.00
Watson Farm, Inc.	12.00
Pastoral Supply (W. A. Hansley)	100.00
Bobby Gibson	10.00
Mrs. Upton Tyson	5.00
N. C. Woman's Aux. Conv.	10.00
Total	\$908.22

MUSIC FUND

<i>Western</i>	
Little Rock Auxiliary	\$ 10.00
<i>Central</i>	
Grimsley Auxiliary	\$ 3.11
Greenville Auxiliary	5.00
Bethany Sunday School Class No. 2	5.00
Total	\$ 13.11
<i>Eastern</i>	
Kinston Auxiliary	\$ 5.00
<i>Cape Fear</i>	
Smithfield Auxiliary	\$ 5.00

SHEET FUND

Cramerton Auxiliary (Piedmont)	\$ 12.00
Mrs. Celia Garriss	10.00
N. C. Woman's Aux. Conv.	15.00
Total	\$ 37.00

CLOTHING FUND

White Oak Hill Aux. (Western)	\$ 2.00
Sandy Plain Aux. (Eastern)	30.00
Total	\$ 32.00

CHURCH ROOM

Parker's Chapel S. S. (Central)	\$ 10.00
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TOTALS

Total General Fund	\$1,665.27
Total Music Fund	33.11
Total Sheet Fund	37.00
Total Clothing Fund	32.00
Total Church Room Fund	10.00
Grand Total	\$1,777.38

BUDGET RECEIPTS

Eastern Conference	\$ 6,232.69
Central Conference	5,148.49
Western Conference	6,044.16
Cape Fear Conference	1,881.33
Albemarle Conference	603.59
French Broad Association	762.72
Rockfish Association	250.72
Pee Dee Conference	356.35
Jack's Creek Association	247.71
Piedmont Association	768.89
Toe River Association	39.50

Western Yearly	15.00
Total	\$22,442.13

DONATED COMMODITIES

Piney Grove, Johnston County	
Household Supplies	\$ 6.00
Daniels Chapel Auxiliary	
Household Supplies	4.00
Markets Div. N. C. Dept. of Agri.,	
Food	49.00
Smith's New Home Auxiliary	
Household Supplies	23.50
Marlboro Auxiliary	
Household Supplies	5.00
Daniels Chapel Auxiliary	
Household Supplies	4.00
St. Mary's Auxiliary (Eastern)	
Household Supplies	52.00
Winterville Auxiliary	
Household Supplies	15.00
Mrs. J. L. Nobles, H.H. Supplies	1.00
Kinston Church	
Household Supplies	5.00
Leder Brothers	
Shoe Polish	2.00
Sts. Delight Auxiliary	
Household Supplies	5.58
Lee's Chapel Auxiliary	
Household Supplies	60.00
Stoney Creek Auxiliary	
Household Supplies	10.00
Cypress Creek Auxiliary	
Household Supplies	7.00
Greenville Auxiliary	
Household Supplies	25.00
Howell Swamp Auxiliary	
Clothing	7.50
Household Supplies	7.50
Total Value	\$289.08
Walter McD. Croom, Treasurer.	

DISBURSEMENTS FOR QUARTER

December, January, February

Food	\$ 1,856.95
Clothing	395.73
Salaries	3,302.97
Office Supplies, telephone, Young	
People's Friend	305.07
Financing and Publicity	59.16
Insurance (All)	811.57
Administrative travel and travel	
relating to care of children	216.70
Laundry, household supplies,	
health and health supplies,	
recreation and education	534.43
Replacement and repair on	
buildings and equipment	1,401.15
Fuel, lights, water, etc.	1,076.97
Seed, replacement and repair on	
farm, replacement of livestock,	
supplies, fertilizer	2,467.59
Total general expenses	\$12,428.23
Capital—	
Albemarle Cottage and calf barn	\$ 1,571.99
New equipment	267.10
Repayment of Albemarle Cot-	
tage Loan	2,051.50
Payments on station wagon	284.22
Annuity bond payments	168.00
Total capital expense	\$ 4,442.81

Total all expenditures for quarter	\$16,871.10
Walter McD. Croom	

The newlyweds just got off the train. "John, dear," said the bride, "let's try and make people think we've been married for a long time."

"All right, honey," replied John, "you carry the suitcase."

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Your Friend

Do you long for a friend who will love you,
And forever be known as your own?
Let me tell you of One Who is faithful
When you're weary and sad and alone.

Do you long for a friend who can help you,
When the world seems to leave you alone,
When there's no one who quite understands you
And the bright hopes of promise have flown?

Do you long for a friend who'll befriend you,
When the shadows of death linger near,
Who will carry you safely o'er Jordan,
Where there'll be no sorrow and fear?

It is Jesus, the Friend of the friendless,
Oh, let Him come into your heart;
He'll give you joy, peace, satisfaction,
And from you He'll never depart.

Oh, receive Him today Who so loved you
That he died on the cross for your sin;
Oh, believe Him and open your heart's door,
Let the Saviour Who loves you, come in!

—R. T. N.

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WHY STAY FOR CHURCH

On every Sunday one can observe people leaving the Sunday school class, going to their cars, and driving away. The "reasons" for their going are often very poor indeed. A few must by this time have run out of reasons, for they just go.

Why stay for church? Why not just leave? Let's see.

(1) Each soul needs to come constantly into the presence of God in the public worship service. Reverence for the Lord and all his work is thus cultivated.

(2) We need the constant reminder that all about us are those who are lost, and that we must try to win them.

(3) We need the spirit of church fellowship that is cultivated through attendance upon the preaching service.

(4) We need the church loyalty that can only come through faithfulness to the preaching service.

(5) The pastor wants above everything else to break the "Bread of Life" to us. He wants the inspiration of our presence. His heart and spirit are broken if we are not there and his ministry loses in power.

(6) Because we are sinful and need to see Christ as our Saviour.

A good thing to remember is that if every member of my church was just like me there'd be some changes made!—Contact

Which man is free—the nobleman who lies drunk on a luxurious couch, or the young slave who stands sober nearby?—Chrysostom.

The Unchanging Laws of God

Any change has two possible interpretations: It may indicate progress or it may indicate retrogression. There are those theorists who say the world is in an evolutionary process and every change indicates progress. The Word of God does not bear this out and the practical-minded person knows that changes sometimes represent a lack of progress.

Because the Word of God never changes, some tell us that it is a book of antiquity and is not up to date on modern problems. The answer to this is that God is and has always been perfect in knowledge and wisdom. God's laws are timeless and do not have to change. The laws of men change because the history of the race has been more or less the trial and error method of doing things and with time we find that our systems and methods become obsolete and useless.

Things That Change

Changes occur with lightning rapidity these days. You do not have to be told to have witnessed many in your life time. Drastic changes have taken place in the most fundamental institutions of our society. The home is no exception. It has been said that the modern home has become a sandwich shop and a rooming house. No doubt this statement is exaggerated. With a great percentage of mothers and wives working outside the home, some life has undergone a tremendous change. The things earned by the use of our time outside the home must of necessity be of great value in order to make up for the loss of the mother's or wife's absence from the home. It is doubtful whether better rugs, better furniture, a better automobile, more stocks or bonds, or any other tangible possession is of great enough value to adequately replace the lives of mothers and wives in the home.

The home is the first school our children attend. The teachers are mother and father. No college or university professor will ever teach your child as much as his parent teacher.

Psalm 119:89, "For ever, O Lord thy word is settled in heaven."

L. C. Johnson

The home is our children's first church. Their consciousness of God is awakened in the little services they attend in the home from day to day. The service may consist of only a good gospel hymn the mother sings as she does her house-work. Or it may consist of a bed-time story. Or in a hundred different ways which a faithful Christian mother may find to impress her children for God. This is too sacred a task to be left into the hands of a maid.

With the high rate of juvenile delinquency and the increase in broken marriages and ruined homes, the conclusion is easily reached that the change in American home life has not been for the better.

There has been a tremendous change in the educational system in America. In the early days of American history, the church saw to it that its young received a Christian education. The great institutions of this Nation were organized and set in motion by good Christian people. As time went on, this young Nation realized its great resources and potentialities and became interested in material things and turned the education of our children over to the state.

The state is not too interested in the Spiritual well-being of your boy and girl. The school system of this Nation was secularized and the church got out of the field of education. As a result, thinking America is shocked and alarmed as we are made to realize that educationally we have been headed up a blind alley.

With the experimentalists philosophy of education propagated by John Dewey, morals have been eliminated from education. In fact, John Dewey teaches that moral law hinders progressive education. His philosophy is that the only medium

of education is experience and the more one experiences the better educated he is. Therefore, we see that this humanistic philosophy encourages young people to experiment with the most sacred things of life in their quest for education. According to Dewey, any moral law that prohibits an individual from some new experience should be disregarded.

The Christians of this Nation are alarmed over this tidal-wave of godlessness that has swept on us thru our educational system. There is a demand for Christian Education in this Nation the like of which we have not seen in several generations. In the last three years there has been a 185% increase in enrollment in Protestant schools in this country. Whereas in 1946 the "Protestant" school enrollment was 1 pupil out of every 120, in 1949 the Protestant figure is 1 out of every 48.

If our education was the kind it should be, with the emphasis where it should be, we would not have as much godlessness, communism, atheism, skepticism, agnosticism, and all other kinds of isms in this country as we have. We have more education than ever before but lower moral standards than ever before. The fact is plain; modern public school education is failing.

We must put the Bible back in education. The Word of God must be taught and emphasized as it was in the early days of this nation. The godless educational system we have today will never do it. The churches must foot the bill if it is done.

A Nation in Conflict with God's Law

The Word of God says that righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is reproach to any people. If as a nation we are in conflict with the laws of God, and His law never changes, then we are running head-on into judgment.

Let us examine America and see where we stand in regard to these laws. America has the highest di-

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

"Let's Be Different"

Recently, I received some church bulletins from our friend, Eld. Ralph Staten, pastor of the Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church. There are many good, snappy worthwhile suggestions in those bulletins. One of which we are quoting. It has the above caption.

"Let's be different. Pick out the good points in your church and talk about them whenever you get a chance; and like Napoleon, if you do not see an opportunity, make one. The best advertising for a firm is the talk of the satisfied customers. Talk your church up! When you are inclined to find fault, just be different. Change your tactics, face about. It is perfectly all right to point out errors, to offer suggestions, to make corrections, to criticize constructively, but all of this is different from fault-finding. Criticize to help, not to hinder! Let the Spirit of Christ govern, even there. He came not to destroy, but to save, to complete, to make perfect."

The above statement is timely and should be heralded across the earth and especially into every church, as we are faced with many destructive criticisms at this time.

Just a few days back I heard an uncalculated criticism of one of our most vital institutions. I know the institution is not what we would like for it to be. But it is a young institution, but thanks be to God it is growing and the work is being done effectively. In its limited reach, the reaching is telling for the glory of God. After all, it is what we have made it. Usually those who criticize are those who have done the least toward the on-going of the whole program.

I heard a man criticizing one of our orphanages—the management in particular. But I have my doubts that, if you were to go back to the

day that the institution had its birth and scan every page of the treasurer's books, you would not find his name on a single page. The orphanage spoken of is not a large institution at all, but God is blessing and there is evidence of a healthy growing state.

Our publishing houses are criticized, violently in some conversations. But they are what we have made them, and perhaps these who criticize the most have done the least toward making them better.

Yes, take the advice of Brother Staten, "Let's Be Different." Let us "talk up the good points." Let us offer helpful suggestions to all of our institutions and what holds good with an institution will hold good with a brother in Christ. If our brother differs with us in his thinking, let us not take advantage of him in the offering of destructive criticism of him and his work. Perhaps God can use that which many of us poor human beings think is a failure. "Who knoweth the mind of God?" "Mark the perfect man." "A kicking mule can never pull while kicking." Kicking and pulling do not work together.

Paul said, "Brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even this; thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Gal. 5:13-16).

And James says, "But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God" (James 3:8, 9).

Placing the Blame

Another quotation from Eld. Staten's Bulletin. He said, "A boy who came home from school with a note from the teacher, saying that she had to punish him for swearing. His father took him aside, and said, 'Well, son, who about it?' The boy answered,

'I have nothing to say, Dad. She heard me say what she says she did, and called me into the office.' 'Then what happened?' 'She asked me where I had heard such language, But I didn't give you away, Dad. I blamed it on the parrot.' Then the writer goes on to say, "Some fathers and mothers may be blamed at the judgment bar of God for their children being lost in hell; because they did not take them to the church services. A pint of example is worth a gallon of advice."

It is a poor policy of any father or mother to swear; and, to swear before their children, is down-right stupid. It is against God's word. Swearing, which is sometimes called "cussing" is the most worthless sin that a person can imagine. It is said that the Devil called all his little devils together for a conference and suggestions were offered as to the best plan to catch men. The various types of men were taken, and the bait placed on the hook to take in almost every kind of sin. Finally one devil said, "What kind of bait should be used to catch a profane person? Then the prince of devils said, "You don't have to bait the hoop at all, for that fool will bite an empty hook." You get nothing out of "cussing." It does not make you more popular, except with the Devil's crowd. When I was a boy, if I heard a woman cursing, I knew that she belonged to the underworld, for ladies who respected themselves would not curse. I wonder what a cursing, swearing, cigarette-sucking mother is thought of by the Lord? I wonder what a mother is thinking of when she blows the smoke from her cigarette into the eyes of her babe. I have never seen where cigarette ashes were good for a baby's eyes, neither smoke good for its lungs.

Well, we have gotten away from the heading of this article, "Placing the Blame." Some place the blame where it ought not to be, and sometimes we hit the nail on the head. We are prone to place the blame for our sin on some one else, or on some weakness. Adam placed his sin on

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April Home Mission Month



This is the month we have been looking forward to with great anticipation. Romans 13:11, "Knowing the time that now, it is high time to awake out of sleep." I think we have been sleeping long enough and now is the time to life up our eyes and behold the field that is already white unto harvest. As Jesus told the man who had been possessed with unclean spirits, Mark 5:19, "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee." Now may we as Free Will Baptists see the great need here at home and start doing our home work. I visited home here in Columbia, Tennessee, consisting of father, mother, and seven children. None of them were Christians and none of them were attending Sunday School. I think we need to clean up our own back yards.

Your National Home Mission Board is receiving S. O. S. calls from various places for help.

Now in order to help those in distress we must have help. So we also are sending out the call to you. We

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Chm.
National Home Missions Bd.

are asking each pastor to take one offering in April especially for Home Missions, in the church of which he is pastor. Please urge your people to give to this worthy cause that we may have funds to carry out our plans to evangelize these fields where we have no churches. We ask that each pastor bring a message on Missions during this month and call your church at the altar and pray for the success of this great work.

Now we must depend on you, for our hands are tied, and it is up to you to loosen them that we may go and use them to the glory of God. Don't forget that April is the "red letter" month for Home Missions and much depends on what we do about it.

Your Board is now ready for a revival in Florence, South Carolina; Camden, Arkansas; Atlanta, Georgia; and

Steelville, Missouri. Now we are planning to reclaim work in Pennsylvania, New York, New Hampshire, Nebraska, and Northern Illinois, which we have lost in the past because of our lethargy.

Now pastors, please, please, don't let us down this time! We are trusting you to help us. Don't forget, the church sending to Reverend Harry E. Staires, Oilton, Oklahoma, Treasurer of the Home Mission Board, the largest offering during the month of April, will receive a nice banner which you will be proud to place in your church. Now let's see who gets this nice banner. The report for April will be sent to the papers. Now let's pray, pay, and do! that our denomination may grow and God's Kingdom may be built up.

Let's do our home work, for we depend on you, and God depends on you. Now, you may send your donations to your State Director if you choose, and he can send it to the National Secretary and Treasurer.

REPORT OF OUR MISSIONARY ITINERARY

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in the name of our wonderfulaviour!

The last report we gave of our missionary journey we were in Morehead City, N. C. From there we went to Sound View church for one night. We had a precious service there at the church. We had a pleasant night in the home of Brother and Sister Elmer Garner. May the good Lord ever bless the dear ones of the church and neighborhood. Our next stop was with Holly Springs Church. Brother Bennett is the pastor of this church. We had there good, spiritual service. It was a great privilege for us to have spent the night in the home of Sister Garner and family. We left early the next morning and went to sit a dear friend in Bayboro, Mrs. Amy Howell. From there we went to Arapahoe for Sunday and Sunday night services. This Brother Burkette Raper's church. It was great joy to us to learn that he is one of the boys reared at the Middlesex Orphanage, North Carolina. While there we spent the night in the home of Brother and Sister Swindell, and also in the home of Sister Attie Beacham, and Mother.

Our next stop was to Bethel and Oriental churches. It was very good for us to have been privileged to visit these people. We spent the time in the home of sister and Brother Fred Silverthorne. We had two services with these dear people. We enjoyed being in several homes at Oriental, and we had services there, and enjoyed visiting the people very much. Brother Moretz is the pastor of this church. He has been a very good friend of ours for many years. May God richly bless him and his church people. From this point we went to Kingston, North Carolina, and visited Brother Beamon's church. We held services, but there were not many present for the services, since it was so bitter cold. We stopped in the home of Sister and Brother Beekton. It was really a joy to us to be able to visit with them in their home. May God ever bless them is our prayer.

Since we do not wish to make these letters too long, you can watch for another letter soon, but we will say this before we close: on our tour we visited 53 churches, had 40 conversions, and preached in four states, held 66 services, and never missed an appointment. At this writing we are back at our home, and are praising God for the wonderful victory.

We began a meeting in our church today. Pray for us that it may be more than a meeting. Pray that souls may be born again. Pray that we may have a spiritual awakening. Sister Tommie Franklin will help us in this meeting. Many of you know what a power she is in God's hands.

Yours for Jesus,

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

REVIVAL TO BE HELD IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Unity Free Will Baptist Church, 2816 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida, announces revival services, beginning April 18 and running through 29th. Rev. Mark Lewis, Flat River, Mo., will be the evangelist in this revival, and we extend an invitation to all who are near enough to attend, to come and enjoy these services. This will be Rev. Lewis' third revival at Unity Church, and each time he has been with us God has wonderfully blessed. Pray with us for a great revival.

Rev. C. J. Pitts, Pastor

VICTORY IN THE LORD

"Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ."—II Corinthians 2:14.

When you are content with any food, any raiment, any climate, any society, any solitude, any interruption by the will of God—that is victory.

When you can patiently bear with any disorder, any irregularity, and unpunctuality, or any annoyance—that is victory.

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your taste offended, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you take it all in patient, loving silence—that is victory.

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation or to record your own good works, or to seek after commendation, when you can truly love to be unknown—that is victory.

When you are forgotten or neglected or purposely set at naught, and you smile inwardly glorying in the insult or the oversight, because thereby counted worthy to suffer with Christ—that is victory.

When you come face to face with waste, folly, extravagance, spiritual insensibility, and endure it as Jesus endured it—that is victory.

When the enemy presses sorely and the world clamors on all sides, friends forsake and foes malign, and you hide behind the Blood, sweetly resting and rejoicing—this is victory (I John 5:4; Rev. 12:11).

When death and life are both alike to you through Christ, and to do His perfect will, you delight not more in one than the other—that is victory: for through Him you may be able to say, "Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death" (Phil. 1:20; I Cor. 15:54).

When others are content with a meager measure of piety and power, with an ambition merely to be "saved as by fire," and you claim your full inheritance in Christ—an overcomer—in order to reign with Him—that is victory (Rev. 3:21).

When like Paul, you can throw all your suffering on Jesus, thus converting it into a means of knowing His overcoming grace; and can say from a surrendered heart, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in distresses, for Christ's sake—that is victory (II Cor. 12:7-10).

Victory centers wholly in the Lord Christ Himself. You may dwell too much on your weakness and too much on the strength of your foe. You must look away from Satan. You must be absolutely taken up with the Lord Jesus—with His keeping power, with His conquering power, with the certainty of His victory, and your share in it (I Cor. 15:57).

The perfect victory is to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and thus to triumph over self (Romans 13:14).

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Romans 8:37).

Victory! Victory!

Precious Blood-bought Victory,

Victory! Victory!

All along the line.

As Jehovah liveth,

Strength Divine He giveth,

Unto those who trust Him,

Victory all the time.

A WARNING TO GIRLS IN LOVE

Too often a fine girl when keeping company with a young man whom she loves and hopes to marry is subjected to a severe trial and temptation when he urges her to commit an immoral act with him during their courtship days. If she refuses or hesitates, he urges her to take a small glass of wine, or a glass of beer, hoping that will arouse her passion and weaken her will.

As a final argument he says, "If you really love me," which argument is hard for many girls to resist. One college girl recently stopped that sexamorous appeal of her "suitor" by reversing the pressure. She said: "If you really love me, prove it by showing respect for my ideals and desires."—The Civic Bulletin

The Socialist state is inefficient and expensive. It robs men of liberties, and imposes on them burdens too grievous to be borne. Where Socialism reigns, liberty dies.

Dr. Walter R. Courtenay

Home should be something more than a filling station.—Dr. William Ward Ayer.

SINGING CONVENTION

Kennedy's Singing Convention will meet at Pleasant Hill Church, 2nd Sunday in April, beginning at 2:00 o'clock p. m. It will consist of four choirs and their specials. They are as follows: Pleasant Hill, Macedonia, Wintergreen and Gethsemane. The public is cordially invited to come out and enjoy the occasion.

Mrs. L. D. Stanley

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: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

NERVOUS TENSION AND UNREST

Present world conditions have brought on the people in this country, in a very great way, a situation of "nervous tension and unrest." Many people are working and living under strain and stress, anxiety and fear. Radio broadcasts, newspaper articles, public addresses, and magazine reports bearing upon military preparedness, war, crime, rising cost of living, and the like, are having an alarming effect upon the minds of a great many people. The trend is nervous excitement, doubt, fear, unrest with a great many people. As a result, such unsettled conditions affect not only the home life, but also life in the business world. Home makers are disturbed, in many instances, laborers are affected by strain and tension of mind as they work in factory, on the farm, or elsewhere. In fact, it is not a healthful condition for the American people, and yet present conditions certainly affect the mental and physical aspects of the individual.

One noted writer once said in a message written to a certain set of employees: "Make the best use of your conditions. Never let disturbing elements about you get the best of you. Be calm. Hold your nerve. Think things through. If you cannot change the conditions, do not let the conditions change you. Do the job well, and time will take care of you."

In this thought expressed by that writer there is probably some truth worth remembering for the average American man and woman, boy and girl. Since most of us can do little or nothing about changing the disturbing conditions of this country, it is better for us to be calm, relax our nerves, and take things as they come in a quiet manner. There is no good reason to become nervous and restless over things beyond your control. The joy of living consists of contentment of heart and mind, and with a will to serve God and man in the most acceptable manner. Worrying about things that might happen for the good or the bad will not change the coming events; proper thought and action, with vision and confidence, will be of more value to those greatly concerned about world conditions.

SALES OF LITERATURE INCREASING

We are in the midst of filling orders for Second Quarter Sunday School and League literature. These orders, on the whole, are larger in a great many instances than for the past quarter. Our sales are showing an increase, and the business is good, for which we are thankful, and appreciate the patronage which the church people far and near are extending to our publishing house.

Quite a number of the people have written to us, expressing their thanks and appreciations for the

improvements that are being made in the appearance of our Sunday School and League quarterlies. Further improvements will be made, it is expected, as time passes, when better machinery can be made available for the work of producing our publications to the greater satisfaction of the church people. The interest seems to be growing in the Press, from the various sections of the country, and the Business management and the Board of Directors, together with the employees, are glad to see this interest being manifested on the part of a great many of the church people in the various states. We hope that it will continue to grow as improvements in the different publications will be made from time to time.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER

The pre-Easter services, during the Week of Prayer, conducted by the Woman's Auxiliaries of the Free Will Baptist denomination were well attended, on the whole, and much good was derived from the study of the Scriptures bearing upon Passion Week. More local auxiliaries of the various churches, according to reports, participated in this Week of Prayer than in previous years. More planning by the Auxiliary women of the churches was made this year than before. In a very great many instances special speakers were secured to address the people, assembled at the churches, on topics bearing upon the important events in Jerusalem during Passion Week. Much interest was shown by those who attended these services, and a clearer understanding, on the part of a large number of people, was obtained concerning the events connected with the life of Christ during that week.

As a result of these pre-Easter services, many of the churches were revived in spirit, new interest was shown in the meaning of Easter, and Easter services on Easter Sunday were attended in a great many churches with large crowds of people. These services brought the climax of the pre-Easter prayer services, conducted each night by the Auxiliary women of the local churches, and served to impress upon the hearts and minds of the church people the true joy of Christian worship, sweet fellowship, and brotherly love one for another. Certainly, the Easter season, for all who entered into it with a deep sense of worship and praise unto the Lord, meant much to many hearts, and will have its telling influence on them for months to come.

God always has and always will own the faithful, loving preaching of His own Word. But, alas! how few are the ministers who, like Paul, cease not to "warn every one night and day with tears"—Rev. S. B. Shaw.

God is superior to all that He has ever made.—Rev. Isaiah Reid.

A MIGHTY NEIGHBORHOOD

Today's world has been called a "mighty neighborhood." The term is apt. How like a neighborhood has our 20th century world become—like many communities, especially in our own land, with their diversity of peoples and variety of cultures. How like a neighborhood is our international society, with its squabbles, tit-for-tat diplomacy, displays of self-righteousness, and maneuvers for advantage.

The statement of the basic problem within this mighty neighborhood is simple—and obvious: How can we achieve sufficient goodwill and justice, a willingness for genuine compromise, together with compassion for other's needs and understanding for their aspirations, that the nations will settle their differences by conference, not by war? No balance of power, no concentration of might, no world organization can eliminate matters of dispute among peoples. Therefore the disputes must be settled by negotiation or by war.

The statement of the problem is simple. To find the concrete ways to solve it is involved and difficult. We can and will find those concrete ways, however, unless we have altogether succumbed to the Marxian doctrine that history is precisely determined, that man is a pawn shoved about—willy-nilly—by massive forces which he can in no way influence and is therefore helpless. The stout faith of Judaism and Christianity gives short shrift to such enervating fatalism. The Bible lays squarely on man himself the responsibility for what he is and what he does, whether in the personal realm or in the areas of social conflict. If we can fight our prevailing funk and face our international emergency with fortitude, there are things we can do. Some will have immediate effect, others will count only in the long run. But all will help to inject into the global tensions what our religious faith terms "brotherhood" and our national heritage calls "fraternity," the quality that stirs people—even diplomats—to treat each other as human beings.

Here are five concrete things we can do:

Ratify immediately the Genocide Convention. This Convention formally came into effect this past month, after 20 nations had ratified it. The United States, by ratifying it, can show the world that we are ready to join other countries in the outlawry of the grisly, bestial horrors of concentration camps and mass murders.

Fulfill the request of the Indian government for two million tons of food grains. The food situation in India is desperate. We can help to meet that need by supplying the grains and granting the long-term loans to pay for them.

Promote actively the extension of human rights. In a world where the peoples in vast areas are slowly winning more of their basic rights, we can be somewhat gratified at the advances made in this country along this line, specifically the Supreme Court rulings that legally insure equal educational rights for Negroes in professional schools. But much more must be done. Perhaps, as has been suggested, "civil-rights legislation is more vital than ever, now that Communism has shifted its emphasis from the class conflict to discrimination based on color and race—an approach that is extremely persuasive in Asia."

Give at least one per cent as much for economic and technical assistance to underdeveloped areas as we expend for defense. Our mightiest efforts are now being exerted for security. Necessary as this is amidst the East-West conflict, we are constantly in a "defensive posture." The London Economist takes the long view when it states that defense is not enough: "At some points in the twentieth century the success of the free world will consist not in its self-preservation but in its ability to advance—which means, in democratic terms, its capacity to offer both for its own people and for the poor communities of Africa and the East rising standards, both material and moral, that dictatorship cannot provide." Must we not start to make such advances now?

Reflect an attitude that is part and parcel of our genuine national heritage: a courage that is strong without being bellicose, a conciliatory spirit that is firm for principle without being intractable, a passion for liberty so genuine that it encourages the freedom and independence of all peoples. If this attitude were expressed today in all our handling of world affairs, our negotiations—carried on to be sure in the atmosphere of Realpolitik—would have a vastly better chance of settling some of our most baffling international problems.

There is yet time for us to do more than build a garrison state. That we are doing with all our might. But we must also direct our energies to those ends that, in these dark days, serve the cause of the human spirit. Then it may be that we will control our panic. And confidence will once again be born within the hearts of men.—World Alliance News Letter.

THE HABIT OF A SMILE

Bertha A. Davis

When you hurry off to school to learn the
hows, and wheres, and whys,
To mind your p's and q's to cross your t's
and dot your i's,
It takes no extra time at all to bear in
mind the while
That it helps, to wear the habit of a friend-
ly smile.

And when you walk sedately off to church
and Sunday School,
To study Bible lessons and to learn the
Golden Rule,
Of course you will remember, whatever
may beguile,
To wear your daily habit of a bright and
cherry smile.

And as the years move onward, leaving
childish joys behind,
And you take a lively interest in affairs of
grown-up kind,
It will cheer along the comrades, who
trudge with you mile on mile,
When they see the gentle shadow of your
childhood's sunny smile.

For a smile is like a snowball that is pushed
along the ground—
It larger grows and larger still, the more
it's rolled around.
So, don this cherry habit and wear it all the
while,
For there's nothing so contagious as a lov-
ing, happy smile.

—The Children's Friend

BRING THE BOOKS!

Godfrey C. Robinson

"Bring the books." If only we could know the exact titles the apostles had in mind. The commentators offer their suggestions: were they notes on the life of Jesus, or copies of the Old Testament Scriptures, or vellum manuscripts of Greek classics, or perhaps even legal documents relating to Paul's trial? We cannot be certain, although there is ample New Testament evidence to assure us that St. Paul was himself a serious student of good literature.

But surely it is the Bible we need, rather than books about the Bible—an affirmation in line with John Wesley's avowed ambition to be a man of one book. Such an ambition is both right and commendable, if by it we mean what Wesley meant: for as it is manifest that his thought and life were saturated with the Word of God, it is equally plain that he did not neglect those other volumes which could add their own particular contribution to his appreciation of the Book.

By all means concentrate on the Bible. No other books dare usurp its place; and the healthy Christian life is characterized by an advancing appropriation of its truths. Make sure that you have a good, readable copy of your own, strong enough to stand up to years of wear, with type that will still be clear when vision has begun to dim, on paper that will bear marking and annotation; a copy that you can keep and love and treasure. The Bible first, of course.

There is no need, however, to despise the use of helps. The Holy Spirit who in a special sense inspired the sacred page, is active still in the Church, inspiring those who read and preach and write. The spirit who touched a prophet's lips can guide an author's pen, and ink and paper have often been the channel of divine communication to men and women. Gather around you those books which exalt Christ and which are the product of competent scholarship and burning hearts; which, as they disclose the wonders of the Word, will deepen

your faith in the One who is Himself both subject and author. Writings where sanctity and scholarship are found together are richly rewarding; but it is always dangerous when these two drift apart.

It may be taken as axiomatic that every book worth a Christian's time and thought is in some way or another, either directly or indirectly, related to Christian truth. Can this test be applied to, say, a volume of poetry or a novel by Dicken's? Certainly, for in the former case if the poetry is good poetry it will elevate thought, beautify speech, and open new windows upon a world which is still the scene of our Lord's redemptive ministry and in which we are called to serve His cause; while in any really fine fiction there will be found compelling illustrations of those spiritual and moral principles which are basic in the Kingdom of God.

The reading of history will reveal the Living Christ actively at work through the centuries, expanding, strengthening, correcting and purifying His church. You will learn from the mistakes of those who have gone before; and you will be newly inspired as you recognize that however discouraged outwardly the situation has appeared, history has never been other than His story—God was, and is, working His purpose out. You will smile perhaps as you recognize in "up-to-date" challengers of the Christian Faith stuffy old heresies decked out in a twentieth-century new look.

Read biography. See what God can do with Christ-centered lives—with the mind of an Augustine, the organizing genius of a Wesley, the passion of a Carey, and the dedicated sympathy of a Florence Nightingale. As you study the lives of men and women of this order, you will, if you have really captured the secret of their experiences, return to your tasks a bigger, better and a braver Christian. In the story of modern missionary endeavor history and biography unite and bring the miraculous right down to our own day.

Books will quicken your devotion to Christ and help to sustain your zeal through times of trial and discouragement. Reckon them among

your finest friends. It was Professor David Smith who wrote—

And for this chamber of desire,
Where my dear books abide,
My constant friends that never tire,
Teachers that never chide.

At the beginning of his ministry he had been introduced to his labors by the eminent Professor A. B. Bruce, who had said to him, "You will get no inspiration from your surroundings here; see that you seek it from your books." Later on, this was the testimony of David Smith: "I remembered his counsel, and I found it good . . . Many an evening I would come home sick of petty jealousies, and fretted by trivial narrowness, and would get into my study; and, behold, I was in a large and wealthy place, and in the fellowship of the immortals."

The Life of Faith
7 Milford Lane, Strand
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WATCH YOUR STEP AND ADVICE!

"I am going to teach my son to drink like a gentleman."

Perhaps. But there are 750,000 alcoholics in this country—broken, ruined men and women, utterly unable to cope with a strong passion—and many of these were raised in homes where the ideal of moderation existed.

There are 6,500 people killed by automobiles in this country every year as the result of somebody's drinking. Automobile accidents and fatalities are seldom caused by drunken drivers but are caused usually by drinking drivers—folks who had been imbibing moderately and who just got throttle happy.

No one can be taught to regulate in his life the growth of a habit-forming drug—and that alcohol is. If a person drinks moderately, it is because he has a well-balanced nervous system, or because he was not placed in circumstances which encouraged indulgence, or because he never met a stiff crisis which tempted him to "seek comfort" in alcohol.

The only way one can be sure of being able to deal satisfactorily with alcohol is by staying away from it. It has a way of creeping up on folks. Even when taken in small quantities and in the form of mild liquors, it paralyzes the moral inhibitions and invites every variety of unsatisfactory conduct. It's highly dangerous.—Earle L. Douglass.

MARY ANN

By Mrs. J. A. Boyle



MARY ANN was a little girl with blond curly hair and bright blue eyes. She was the pride and joy of her parents. They most always saw to it that she was at Sunday School every Sunday, even at the age of six. But sometimes when it was real hot or cold, or a rainy day her father would say he thought that it was foolish to risk getting sick from exposure because Mary Ann was too young to learn anything. He was soon to learn how wrong he was.

It happened this way: Mary Ann's father's job was to deliver mail sacks, filled with mail, from the railroad station to a town four miles away that had no train going to it. Every day he would have a great big load of mail sacks stuffed full of all kind of mail from one town to another. There were so very few good roads, Mary Ann's father used a hack drawn by two large black horses. The last train bringing mail was due about four o'clock in the afternoon. By working fast the mail sacks could be loaded in the hack and carried to their proper place and Mary Ann's father could be back home before it was too late.

Sometimes in the late fall and early winter the train would be late and it would get dark early. It was on days like this that Mary Ann liked best to go with her father to the station and wait for the train to arrive with the mail.

One day in late November Mary Ann went with her father to the station. It had been a cloudy day and cold enough to have the storm curtains up. It was warm inside the carriage and light came through the little glass windows. It was just the way she liked it to be. People were gathering around the small depot waiting for the train. Her father was standing outside talking to a small group of men. The two horses hitched to the hack stamped their feet impatiently. Now and then they would turn their great heads nervously. Mary Ann would have to hide them by saying, "Whoa, now, stand still, I say!" Her father noticed their restlessness and kept coming to peek in at Mary Ann. Her sweet smile assured him that she was all right. The horses were gentle and were used to their work but somehow there seemed to be a tension.

Shortly someone sighted the train down the track and everyone began to move about in a hurry. People were getting out on the platform, hand trucks were being drawn down in place to be loaded with express and Mary Ann's father was standing by ready to get the sacks of mail. A switch engine tugged along with its heavy load. The approaching train gave out a shrill whistle. Two train cars turned loose by the switch engine bumped together and gave out a loud crash. All of this was just too much for the ordinarily gentle horses.

They raised their heads high and drew in a great breath of air through their quivering nostrils and with a lunge forward they raced down the street that paralleled the railroad track for a few yards then took straight down the track as fast as they could go. Mary Ann was bounced about on the seat, then she remembered something so she just snuggled close in the corner of the seat.

Someone on the platform yelled, "The horses are running away." Mary Ann's father dropped the sacks of mail he was loading and ran after the runaway horses that were still racing down the track. Just ahead of these horses were two open trestles. The people on the platform were horrified. Some yelled, "Whoa, Whoa!" Others just held their breath and waited. On the horses ran, over the first trestle. The next one was longer. The horses seemed to be going faster, just one awkward step on the trestle would throw them all down to the creek bed far below, perhaps killing Mary Ann and the horses. On they went and passed safely over the second trestle. Just a little past the trestle a dirt road crossed the track. The horses slowed as they neared it, turned off the track onto the road and stopped dead still.

Mary Ann's father was still trying to reach her. Almost exhausted he kept going. On reaching the hack he took Mary Ann in his arms saying, "Oh, my poor child, I know you were so frightened." "Oh, no," she said, "I remembered something." Her father, still too weak to stand, said, "And what did you remember?" Mary Ann answered, "I remembered the Bible verse my teacher, Miss Julia, taught me." Her father swallowed hard then asked, "Last Sunday?" "No," said Mary Ann, "not last Sunday. You said the weather was to disagreeable. It was raining, remember?" "Yes, I do remember, but what was the Bible verse?" asked her father as he climbed into the hack. "It went like this," she said, "What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee." I just kept saying this verse over and over and I wasn't afraid." Her father drove the horses back to the station, then took Mary Ann home. All the way he was thinking, "What would have happened if Mary Ann had missed Sunday School the Sunday she learned the verse that, no doubt, saved her life.

A NOTE OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the acts of kindness, messages of sympathy, and beautiful floral offerings received from our many friends, during our bereavement, in the death of our husband and father, Mr. Stephen Powers.

Mrs. Stephen Powers
Mr. Levie Powers
Mrs. Hubert Beavers

The Fourth Nationwide F.W.B.L. Conference



The Fourth Nationwide Free Will League Conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, July 3-5, 1951. The Free Will Baptist Bible College and the Free Will Baptist churches of middle Tennessee will be sponsor of the conference. Meetings will be held at the college, where work is being rushed to have the new auditorium completed in time for the conference. The keynote of the conference will be "The Hour Has Come," based on John 12:23.

The First Nationwide Conference was held with the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church in 1948, and those who remember the splendid hospitality of the City of Nashville, will welcome a chance for a return there for this year's conference.

Her Gift Saved Livingstone

When Livingston went to Africa, there was a Scotch woman named Mrs. MacRoberts, quite advanced in life, who had saved up thirty pounds, which she gave to the great missionary, saying: "When you go to Africa, I want you to spare yourself exposure and needless toil by hiring some competent body servant, who will go with you wherever you go, and share your sacrifices and exposures."

With that money he hired his faithful servant, known as Sebalwe. When the lion had thrown Livingston down and crushed the bones of his left arm, and was about to destroy him, this man, seeing his critical condition, drew off the attention of the lion to himself, thinking that he would save his master at the cost of his own life. The lion sprang at him, but just at that moment the guns of other companions brought him down and Livingston's life was prolonged for thirty years. Surely, that noble Scotch woman, as well as the servant, should be credited with some, at least, of the results of the noble devotion of that great missionary.—F. B. Meyer

Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God and a scourge for Satan.—John Bunyan.

Cragmont Is Calling

Now is the time to begin making plans to visit Cragmont this summer. The N. C. ministers have already reserved the first week, June 4th to June 9th, and they have already begun making plans for a great retreat. The Woman's Auxiliary has already reserved the week, August 13th to August 18th, so it is time for you, too, to make plans.

Our State Sunday School Convention has made plans to engage a full-time worker to be on hand any week you care to attend to make your trip more enjoyable. The Cragmont Board of Directors has made plans to make facilities available to Sunday Schools, Sunday school classes, ladies auxiliaries, and leagues to make reservations and go in a body to Cragmont this summer, any week they choose as long as reservations are available.

The Cragmont bus will be available to take parties to and from Cragmont. This will be a very enjoyable and economical trip.

Sunday School pupils and leaguers—talk to your teachers, superintendents, and directors, and begin making your plans to visit Cragmont this summer. It will be a trip you will never forget.

Please write me as soon as possible for reservations.

Raymond T. Sasser
207 Broad St.
Wilson, N. C.

SUPERANNUATION

Dear Co-Workers:

In regards to Superannuation, have you forgotten the letter I wrote you last year concerning Superannuation, asking the auxiliaries and the ministers to keep the old ministers in mind and not let them down? They labored and toiled for the Lord, even walking many, many miles to care for the flocks in their churches. So, let us remember that only 25c per member of the Free Will Baptist churches will suffice to keep the retired pastors up with the help of the different organizations.

Please remind all the ministers to speak of Superannuation and ask their churches to contribute their help to the retired ministers.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Carrie Ringgold,
Bridgeton, N. C.

REVIVAL AT JUNIPER CHAPEL

The revival will begin at Juniper Chapel near Vanceboro, N. C., on Monday night after the first Sunday in April.

Rev. Sam Kennedy of Beulaville, N. C., will be the speaker. The public is cordially invited to attend these services each night.

Sincerely,
Velma G. Morris

PROGRAM

Following is the Program of the First Union of the Western Conference, to be held at Branch Chapel, Johnston County, 28 April, 1951. Rev. Willie Renfrow is pastor of the church and also moderator of the Conference.

Morning Session

- 9:30—Devotional, Rev. W. L. Poythress
- Welcome Address, Host Pastor
- Response, Rev. Rommie Mitchell
- Enrollment of ministers and churches
- Seating delegates and visitors
- Minutes of the last Union, by the clerk
- Appointment of Committees
- United Program News, Rev. M. L. Johnson
- 11:00—Inspirational service, Bro. Hilery Minchew
- Offering for the Orphanage and Special Music
- Sermon: "Our Church," Rev. R. N. Hinnant
- Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Talk, "Me and My Church," Bro. Joe Morris
- Report of Boards and Committees
- Business of the Union
- Discussion, "The Revised Church Government": Leader, Rev. James A. Evans
- 3:00—Adjournment

Rev. Willie Renfrow, Moderator
Bro. C. S. Hinnant, Clerk

Home-Coming at Friendship Church, Greene County, N. C.

This is to announce that we are welcoming friends, former pastors, special singers, and the public in general to Friendship Church on Third Sunday in April. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the day with us.

Choirs, duets, solos and trios are to be a special part of the day's program. Dinner will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. Any minister planning to attend please notify J. D. Vernelson, Washington, North Carolina, Route 3, Box 514, so that he may arrange to have him placed on the program.

By the pastor,
J. D. Vernelson

NOTICE

This is to advise that I will be available for pastoral work on second and fourth Sundays for another year.

D. A. Windham,
Greenville, N. C.

See and Hear Missionary Film

Professionally filmed by Missions Visualized, Inc., "Letter to Melitino" is a dramatic production of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Work in Cuba. You'll see the transforming power of the Word of God. You'll see a Mission School in action, teaching the natives to carry the Gospel to their own people. Called by many "Miracle in Modern Missions." Challenging! Inspiring!

This great film will be shown at the following places on the respective dates, by the authority of the State Mission Board, Rev. J. C. Griffin of New Bern, N. C., operating the projector. God is blessing this film service, and some of the leading ministers and laymen are endorsing the work. Watch for the nearest announced service and see what God is doing in Cuba.

GRIFFIN'S N. C. ITINERARY

- April 5—Holly Springs, Carteret Co.
- April 9—Jacksonville F. W. B. Church
- April 10—Folkstone
- April 11—Bethlehem, Duplin Co.
- April 23—Mt. Zion, Onslow Co.
- April 24—Beulaville F. W. B. Church
- April 25—Pearsall's Chapel
- April 26—Long Ridge
- April 30—North East
- May 1—Sarecta
- May 2—Lanier's Chapel

HOMECOMING AT BETHEL

There will be an annual Homecoming service at Bethel F. W. B. Church, Whortonville, N. C., on Sunday, April 8th. Dinner will be served picnic style on the church grounds at noon. Former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited to attend for a day of Christian fellowship and refreshments.

Mrs. Kathleen Slade
Church Clerk

THE STARS

The stars shine over the earth,
The stars shine over the sea,
The stars look up at a mighty God,
The stars look down on me.
The stars will live a million years—
A million years and a day—
But God and I will live and love
When the Stars have passed away.

The third strongest force known to man is the released energy of the atom, the second is the influence of thought, and the first is the power of faith.—Clarence E. Flynn



THE PERIOD OF THE PATRIARCHS

(Lesson for April 15)

LESSON: Genesis 12—24. Genesis 15:1-6; 17:5-18.

GOLDEN TEXT: Genesis 15:1.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

A long interval of time lies between Adam and Abraham, but there is a purpose in the present plan of lessons.

In the present lesson we see that although mankind had corrupted its ways, God has by no means lost interest. He seeks man and enters into a Covenant relationship with him. Of course the Covenant with Abram was not the first, but it was a very important one.

God had called Abram when he was still in Ur of the Chaldees, and for some reason not disclosed in the Scriptures, his father Terah and the entire family had left with him with Canaan as their destination. Joseph gives the impression that Terah's son, Haran, had been used as a sacrifice to the moon god worshipped in Ur, and for that reason the entire family was willing to leave the old home. But they had only gone as far as Haran. Here they tarried for about five years. It was not until after the death of Terah that God renewed the call. Some believe that Abram received no further revelation from the Lord until he had yielded full obedience to the first call.

It was a call to separation. He was to leave the land of his birth; the people of whom he was a part; even his own father's house. He was to leave them because they were all filled with idolatry, and God wanted Abram to make a new beginning under new surroundings. He was to go out of an old life and into a new.

1. God Himself is the Reward of

all who put their trust in Him (Gen 15:1).

2. As it is impossible for man to count all the stars, so it is impossible for him to appreciate all the greatness of God, and His faithfulness in keeping His promises (vs. 5).

3. As simple an act as believing God's promise of a son was enough to justify Abraham in God's sight (vs. 6).

4. The God who spoke to Abraham when he was ninety-nine will be just as near to any old man or woman who trusts Him (17:1).

5. When Abraham despaired of God's promise because of his age, God appeared to him as the all-sufficient One (vs. 1).

6. The all-sufficient God expects those to whom He reveals Himself to walk uprightly before Him (vs. 1).

7. A proper realization of the nearness of God will always cause a child of God to humble himself (vs. 3).

8. God has a new name for everyone who fully believes on Him (vs. 5).

9. Spiritual fruitfulness, as well as the natural blessing of children, comes from the Lord (vs. 6).

10. The result of the works of the flesh can never be acceptable before God (vss. 18, 19).—Selected.

II. Abraham, Lot and Sodom

No one can attribute to Abraham's unselfishness the disaster which came to Lot in Sodom. These troubles were the result of Lot's own choices. The origin of evil lies in the power of choice. Men are moral beings because they can make choices. Lot's misfortune lay in the fact that he chose toward himself, while Abraham chose away from himself. It is interesting to conjecture what the future of Sodom might have been had Abraham been in control of the plains which fell to Lot. Abraham's faith, strength, and unselfishness were redemptive qualities.

Men do not suffer alone in what appear to be smart choices, but in reality are selfish ones. In the long avenue of memory, regrets spring up which root back to a wrong choice which affected a whole lifetime of subsequent choices.

The intercession of Abraham is the first prayer the Bible records, and is one of the most remarkable.

The sins of Sodom and Gomorrah were so terribly grievous that they cried out to Heaven for vengeance, they demanded judgment. The cup of their iniquity was filled, and judgment was ready to break forth upon them.

In the face of the judgment decreed and ready to fall, Abraham interceded before Jehovah in behalf of Sodom. His heart went out for these wicked citizens and he was moved with compassion about their fate. What a beautiful spirit he manifested!

Abraham was not one of those cold-hearted saints that impudently declared they have brought it on themselves, now let them suffer their punishment. It was all too true that their sins provoked the judgment, but Abraham was concerned about their deliverance, just the same.

Christians likewise should draw near to God and plead with Him in behalf of the lost. Of course prayer must be combined with action. We must first of all see to it that the Gospel of salvation is preached to all men. It is through this means God reigns to save the lost (Rom. 10:10-17; 1 Cor. 1:21). But we must pray as well, and pray earnestly.

There are some souls so far gone in sin that nothing but prayer can ever reach them. If prayer fails, their doom is settled. Let us pray, pray, pray on without ceasing. And let us labor as we pray.—Selected.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

God a Shield

In the winter of 1873, there was a terrible explosion of a steam boiler in the city of Pittsburgh. A number of persons were killed, and many were wounded. But there was one life preserved in a very singular way, as if on purpose to show how God can make use of anything He pleases, in order to shield His people from harm. This singular circumstance occurred to the wife of one of the men who was working in the mill where the explosion took place. She was in her

house, busy with the usual household duties, when she heard the noise of the explosion. All at once, she felt an unusual desire to pray. In a moment she fell on her knees and began to pray. While she was thus engaged, a large piece of the boiler which had just exploded, weighing about two hundred pounds, came crashing through the room, and passed directly by the place where her head would have been if she had not been kneeling down in prayer. That prayer saved her life. Surely, He may well be called the best Shield, who can protect the lives of His people in such a strange way as this.—R. Newton, in *Biblical Encyclopedia*.

Select at least ten important truths found in our Advanced and Senior Quarterlies and tell why you think they deserve emphasis.

WE SEE JESUS CROWNED

Andrew Murray

"But now we see not yet all things subjected to him. But we behold him who hath been made a little lower than the angels, even Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor" (Heb. 2:8, 9, A. S. V.).

What a glorious contrast! We see not yet all things subjected to him, that is, to man; but, what is far better, we see Jesus crowned with glory and honor. When we look around upon this world, with all its sin and misery, it does not appear as if man was destined to be higher than the angels, and to have dominion over all the works of God's hands. Yet when we remember that Jesus became Man, that He might taste death for all men, and that He, a Man upon the Throne, now lives as our Surety, our Redeemer, and our Head, it is enough if we see Him crowned with glory and honor. In that we have the pledge that He will one day bring man to that glory and honor, too; and that He is using all that glory and honor even now on our behalf. We see not yet all things subjected to man, but—we see Jesus crowned with honor and glory. Blessed contrast!

The right knowledge and use of this antithesis is the secret of the life of faith. We see not yet all things subjected to Him, how exactly this expresses the disappointment and failure which is often the experience of the believer when his first joy and hope begin to pass away. He finds that sin is stronger than he knew; that the power of the world and the flesh and self are not yet made subject to him as he had hoped. At times it is as if he feels that the pro-

mises of God, and the expectations they raised in his heart are vain. Or else, if he acknowledges God's faithfulness to fulfill them, the way for one who is as weak as he is, and in his circumstances, to obtain these promises, is too hard. The promises of God, to put all things in subjection to us and make us more than conquerors are indeed most precious, but alas, ever again the bitter experience comes—man sees not yet all things subjected to him.

Blessed is the man who knows, then, in living faith to say: But we see Jesus crowned with glory and honor. Blessed the man who knows to look away from all that he finds in himself of imperfection and failure, to look up and behold all the perfection and glory he finds in Jesus! Yes, blessed the man who finds his delight and his life in meeting every disappointment and every difficulty with the blessed—But—we see Jesus crowned with glory and honor. This satisfies the soul and gives it peace and joy and strength.

The epistle is about to expound the great mystery, why the Son of God was made a little lower than the angels. It was that, by the grace of God, He might taste death for every man, and so open up again the entrance into God's presence and favor. The necessity and meaning of His sufferings and death it will present to us in three different aspects. The first (vs. 10) that in suffering and death Christ Himself must needs be made perfect, so that as our leader He might open up to us the path of perfection, and prepare that new nature in which we are to be led to glory. The second (vss. 14, 15), that through death, making propitiation for sin, He might destroy the devil, with his power of death, and give us a perfect deliverance from all fear of it. And the third (vss. 16-18), that in what He suffered, He might be made a merciful and faithful High Priest, able to secure our perfect confidence, and to give us the succor we need. But before the writer thus unfolds the meaning of Christ's humiliation, he first points to His glory. It is this which gives our faith its power of endurance and victory; we see Jesus now at the right hand of the majesty of God.

Let us hold fast this chief thought of the epistle, as the one great lesson the Hebrews, and all feeble, wavering Christians need: Jesus, who suffered for us; Jesus, who in His suffering as our leader, opened a way to God for us; Jesus, who sympathizes with us—this Jesus is crowned with honor and glory. To see Him is to know that we have all we need.

Do you long for just as much of the love and the presence, the holiness and the joy and the power of God in you as there is in Jesus for you? Here you have the secret of it all! Amid all wrongdoing and weakness, all darkness and doubt, all perplexity and failure, hold fast this one truth, engage in this one exercise of faith: We see not yet all things subjected to man, but we see Jesus crowned. This gives peace, and victory and joy unspeakable.

If you would know how thus ever to have the heart turned to Jesus, remember, He came to save His people from their sins. It is the heart that is weary of itself and its wretchedness, which fully accepts the fact of the utter helplessness of all that is of the old nature and of self, which will find itself attracted with strong desire to this mighty Redeemer. In such a heart Jesus, the crowned one, will be not only a distant object, but, by the Holy Spirit, an indwelling presence. The coming of the Holy Spirit is inseparably connected with the glorifying of Jesus (John 7:38, 39; 17:10), is our only real participation in the blessings that flow from it. Let all our worship of Him, crowned with glory and honor, be in the faith that the Spirit, dwelling within, glorifies Him in us, so that our whole inner being is filled with His presence.—From *Christian Digest*.

NOTES AND QUOTES

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his wife's weakness. In reality his excuse for sinning went back to God, when he said, "The woman that thou gave me did eat and gave to me." So man is prone to say, because it was handed down from Adam, "My wife is to blame," or my "Dad is to blame," as the case may be. We are always placing our meanness and short comings at some one else's door-steps.

I heard a man say, "I would have been a Christian had it not been for a Sunday School teacher, who started me down the road of sin." It could be true that the teacher started the boy on the downward road, but that Sunday School teacher will have to answer for his own sin, and that young man will have to answer to God for his sin. When we stand at the Judgment Bar of God these foolish plans of trying to get clear because some one lead us off, will not be noticed at all. "Every one will give an account of himself to God." "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." It may be hard for you to live with them drunken, card-playing, disagreeable husband, but listen, wife, if you go to hell, God will not excuse you, because you had to put up with such a man; neither will God excuse the man for living in sin, because he had a nagging, complaining, fault-finding, snarling wife. Every one will meet his own sin. God will not let us put our sins on the other fellow.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

RESOLUTIONS FOR MRS. R. B. SPENCER

In the death of Mrs. R. B. Spencer the Little Creek Ladies Auxiliary wishes to record with regret and deep sorrow the passing of one of its much loved and valued members, who served as a faithful president for many years.

Therefore we wish to submit the following resolutions.

First, That we bow in submission to the all-wise Heavenly Father.

Second: that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy be sent to the Free Will Baptist Press for publication, and a copy be kept in our minutes.

Committee

WILLIE CLIFTON BOYKIN

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write the account of the death of Willie Clifton Boykin, which occurred on December 30, 1951.

After Robert, Junior, and he had returned from hunting, and were playing, the gun which Robert had accidentally discharged and killed Clifton almost instantly. We wonder why he was taken so suddenly and so young, for he was only sixteen years, two months, and nine days old. But we will understand it all by and by.

Clifton is missed so much by his many friends, and especially in his Sunday School class. He was a very fine boy.

The funeral was conducted at Mt. Zion Church by the Reverend Willie Renfrow and Milford Hales, after which the body was laid to rest in the church cemetery, beneath a mound of beautiful flowers, to await the resurrection morn.

He leaves to mourn their loss a broken-hearted father and one sister. We truly hope their loss is his eternal gain.

He's sleeping in a new-made grave today.
Friends are weeping sadly,
Weeping for him who has gone away.
And there in heaven will stay.

One from his Sunday School class is gone,
A pleasant voice we loved is still;
A place is vacant in his home
Which can never be filled.

REVIVAL REPORT

One of the greatest revivals just closed tonight at Bethsadia and Hoard churches conducted by Rev. George McClain of Kerman, California. There were 78 conversions and our community has been brought closer to God than ever in the history of the Congregational Christian churches.

Brother McClains' offerings were something over \$800. Brother McClain also stated that if the Free Will Baptists would back their preachers up as the Congregational Christian Churches, there would be more evangelists on the field and more souls brought to the Lord.

This revival was enjoyed by all who

had the privilege of hearing this wonderful man of God. If you ever get hungry for the word of God, this is the person for you to hear. If you ever get a chance to meet this man in the service for his Christ, you cannot afford to miss the opportunity.

These churches are in charge of Rev. Jess Kindred of Noble, Illinois, who helped in the service as song leader. Betty Sue, daughter of the pastor, was pianist and shared a wonderful meeting with us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Mrs. Buck Sperry, Reporter

I would rather fail in a cause that will ultimately succeed than succeed in a cause that will ultimately fail.—Woodrow Wilson.

PROGRAM

of the

Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention

to convene with

Smithfield Church, Smithfield, N. C.

Wednesday, April 11, 1951

Theme: Working Together with God through Enlistment.

Morning Session

9:30—Registration

—Congregational hymn

—Devotional

—Welcome

—Response

—Reading of minutes of the last session

10:25—Roll call of auxiliaries

—Appointment of committees

—Recognition of visiting ministers and delegates

—Reports of First, Second, and Fifth Vice-Presidents

10:45—Orphanage news by the representative

—Congregational singing and love offering

—Special music

—Convention message

12:00—Lunch

Mrs. Hosea Coates

Mrs. M. E. Underwood

Mrs. Hubert Daughtry

Mrs. T. E. Beaman

Rev. M. E. Godwin

Afternoon Session

1:00—Congregational hymn

—Devotional

—Reports of Third, Fourth, and Sixth Vice-Presidents

—Playlet: "Winning Others,"

2:15—Business period:

Report of committees

Report of treasurer

Miscellaneous

3:00—Closing remarks and the benediction by Rev. Wiley Ferrell

(The music director is Mrs. Albert Coates; the pianist is Mrs. Owen Thomas)

Mrs. Harvey Hinson, Secretary

PROGRAM

Union Meeting

of the

South Georgia Association

Free Will Baptists

April 28, 1951

to convene with

Unity Free Will Baptist Church

Rev. C. J. Pitts, Pastor
2816 Edison Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

FRIDAY NIGHT

- 7:30—Song service
—Special music
—Singing by Unity Quarter
—Devotional by Rev. S. H. Caudill
—Sermon by Rev. Mark Lewis, evangelist
—Assigning of delegates
—Adjourn

SATURDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Assemble
—Congregational singing
—Devotional by Rev. A. B. Adams
—Welcome by Brother G. W. Cloud
—Response by Brother J. B. Brigman
—Moderator's address
—Listing of ministers, churches and delegates, and reading of minutes
—Appointing of committees
—Youth Camp by Rev. C. J. Harvey
—Intermission
—Congregational singing led by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder
—Devotional by Rev. J. R. Graham
—Singing by Unity Quartet
—Sermon by Rev. E. B. Joyner

12:30—Adjourn for lunch

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00—Congregational singing led by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder
—Prayer by Brother S. M. Altman
—Reading of reports
—Ladies Auxiliary by A. E. Howard, or Mrs. J. O. Fort
—Sunday School by Rev. T. C. Carter
—League by Miss Bithey Mae Steedley
—Report of Finance Committee
—Round Table Discussion
—Invitation for next session of Union Meeting
3:30—Adjourn

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THE UNCHANGING LAWS OF GOD

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force rate of any nation in the world. We are the most drunken nation. We are the most pleasure-mad nation in the world. There are more movie-goers in America than in any nation on earth. The Lord's Day is desecrated on every hand. **This Nation can not continue to sin and escape the judgment of God.** Ancient Assyria, ancient Babylonia, ancient Greece, ancient Rome, and all the other great civilizations about which history tells us were not able to escape these judgments. Isaiah 45:9 "Woe unto him (the nation) that striveth with his Maker."

If this Nation is aroused to these dangers, it is up to the Church to do it. The Christian people must become alarmed if we are to be saved. Our strength does not lie in universal military training. The military leaders of this nation would have us believe that if we continue to exist we must become a military nation. We are having forced upon us these militaristic philosophies. Civilizations of the past have taken the same road and collapsed. Our strength is in Almighty God. Unless we return to God and become a righteous nation, we cannot escape. America will take her place among the tombs of other decadent, fallen nations. It will not be some other great world power that will cause our downfall, but rather our own sins.

A Nation That Honors God

Psalm 33:12 "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance." It is heartening to know that God honors a nation that makes Him its Lord. America need not fear if she lives in harmony with the laws of God. Russia nor communism can not destroy us if we return to God. We have nothing to fear but our sins. Our own nation is a living testimony that God blesses a people that put their trust in Him. Let our Country experience a real spiritual awakening and we will continue to be the greatest nation on earth. A revival will restore honesty in the government.

A revival will drive atheism and communism out of our school system. A revival will drive saloons and beer parlors off our streets. A revival will close the places of infamy along our highways. Let this country repent and come back to God and He will do for us what we are trying to do thru legislation and militarization.

REVIVAL AT ROSE HILL CHURCH

We the people of Rose Hill church, also several folks of other places, have enjoyed a wonderful revival for the past week. It closed the 25th of March.

There was love and unity for God and each other manifested, throughout the meeting. Rev. Sam Kennedy from Beulaville did wonderful preaching, which was sound doctrine and expressed in a manner that all understood. May God bless him wherever he goes, and what he brought to us live on with each one that understood.

May this meeting do much for our church in love and unity for God. We had with us several from Black Jack, also from Pleasant Hill. They brought us messages in song, which we thoroughly enjoyed. It was a happy union with voices blending in song and praise. May God bless us to live up to what we have heard and felt. May he have mercy and love for us at our church, and bless us to dwell in unity and fellowship, and try to live a life that will be pleasing to Him.

May we be able to believe, and not fall by the wayside. God bless our pastor in his old declining years. May he always know the peace that God alone can give.

One who has enjoyed these revival messages in words and music.

Mrs. Pattie Edwards

If I had ten lives, I would gladly lay them down for Christ in the white man's grave of Liberia, to gain, by the grace of God, the black man's resurrection.—Bishop Taylor Smith

The humblest follower of Christ is acknowledged by Him as His brother.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

"STRAIGHT PATH'S"

Velma B. McConnell

"Mother, do come out and look at my garden! My lettuce has started to come up and is as green as it can be!" Frances had run into the living room where her mother sat preparing her Sunday School lesson.

Mrs. Boston walked down the little garden path with her daughter. This was the first time Frances had ever attempted to make a garden and although she was twelve years old she was as pleased as a little six-year-old child. The sky was deep blue with little white clouds floating in it, the birds were singing cheerily and the spring flowers peeped shyly from the flower beds. Mrs. Boston and Frances walked slowly to the garden, breathing deeply of the fresh spring air.

They stopped before the garden plot. "Yes, indeed," Mrs. Boston commented, "your lettuce has come up very quickly. It does look fresh and green, doesn't it? God's bright sunshine and His rain have made your garden grow, Frances. I think we will be able to have lettuce for dinner in just a few days."

They stood before the lettuce, then Frances turned abruptly to her mother. A little frown appeared on her face. "The lettuce looks nice, Mother, but oh, dear me! The rows are so very crooked! When I made them I thought they looked as straight as could be, but now they do every which way!"

"You are right, dear. The rows are rather crooked. I think that is my fault, I should have told you how to make your rows straight."

"Well," Frances sighed, "it is too late now, but tell me anyhow, Mother. Then I can have straight rows in my garden next year."

"You need not wait so long," laughed her mother. "Lettuce is not the only thing you are planting this year, is it?" She sat down on an old rustic seat beneath the apple tree. "You should use a ruler, Frances, or a tape-measure. Measure each row carefully. If you want them about six inches apart, then measure the rows, top and bottom. Place a little peg into the ground at each end, after measuring. Then tie a string to each peg. In that way you will have a straight line. Take a sharp-pointed stick and make your furrow along the line. Measure each row in the same way."

"A ruler is just a stick of wood, but it is a good thing to have, isn't it, Mother?" Frances looked into her mother's face. "We use it in the garden and I use it in school to make neat margins or to draw straight lines in art class."

"That is right," agreed Mrs. Boston. "And did you ever think that you must use rule in order to have a straight Christian walk, too?"

Frances stared at her, surprise written on her face. "What do you mean, Mother?"

"I mean that in order to have a straight walk we must have a guide. In order to sew properly you must have a work sheep with your pattern. In order to build a house you must have a blue print. So we must have a measuring rule for our walk through life, just as you need a measuring rule to make straight rows in your garden. In this instance I mean the Bible. God's Word is the only real guide we have. Through the Word, God is able to tell us His Will for guidance and for admonition. He is able to help us and to direct us through each day. We must faithfully read and study the Bible if we would walk straight. You know that you can't use a ruler for one line when making a school drawing, then make the rest of the lines free hand. You must use the ruler for each line. Many times our walk would be unsteady and crooked if we did not have this Ruler to guide us."

"That is right, Mother," Frances spoke soberly. "I never thought of the Bible as being a ruler. I know it is a bright and shining light that guides our feet and brightens our path. I am so glad that our Heavenly Father has given us this ruler to use each day!"—The Youth's Visitor.

CHARLES E. FULLER

Perhaps the greatest force in the world today for the old-time Gospel is the program of Charles E. Fuller heard over the radio network of the American Broadcasting Company every Sunday afternoon at one o'clock Pacific time, at two Mountain time, at three Central time, and four Eastern time.

If you are not hearing this program every Sunday, you are missing something that would be an infinite blessing to you. You can't afford to miss a single program, for the music is superb and the messages are just what is needed in this hour of peril and uncertainty. We have been listening to him for many years and do not think that we have ever found fault with anything he has said.—The Missionary Crusader.

A recent survey by the Chicago Daily News of five public high schools in Chicago indicated that more than half of those questioned were casual drinkers, one out of five of the teen-agers had been drunk at least once.

BEER IN THE KOREAN WAR

"The soldier who doesn't want to drink the beer can give it to a man who does," say the spokesmen for the beer industry. Yes, and have nothing to drink himself. It is a case of "Here, Joe, you will drink beer or you won't get anything, see!"

To the American, Korea is a hard country to take. The method of fertilizing crops the filth in the streams, the disgusting insects, leeches and flukes; no wonder that the soldier wants something to drink other than what is immediately available.

Has any effort been made to get good water to the men at the front? Yes, comes the reply, we dropped five-gallon cans of water and they broke open. Why did they drop five-gallon cans of water? They did not drop five-gallon cans of beer and the beer cans did not break open.

Why don't they drop Coca Cola? Coke bottles don't break open unless they make a direct hit on a stone. Why don't they drop small cans of orange juice, pineapple juice, tomato juice? Why don't we go to the trouble of canning fruit-flavored carbonated drinks? If the problem of canning beer can be solved, so can the problem of canning carbonated fruit juices.

Thousands of men, and the best fighting men in the Armed Forces at that, come from homes where beer is not served. Many thousands of them are advised in their churches to let all alcoholic beverages alone. Nearly all of them are by law instructed in the schools about the dangers involved in using any alcoholic drink. Why should not these men receive some consideration? Why should they be told, "you will drink beer or you will drink mud and like it!" It is a shame and a disgrace.—The Pennsylvania Challenge.

HAZEL PARK YOUNG PEOPLE ORGANIZE A LEAGUE

This is to inform you that the young people of the Free Will Baptist Mission of Hazel Park, Michigan, convened Sunday evening of January 28, 1951 to organize a Young People's League and elect officers. The officers of the League are:

General Director—John Crozier
Secretary-Treasurer—Eleanor Ylinen
Sponsor—Jessie Haley
Pianist—Flay Crozier
Choir Director—Hugh Hallbrooks
Also elected were officers of the Young People's Class who are:
President—Reba Smith
Vice-President—Helen Grice
Group Captains—Hugh Hallbrooks and Robert Felts
Quiz Leader—Robert Shellnut

Respectfully,
Eleanor Ylinen, Secy.
Hazel Park, Michigan

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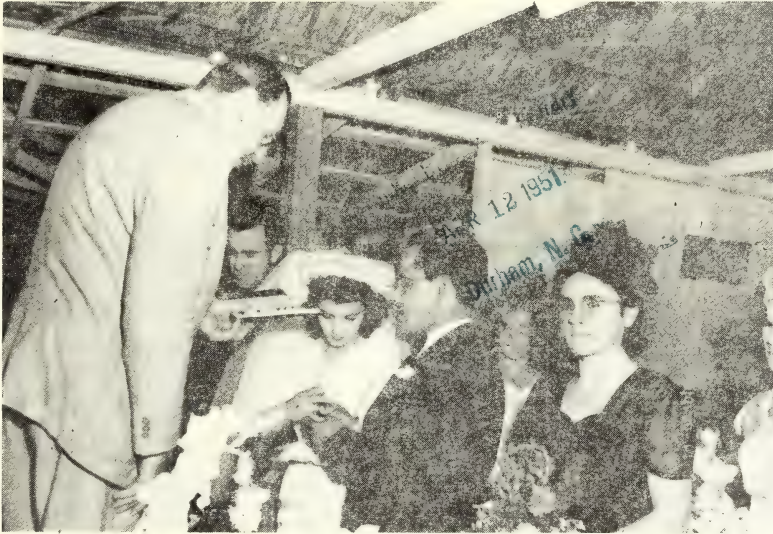
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A CHRISTIAN WEDDING ON THE MISSION FIELD IN CUBA



Mrs. Thomas H. Willey

The enclosed picture is a wedding scene. Mario Perez and Haydee Ferran are in the act of plighting their vows before Brother Willey in the Free Will Baptist Church at San Juan. Melitino and his wife are also in the picture. The face of Melitino, the principal character in "A Letter to Melitino," is between Brother Willey and the bride.

Mario was one of our teachers when the moving picture was taken.

In the beginning of our work all our pastors were single men. It means a real life of sacrifice for these young men who ride many hours in the saddle coming home in the night to eat a cold meal prepared hours before. Many of their little rooms are not more than 5 x 8 feet. In it is a stove, table, bed, and chair. Theirs is a solitary life.

Four of our boys have married our own girls. If they are engaged to girls who have not been in our school, our faculty insist that they come to school for at least one year. Three more of our boys expect to marry this spring. We are happy in knowing they are marrying girls who have been trained under our teachers. These girls are well acquainted with the same (Continued on page two)

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A Christian Wedding on the Mission Field in Cuba

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self-denying life. They know what it means to go all day in the rain, to ride many hours on horseback, to go hungry for hours. I can't begin to convey by word what these young men and women of Cuba cheerfully endure for the Gospel's sake and reach the unreachd of Cuba.

The marriage is a thing of great interest. There is no haste as is often the case with us of North America. All the furniture is bought piece by piece. The bride spends months getting together her trousseau.

They are first married by a judge or attorney-at-law, then before their director. Before the ceremony a message of counsel in some phase of the home or married life is always delivered before great groups of friends.

As a usual thing, the temple at the school is the marrying point.

Mario and Haydee go to a new field now, a small town but ripe for the Gospel. Remember to pray for them that the Lord shall use them mightily in this place and give them the confidence of the people that they in turn can win them for Christ.

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Will America completely surrender her eighteen-year-olds to the type of totalitarianism that allows a traffic in liquor to demoralize our youth?

➤ Faith as a Grain of Mustard Seed ➤

And Jesus said unto them, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed ye shall say to this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you" (Matt. 17:17).

The disciples had failed to do what he had sent them to do, because they failed to believe. When we of today fail, we say it was not his will and don't give it any further consideration; but they went to the Savior to know why they had failed. He could tell them, it was because of their unbelief, and if they had faith as a grain of mustard seed they could remove this mountain, and that nothing would be impossible unto them.

Notice the phrase, "as a grain of mustard seed." Until late I have thought of it as meaning the amount of a grain of mustard seed, but by studying I see it differently. Just one grain of mustard seed or any other kind of seed is almost worthless only to produce more seed. To do that it has got to be placed where it can have action. It must germinate. It must germinate to become a plant, then it must develop to become a bush, and produce more seed. To be successful you must be careful where you put it. If you put it in way-side soil the fowls will come and take it away before it can germinate. If you put it in stony soil it will germinate, but for lack of soil it will soon die. If you put it in thorny soil, they will soon come up and choke it, and you will get no seed. If you put it on good soil where the stones, and thorns have been removed, you will get a good yield of thirty, sixty, and a hundred fold.

As the mustard seed is almost worthless, only for production, so is the faith seed, and to produce, it must have action. It must germinate to become a plant, and then develop to become a tree, and produce more seed. To be successful you must be careful where you put it. If you sow it in a heart that heareth it, but doesn't understand it, Satan will come and take away, before it can germinate. This

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is he which receiveth seed by the way side. If you sow it in a stony heart, it will be received with joy but for lack of root in himself endureth for a while; But when tribulation or persecution ariseth, for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. If you sow it in a thorny heart (that is a heart where the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, and choke it) then it becometh unfruitful. If you sow it on good ground, that is, the heart that hears and receives it, then it will bring forth fruit, some a hundred fold.

This is a great lesson to me, for by prayerful study, see that it would be foolish to try to draw a blister with just one seed of mustard. I would fail to get a blister and lose the grain of mustard. The thing to do is to plant the one seed where it can germinate into a plant, and then into a bush, and produce more seed, until I have enough seed to produce the blister. To do this the seed must be placed where it will have action. The same is true with the faith seed. If I try to get the mountain removed with just one grain of faith seed, and I will fail just as completely as I would in drawing a blister with one grain of mustard seed, and lose my grain of faith. The thing to do, is to hear the word and let it have action in our lives, before the evil one comes and takes it away. We are not to stop its action by letting afflictions or persecutions offend us, but we are to give it greater action, because of the power that is given us to keep one from being offended at those things. Also we are not to let it be choked and become unfruitful, because of the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lust of other things. We are to help it to be more fruitful by letting our faith be not on those things, but on the things dependable and everlasting.

If we will follow these instructions which are the instructions given by Christ, the time will come when we can get the mountain of sin moved, or any thing else done that is necessary for the salvation of a soul.

I believe that Christ meant a real mountain. They had just come to the multitude after the transfiguration, and he said, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard, ye shall say to this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; nothing shall be impossible unto you." It is reasonable to me to believe that it was the mountain of transfiguration that he was speaking of, for he said this mountain, and according to the scriptures they had not had time to get very far from it. It would be as easy, and just as necessary to move a mountain that a soul be saved as it was to destroy a city because souls would not be saved. Many other things have been done as a manifestation of God's love for mankind that were even greater than the moving of a mountain, that I will not take space to mention, but ask you to study your Bible and see how great things have been done as a manifestation of his love for the lost world, and the great blessings that have been lost because of unbelief.

Souls are going into eternity every day with out God, because some body has failed to let his Word have action in their life. Is that some body you? Pray for me that I may let his Word have such action in my life that I may be able to do any thing, that would cause a soul to be saved, and do nothing that would cause one to be lost.

And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.—Deut. 5:1.

Love is the perfect tense of live.—Rev. F. B. Meyer.

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Patience on Trial

"Patience" is mentioned often in the scriptures, and we are taught to "be patient." The Lord Jesus said, "In your patience possess ye your souls" (Matt. 21:19). For many years now, near a half century, I have tried to be patient with all matters and conditions, as I met them, however, in many instances my patience would weaken in spite of myself. I lose patience often in the fellow who is continually violating the laws of God and man, and then coming back to God, or to me, when he gets in trouble and wanting favors, and then promises to "never be guilty again." Then in a few months, after getting favors and liberty, he is right back at the same old tricks or in something worse. But I remember that Jesus said, "I say not until seven, but until seventy times seven." This makes 490 times in a day, so I have to bolster up a little patience, and do my bit towards the poor fellow.

Again my patience is strained when some person, whom I have been depending upon for the important work of the church, deliberately lets me down and causes the work of the church to lag and fail when the lagging and failure is due to negligence, indifference, or down right sin. Well, there are many things to try our patience. To see some one trying to get in a responsible place for "prestige," trying to set himself up to the public often in a religious way to obtain temporal blessings, is trying to our patience. A certain man several years ago said that he joined a certain big and popular church in order to "help his business." He very dignifiedly let me know that the denomination to which he belonged, before moving to the city, was too small for his business. Then my patience was stirred, however, I thought of the old adage, "he had outgrown his pants."

He was too big to be a Free Will Baptist, due to the fact that the church was too small for him. By belonging to a larger denomination, he thought to get business, but as I observed, his business was not much larger than some of those that were members of smaller denominations.

When ever any man gets too good to worship in our church, I am too mean to follow him up, and worship with him in his church. If a man unites with another because of honest convictions toward doctrines, I am patient toward him, but when he gets to where he slurs at the church that he has outgrown, and belittles the doctrine, whether it be Free Will Baptist or some other smaller denomination and goes out looking for prestige and exultation, he immediately gets "too big for me."

I am first a Christian saved by grace, and second "I am a Free Will Baptist" and I am not ashamed of it. I am a Free Will Baptist by choice. I was not trained up in it, but because I believed that its doctrine was the best and nearest to the whole Bible of any denomination, in my limited knowledge, I accepted it, and the longer I live and search the scriptures, the better I am fixed in its doctrine. I will live by it and I will die by it. Glory to God, I am happy in its fold. But belonging to the Free Will Baptist church does not make me a Christian. I am a Christian because I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour; and, accepting Him and yielding to His word, I became a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

But speaking about patience. I can be patient all right, when a bread wagon, or a milk truck, or most any kind of a vehicle blocks the street to load or unload. But when I am blocked, and traffic is jammed, and horns blowing, due to the fact that an old beer truck, or an old liquor van, is standing in the way, I have to ask the Lord to keep me patient. My indignation gets to its greatest height when I am faced with botheration caused by the damnable liquor traffic and its devil-bent supporters, however, I try to pray for the people who are so miserable bent on placing ev-

ery drop of the damning stuff in the hands of every boy and girl that can be found.

Law-Makers for Liquor

North Carolina has been for the past several legislatures dubbed by the law-makers in that they have followed the wishes of the distillers and brewers in the manufacture and sale of liquor. Many of our best and most righteous citizens have been asking for years a chance to have a state-wide election to see if the people as a state wanted to sell liquor or to have prohibition. But when ever a bill is offered in the legislature it is pigeon-holed by a committee who is generally as "wet" as wet can be. The bill never gets to the floor. But every time there is a bill offered to make it possible to sell more liquor it gets the boast of Satan and all those who believe in the sale of liquor. For instance when the wishes of a county is manifested at the polls and the county goes "dry," then these defenders of liquor lean so far over toward the wishes of distillers and brewers as to make it passible for the "wets" in a town or city to over-ride the votes of the country and make it legal for the sale of liquor in the town or city that wants to have a supply of liquor at its demand. Thus the city or town can put their liquor stores just as public and make it just as attractive and inviting to the public as possible at all times. Even when a bill is offered to prohibit the brawling display ads in the newspapers and on bill-boards and other public places, the crowd that is making our laws kills such a bill and by doing so they say: "Make it just as inviting to the boys and girls and all others as possible. The more we advertise the more business we get, the more drunks we make; the more we receive in taxes, so let us drink and get others to drink. It is the modern way to do." Oh, I know that they will not admit to such a statement, but nevertheless liquor is a damning fluid that wrecks homes, causes murders by smashing up cars on the highway, and drunks murder their wives and children and then swear that they

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Christ's Resurrection Commands



"And being assembled together with them, commanded them . . ."—Acts 1:4.

This study of the resurrection commands of Jesus is of interest to us in order that we might see the things which He emphasized before His final departure from this earth.

I. "BE NOT AFRAID"—"GO TELL"

When Jesus appeared after His resurrection to the women who visited the tomb, He said, "All hail . . . Be not afraid." He directed them not to fear as they beheld Him and were frightened. Neither should we in the slightest be afraid of Him. With Jesus Christ there is nothing in all the universe to fear—neither life nor death nor angels nor principalities nor powers! Nothing to fear!

The next imperatives are, "Go ye . . . tell ye." The women were commissioned to tell a story, "Go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me" (Matt. 28:10). They were to announce to the brethren that Jesus was alive. They were to announce that Jesus could be seen. Just as Jesus commanded those who first saw Him to go tell, so also His disciples did this in the forming of the first church. The disciples preached Jesus and the resurrection. They preached that Jesus could be seen, that you and I could see Him, and that we will see Him.

2. "HANDLE ME"—"REACH HITHER"

When Jesus appeared to His disciples at the close of the first Easter, He observed that His disciples were frightened. He asked, "Why are ye troubled? And why do thoughts arise in your hearts?" Then He issued a series of imperatives, behold my hands, handle me, see, "for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have" (Luke 24:39). Likewise, when He appeared to all the disciples a week later with Thomas present, in rapid succession, imperatives fell from His lips. To the doubting Thomas He said, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing." These imperatives, as directed to the twelve disciples and as directed to doubting Thomas by our Lord, show the emphasis that He placed upon the fact that He had a real body and that it was absolutely imperative that the disciples know it. Just as by these imperatives He demanded that the disciples see His body, so also by these same imperatives He demands that we believe that He has a body.

At the close of His meeting with the disciples on that first Easter evening, He uses another imperative, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." He tells them, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." He was commissioning them to go, and when

By Rev. Carl McIntire

He uttered this commission He "breathed on them," and saith unto them, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." The Holy Spirit was then with them. The Spirit enabled them to see and believe. But the Holy Spirit had not fully come, and Jesus commands them to wait until the day of Pentecost.

3. "TEACH ALL NATIONS"

In a mountain in Galilee Jesus appeared unto His disciples. Here He declared, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matt. 28:18-20). Jesus places the expression "teach all nations," or as it is translated in the Revised Version, "make disciples," in the imperative mood. It was His command that the disciples should go forth and evangelize. It is the Great Commission, and in giving this commission He gives unto us the trinitarian baptismal formula. The examples of the way in which they were to make disciples, and the message by which they were to make them, is given by our resurrected Lord, as recorded in Luke 24:46, 47, when He opened the understanding of His disciples that they might see the Scriptures and said unto them, "Thus it is written, and thus it behoves Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Repentance and remission of sins through Christ was the message.

Likewise, while Jesus talked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus He began at Moses and all the prophets and expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself (Luke 24:27). The key to the Scriptures is Christ Himself. The fulness of the Scriptures is Christ. The end of the Scriptures is Christ.

These two references taken from the resurrection ministry of Christ show us that the ministry of our Lord and the teaching of our Lord was from the Scriptures. Any other ministry today is not a Christian ministry. The trouble with the church today is that everything else is taking the place of the exposition of the Scriptures.

4. "CAST THE NET"

The risen Christ directs the life of His disciples. In John 21 we have the account of the return of the disciples to the Sea of Galilee to fish. All night they fished and caught nothing. The next morning Jesus

comes and directs their work, "Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find." They obey. They are not able to draw the net because of the multitude of fishes. He then issues another direction, "Bring of the fish which ye have now caught." The disciples obey and the net is not broken. He issues still another direction, "Come and dine," and they sit with Him, recognizing His Lordship.

Christ directs even such an everyday thing in the lives of the apostles as their fishing, which may be observed, was their business. He therefore directs the earning of their livelihood. If we are His disciples indeed, then we must recognize His commands, not only those spoken after His resurrection but all that He directs. If we do what He commands, the net will not be broken. In other words, He will take care of us. Where God guides, God provides. "Them that honor me I will honor." "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

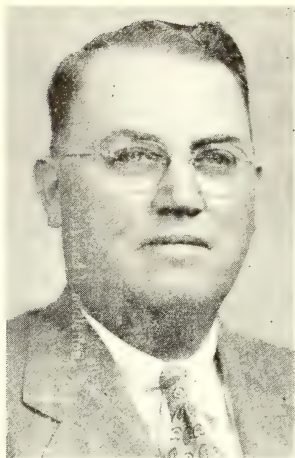
5. "FEED MY LAMBS"

During this same incident, as recorded in John 21, Jesus three times asks Peter, who had three times denied Him, "Lovest thou me more than these?" Three times Peter replies and three times Jesus answers, "Feed my lambs . . . Feed my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." The Good Shepherd was leaving the care of His sheep in the hands of under-shepherds, His disciples. They were to feed His sheep. With what should they feed them? Jesus had given them an example. Throughout His earthly ministry He expounded the Scriptures. He told them that "all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the Prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning me." The only food for the sheep was that manna which came down from heaven, of which our Lord spake in John 6: 48-51, "I am that bread of life." This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever." The food for the sheep is the Word of God.

6. "FOLLOW ME"

After Jesus instructs Peter to feed His sheep, He then describes to Peter the kind of death by which He should glorify God, and concludes this interview with Peter by the words with which He first addressed Peter when He called him to be a disciple, as recorded in Matthew 4:19, "Follow me." Peter then questions Jesus concerning the work that John, the beloved disciple, would do. Jesus then turns with another stinging imperative, reminding Peter that it is none of his business what John shall do, but that it is a matter between John and his

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Announcement

I will be available for pastoral services for another year on the First, Second, and the Third Sundays. I will be also open for evangelistic services any time any church should call me to hold a revival meeting. Any church interested in securing my services is requested to communicate with me at the following address:

Rev. C. J. Harris
601 E. 9th Street
Greenville, N. C.
Telephone No. 215-2

Home-Coming at Friendship Church, Greene County, N. C.

This is to announce that we are welcoming friends, former pastors, special singers, and the public in general to Friendship Church on Third Sunday in April. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the day with us.

Choirs, duets, solos and trios are to be a special part of the day's program. Dinner will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. Any minister planning to attend please notify J. D. Vernelson, Washington, North Carolina, Route 3, Box 514, so that he may arrange to have him placed on the program.

By the pastor,
J. D. Vernelson

NOTICE

This is to advise that I will be available for pastoral work on second and fourth Sundays for another year.

D. A. Windham,
Greenville, N. C.

ORDINATION SERVICE HELD AT CEDAR GROVE

On Friday night, March 30, 1951, we had at our church, Cedar Grove, N. C., a wonderful service. One of our young men, Roland C. Cherry, was ordained for the gospel ministry. The Ordaining Council, consisting of Reverends D. W. Alexander, L. B. Manning, N. B. Barrow, and N. D. Beaman, and Ralph Osborne, came to our church to hold the ordination service. It was a most impressive and wonderful service. This was the very first time in the derful service. This was the first in the history of our church to have one of its members ordained, and I have been a faithful member of this church for thirty-two years. All of us as a church do feel that Brother Cherry will do his best in our church and elsewhere in the service of the Lord. Most of all, he is my son-in-law, and we are glad that he is, and we are praying that God will use him in a wonderful way in his kingdom work.

Brother Cherry is now as chaplain in the Marine service, but he hopes to be discharged so that he can begin his work as a minister of the gospel for those who call him to serve them. Please pray for him.

A sister in Christ,
Mrs. Mattie Taylor,
Williamston, N. C.
Route 1

ROBERT'S GROVE Y. G. A. HOLDS MEETING

The Robert's Grove Y. G. A. met with Eunice Honeycutt on the last Wednesday in February at five o'clock in the evening with nineteen members present. We visited a friend of the Auxiliary, Dayris Wrench, who had suffered with leukemia since November. We presented to her a sunshine basket. Mrs. Earl Norris gave a Bible Drill, which everyone enjoyed.

The March meeting was with Margaret Ann Peters. The month's topic was: "Found Faithful in Our Obedience." The purpose of the lesson was to help each one of us to realize that obedience to the laws of God, home, school, and country is fundamental to the laws of happiness and useful life. The lesson was thoroughly discussed, and enjoyed by every member.

After the meeting closed with the benediction, the hostess served refreshments. Eunice Honeycutt, Sponsor

BARBECUE SUPPER AT PINEY GROVE

There will be a barbecue supper at Piney Grove Church, in Duplin County, North Carolina, on Saturday night, April 21. The proceeds from this supper will be for the benefit of the new church. Services will be held by Rev. Walter Carter of Rockingham. The supper will be served at five o'clock in the evening.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services, and to enjoy the supper with us. We will appreciate the help of anyone toward our new church building.

Mrs. Ernest Deaver
Albertson, N. C.

True repentance shows itself in our carefulness.—Sel.

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**CENTRAL CONFERENCE MINISTERS HELD
SPLENDID FELLOWSHIP MEETING**

The ministers of the North Carolina Central Conference came together in a meeting recently in the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church. It was a fellowship meeting in which several matters of vital concern to the work of the ministry were discussed for the good of the pastors and the church work in general. The attendance was very good, the interest was at a high level during the day. Several visiting ministers were present from other conferences.

The discussions were entered into in a most pleasant manner by everyone, and all seemed to have derived great benefit from the talks which were made upon some of the problems of the ministers as a whole. While the messages were informal, and much round-table discussion was entered into in a good way, yet time did not allow the ministers present to consider all of the problems which they felt should be considered.

At the noon hour, a barbecue lunch, and cold drinks were served in the Sunday School assembly room of the church to the joy of every minister present. It was a time of sweet fellowship for each of them. The social converse among them as they feasted on the excellent barbecue was quite a joy for each of them.

The afternoon session consisted of further discussions of problems peculiar to pastors and church workers in general. Much consideration was given to the need of better planned and arranged church services, the need for more pastoral services in the rural churches during two or three days in the week just prior to the Sunday services for quarter-time, half-time, and whole-time churches. All agreed that more visiting on the part of all the pastors should be done in the communities where the pastor has charge of the local churches.

At the conclusion of the day's session, it was decided

that this group of ministers hold another such meeting in the interest of their pastoral work sometime in October. In that meeting further discussions will be entered into for a more extensive study of the problems and the solutions of the same, as far as shall be possible, for the improvement and the extension of the pastor's services to his churches.

**MINISTERS AND FIELD WORKERS TO ATTEND
THE BIBLE CONFERENCE**

The F. W. B. Bible Conference will be held this time at the F. W. B. Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, during the week of April 15 through 19. Former students, pastors, field workers, and church people in general are urged to attend this conference. The five days' session will be filled with important matters pertaining to the ministry and the denominational work as a whole. The lectures, board meetings, conference discussions, and musical programs will be outstanding features of the conference.

It is expected that the attendance this time will be much larger than in past years. Pastors, Sunday School, League and Auxiliary workers of the various churches in the several states are expected to attend in large numbers. A great many lay-members are expected to attend. The Christian fellowship, inspiration, and interest in what the Bible conference will have to offer to those who will attend will be of great value to everyone. The college faculty, administrative staff, and the student body will make every arrangement possible for the conference to make it pleasant for all who shall become a part of it. Better facilities for entertainment than heretofore will be made to accommodate each visitor, and to make the conference days both enjoyable and profitable in a spiritual way.

**WASHINGTON MISSION ORGANIZED
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**

The Woman's auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Mission of Washington, North Carolina, was organized on February 15, 1951, by Mrs. J. C. Griffin of New Bern, N. C. was organized with eleven members. We held our first meeting on March 27 at the home of Mrs. Lee Williams. We lost two of our members who moved away, but we so gained two new members. There were eight members present for this meeting, with two new ones added to the list and four sitors.

We had a very good meeting and are looking forward to making our auxiliary grow to a larger one in a very short while. We

are using the Year Book of Programs in our study.

Mrs. Percy Boyd,
Fourth Vice-President
Washington, N. C., Box 254

Let us learn how to be still, and look up reverently into God's face, and wait for the motions of His life.—Rev. M. W. Bales.

To please God you must learn to suffer and hold your tongue.—Rev. G. D. Watson.

The weakness of the world must give way to Penecostal fire.—Rev. Diverty.

The more we love God the more we shall feel the need of so doing.—Selected.

APRIL IS NATIONAL HOME MISSION MONTH

It is here now! The goal is five thousand dollars for Home Missions! Send your special offering to National Board of Home Missions. Reverend H. E. Staires is the Secretary-Treasurer, Oilton, Oklahoma. Let every church take part in this drive for Home Missions. May every pastor take an offering for this most needy cause. We urge that each Woman's auxiliary raise an offering and send it to the Home Mission treasurer. The Young People's Leagues should also have a hand in this noble work. Let them do what they can to raise an offering and send it in for Home Missions. We should go far beyond the goal which we have set.

THE TONGUE A DEADLY POISON

We read in James 3:5 and 6 these words: "The tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell."

The tongue is the most dangerous weapon that one can use. Its wounds are the hardest to heal, yet is also an instrument of good for conferring blessings and joys upon others, therefore one should keep a watch to see that no serious words pass from our lips. Jesus said that every idle word that men shall speak shall give an account therefore in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. (See Matthew 12:36, 37.) When one is wronged by another, the tongue generally is the instrument that is used to express resentment at such a time when one should be careful in expressing his feelings, and remember that vengeance belongs to God. "Vengeance is mine: I will repay, saith the Lord" (Romans 12:19).

In defending ourselves we often speak unkind words, but such utterance is more unfavorable on the speaker than on the one that is spoken to. We can act like Jesus only if we are like him in spirit. If the human heart is filled with His love, we can and will speak the soft answer which will turn away wrath. "Keep thy heart with all diligence: for out of it are the issues of life. Put away from thee a forward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee" Proverbs 4:23, 24. It is impossible to recall the words that have been spoken hastily in anger. Thoughts unuttered may sometimes fall back dead, but who can kill them when they are said?

James said that in many things we offend all, and if any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and is able also to bridle the whole body (James 3:2). He also said that every kind of beast, and of birds, and

of serpents, and of every thing in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame: it is an unruly evil full of deadly poison.

Dear readers, we can bridle our tongue by the help of Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." We must go, therefore, to the root of the trouble, when seeking to tame an unruly tongue. If the mind and heart are filled with what is good, they will not empower the tongue to gossip, lie, nor flatter. The properly filled mind and heart will have no room for such. Death and life are in the power of the tongue. When it is misused, it is full of deadly poison, but a soothing tongue is a tree of life (Ps. 34: 13, 14.) Keep thy tongue from evil and from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace and preserve it.

Let us all remember that our tongue must be kept under control at all times.

Mattie E. Smith
Vanceboro, N. C.

SHAPING CHRISTIAN CONVICTION

To win a Christian victory over the pervasive influences of beverage alcohol in our American culture, steps must be taken to strengthen the Christian conscience.

First: Throughout the Christian groups in America, ways must be found to stress the Christian emotional roots of conscience. This process in the development of conscience occurs in the family relations and in the home life during infancy and early childhood.

Second: As children mature and increase in "wisdom and stature," steps need to be taken to multiply and spread correct information and facts about the real nature of beverage alcohol and its bearing upon true Christian conduct in the light of the basic Christian views of life.

Third: Ways to strengthen and spread essential Christian teaching about the significance of love-bonds in human society and the manner in which participation in the beverage alcohol evil violates these Christian

bases of human fellowship, need to be developed and woven into the maturing consciences of all youth under Christian instruction.

Fourth: Temperance leaders need to shape up and press upon the attention of all Christians, a distinct moral code that deals with the production, distribution and use of beverage alcohol in all its forms. Such a code must be fully Christian in its basic attitudes and be directed to guiding youth and adults out of the dangers and destructive influences that accompany the presence of beverage alcohol in our American culture.—Selected

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

On the eve of the crucifixion, Jesus assured the disciples that the Spirit of Truth would continue to be known by those who centered their lives in Him. After the Resurrection He revealed Himself to many believers and imparted the Spirit to all who "tarried" for His coming. He had said, "Because I live, ye shall live also." When they manifested allegiance to and identification with Him as "the Way, the Truth, and the Life," new consciousness of power and peace afforded a wholeness never before realized.

If we who are today called by His name would spend these next fifty days of grace in fellowship with this Companion of the Way, fear of war would vanish and hysteria would give place to happiness. New life comes with new infillings of the Spirit.

THE MENACE OF MODERNISM

The menace of modernism is the danger of losing consciousness of and concern for God's primary will and our fellowmen's essential needs. Cocktail comradery leads not only to alcoholism, but to practical atheism. While we agree with the reported statement of General George C. Marshall that "the cocktail lounge imperils American security," we also must consider the subtle ways in which this atmosphere gradually destroys personality and spiritual apperception.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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CENTRAL DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Central District Auxiliary convention convened on Wednesday, March 28, with Free Union Church in Greene County, North Carolina. We had a most enjoyable time with all of those nice people, and we feel that everyone present received a blessing from the Lord.

The theme for the day was: "Working Together with Him that His Way May Be Known upon Earth." This theme was carried out in all of the vice-presidents' reports, and also the other speakers of the day. We were shown the many ways in which we can be "workers with Him."

Mrs. Ernest Wooten gave a very interesting devotional thought about working with the young people that they may know Christ's way of life. Mrs. Thomas Tyndall gave a very sincere welcome to which Mrs. Alfred Grimsley responded.

Mrs. Frank Walston spoke on "Making His Way Known through Superannuation." She asked that each auxiliary send birthday cards, and enclose a small gift. It may be small, but if all auxiliaries do it, it will be something large for the disabled ministers who will receive them. Mrs. P. L. Barrow and Mrs. Thelbert Cunningham of Hull Road Church sang a lovely duet entitled, "Not Dreaming." Mr. Walter McD. Croom made a most interesting report on what is being accomplished at our Orphanage. Our auxiliaries have donated \$1,131.55 in the last six months. They have already received \$350 for coupons, so we see how valuable they can be. Keep sending them in. The amount for clothing for an adopted child has been raised from \$30 to \$40. They need one more sheet for each bed at the Orphanage. If you have not sent yours, please do so right away. Mrs. J. C. Moye asked that each auxiliary try to pay for a

bed to put in the new Albemarle Cottage during the next six months. They really need those beds, so let us help them. An offering was taken for them which amounted to \$88.32. Rev. Rashie Kennedy offered the prayer of thanks for it.

Ten of our ministers were with us during the day. We are always glad to have them with us at our conventions.

Mrs. Gertrude Ballard brought us greetings from the Eastern Convention, and Mrs. J. C. Sasser brought greetings from the Western Convention. After the convention sang hymn, "Our Rest," Mrs. Ballard brought a most inspiring message on the subject: "Making His Way of Love, Pardon, and Peace Known to the World." Our president, Mrs. Paul Thigpen appointed the committees, and then we were dismissed for lunch.

After a very delicious dinner which was served on the church grounds, Mrs. Bruce Barrow talked to us about "Telling Others of Christ." There are people all around us who do not know his way. Let us as Christian auxiliary women be sure that they learn about Christ and his great love for them.

Mrs. Carl Barrow brought in her remarks that Christian education begins in the home, and next in the church. She urged that each family have family altar. Rev. Rashie Kennedy, chairman of the National Foreign Mission Board reported that we are paid up in all of our fields of work through the month of February. Isn't that wonderful news? Let us try to keep paid up through all of the months to come. He also reported that they plan to send Miss Barnard back to India in April or May. Please pray that she may be sent if it be God's will, because they really need workers in India. Mrs. R. S. Pollard suggested that we subscribe to some good Christian magazine and have it

sent to one of our missionaries. At this time the local choir favored us with two lovely numbers, namely: "He Lives," and "Open Mine Eyes."

Mrs. C. A. Eubanks gave her 4th Vice-President's report, and she urged that each of us find our place of work in our church, and then work that Christ's way may be known upon the earth. Mrs. C. L. Patrick suggested that we meet at the church and go out in two to see people, and solicit membership in our auxiliary. Mrs. J. C. Edmundson reported that she had visited two churches. She is ready and willing to go, if you will just call on her. Why not try it sometimes, and see?

Mrs. J. C. Moye and Mrs. Gertrude Ballard favored us with a beautiful duet, namely: "'Neath the Old Olive Trees."

We entered into the business session of the day. The minutes of the last meeting were read, the committees reported, and the treasurer reported. We are to meet with Howell Swamp Church in March.

The Resolutions Committee reported the following:

We your resolutions committee, realizing the need of us being workers together with Him, that His way may be known upon earth, are asking that:

First, We as Christian auxiliary workers and members strive harder to live a life set apart unreservedly from the lustful things of the world. Be it resolved that we set the example of keeping the Lord's Day holy, that we not buy nor sell, nor patronize those who do on the Lord's Day.

Second, That we use our influence against the use and sales of alcoholic beverages in any form.

Ladies, this resolution was adopted by the convention. We want every auxiliary member in our district to adopt it, too, and to work with us.

Our delegates to other conventions were appointed. It was then decided that a committee, consisting of Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Mrs. J. C. Moye, and Mrs. J. C. Edmundson, meet with the Executive Committee of the Central Conference to see if we can have our minutes printed with theirs.

After singing the closing hymn,

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

"The Way of the Cross Leads Home,"
Rev. Hubert Burress dismissed us
with prayer.

Your officers for the year are the
same as before:

Mrs. Paul Thigpen, President

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dent

Mrs. Carl Barrow, Second Vice-Presi-
dent

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dent

Mrs J. C. Edmundson, Field Worker

Mrs. Jesse Harris, Treasurer

Mrs. Marvin Moore, Secretary

Mrs. Paul Thigpen, Pres.

Mrs. Marvin Moore, Secy.

Rev. Raymond Riggs (Services rendered) -----	50.00
Rev. Rashie Kennedy (Bd. Meeting expense) -----	150.00
Rev. J. W. Alford (Board Meeting expense) -----	150.00

Total ----- \$ 3,803.31

Cash on Hand April 1, 1951 ---- \$ 9,187.13

Balance in Various Accounts

General Fund -----	\$ 5,360.04
Barnard's Books -----	708.00
Letter to Melitino ----	14.68
India Car Fund -----	3,104.41

Total Balances ---- \$9,187.13

:- Department of Foreign Missions :-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

FROM THE FIELD FOR MISSIONS

Mountain Grove, Mo.
March 22, 1951

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Highland Park, Michigan

Dear Reverend Riggs:

I am enclosing a check for (\$20.00) to you. My wife and I try to return a certain amount to the Lord's work from our Insurance. This is for Foreign Missions. This is the Lord's money so thank him.

Your Brother in Christ,
Frank Raney

* * * *

March 22, 1951

Dear Brother Riggs:

I received the statement of the Mission Board for February which you mailed to me. And we the Free Will Baptist here in West Florida appreciate the efforts you are making for Foreign Missions. And I feel that there is much greater interest in some of our churches here now. Our church here and also at Malone, Florida, and some of the other churches, have already come up to their quota and past. But all are in hopes of going farther than before. We have also just paid off all the indebtedness on our new parsonage here.

We are planning to conduct a number of revivals during the next two months, and hope to encourage the people to help Foreign Missions then. Pray much for us and we hope to see you at the National Association.

Yours in Christ,
Chester A. Huckabey

Love is the coronation of faith.—Sel.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE BOARD

of FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS MARCH, 1951

Cash on hand March 1, 1951 ---- \$ 6,864.46

Receipts

Alabama -----	\$ 147.49
Arkansas -----	74.31
California -----	147.97
Georgia -----	360.37
Illinois -----	797.80
Kentucky -----	16.33
Michigan -----	470.19
Mississippi -----	5.00
Missouri -----	1,170.25
New Mexico -----	5.00
North Carolina -----	1,337.50
Ohio -----	20.24
Oklahoma -----	272.14
South Carolina -----	180.52
Tennessee -----	657.14
Texas -----	186.29
West Virginia -----	205.32
Sale of Barnard's Books -----	34.00
W. N. A. C. -----	38.12

Total ----- \$ 6,125.98

Grand Total ----- \$12,990.44

Disbursements

Missions Visualized -----	\$ 233.33
Toccoa Falls School (Wiley Children) -----	75.00
Cuba -----	1,589.99
India -----	1,110.00
Bank Exchange -----	.15
Mrs. Harold Stevens (Africa) --	66.59
Rev. Adam Scott (Expense) ----	53.25
Office Help -----	75.00
Laura Belle Barnard -----	90.00
Rev. & Mrs. Robert Wilfong ---	150.00
Postage -----	10.00

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	BALANCE
Ala.	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 735.07	\$ 814.93
Ark.	500.00	424.04	75.96
Cal.	200.00	463.52	
Fla.	800.00	568.64	231.36
Ga.	2,000.00	2,166.14	
Ill.	2,500.00	2,405.01	94.99
Ken.	1,200.00	290.68	909.32
Mich.	4,000.00	6,001.42	
Miss.	850.00	457.75	392.25
Mo.	8,000.00	5,846.78	2,153.22
N. C.	11,000.00	9,965.38	1,034.62
Ohio	2,000.00	620.45	1,379.55
Okla.	5,000.00	1,518.07	3,481.93
S. C.	3,000.00	2,105.60	894.40
Tenn.	5,000.00	4,622.23	377.77
Tex.	1,600.00	1,554.51	45.49
Va.	1,500.00	230.23	1,269.77
W. Va.	2,000.00	1,260.68	739.32

\$52,700.00 \$41,236.20 \$13,894.88

Cal. paid above quota -- \$ 263.52

Ga. paid above quota -- 166.14

Mich. paid above quota -- 2,001.43

2,431.08

\$11,463.80

We are indeed grateful to our fine people for their response which makes this splendid report possible. Also to the itinerate workers in every state. Please check your state's quota and let's everyone go over the top for once in Foreign Missions. Continue to send those offerings in. Remember, others are waiting to go and we must not fail them now.

Pray for the Foreign Mission Board as we have our annual meeting this month.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Raymond Riggs

Promotional Secy.-Treasurer

GRIFFIN'S N. C. ITINERARY

April 23—Mt. Zion, Onslow Co.
April 24—Beulaville F. W. B. Church
April 25—Pearsall's Chapel
April 26—Long Ridge
April 30—North East
May 1—Sarecta
May 2—Lanier's Chapel

PROGRAM

Ogeechee Union Meeting and Sunday School Convention to be held at Lower Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, April 29, 1951.

Morning

- 10:00—Called to order by moderator, Rev. E. B. Duckworth
 10:15—Enrolling ministers and delegates
 10:30—Report of churches and union business
 11:15—Words of welcome, pastor of host church, Rev. W. L. Purvis, Macon, Georgia
 11:30—Sermon, Rev. Claude Hadden, Metter, Georgia
 12:00—Lunch and recreation

Afternoon

- 1:30—Devotional, Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Alma, Georgia
 1:45—Appointing Digest Committee
 2:00—Report of Sunday Schools
 2:15—Programs from various schools
 2:45—Pep talk on the Sunday School, Rev. E. C. Morris
 3:00—Report Digest Committee and awarding banner
 3:05—Report of Finance Committee and close of business
 3:15—Announcements and invitations for next union
 3:30—Adjournment

PROGRAM

Following is the program for the Western Quarterly Meeting of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists, to be held at Dunbar's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Indian Mound, Tennessee, April 14, 1951.

Theme: Advancing Through Home Missions

Morning

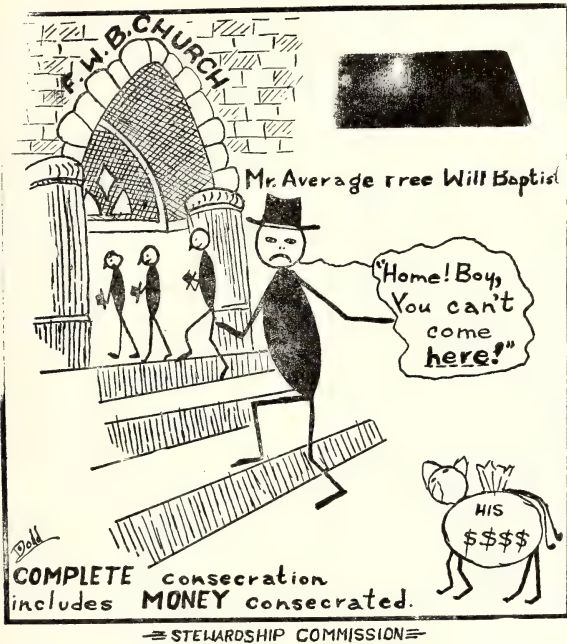
- 10:00—Congregational singing
 10:10—Devotional, Rev. J. L. McIntosh
 10:25—Welcome to our church, Rev. Chas. Craddock
 —Response, Rev. Sidney Henry
 10:30—Enrollment of delegates and ministers
 —Appointment of committees
 —Reports from churches
 —Announcements
 11:00—Message, Rev. Charles A. Thigpen
 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon

- 1:15—Devotional, Rev. James C. Lynn
 1:25—"The Purpose of Home Missions," by state director, Rev. William Mishler
 1:45—Miscellaneous business
 2:00—Adjournment

Charles B. Craddock

The book of Job is an object lesson.—Rev. M. W. Knapp.



GOD EXPECTS HIS PEOPLE TO BE GOOD STEWARDS

Those who have charge of some particular work for the spreading of the gospel of Christ are custodians of the ways and means of supporting the gospel missions. If they are active and resourceful, progressive and co-operative, they are good stewards in the kingdom work.

Christ spoke of stewardship as an important part of the work of his followers. They were to be faithful stewards in rendering services to those standing in need of salvation. He impressed upon their minds that their time and talents in the service of their Master were not to be squandered. They were to use both time and talent wisely for the purpose of rendering the greatest service to humanity. They went forth with zeal, patience and determination to do everything possible for those lost in sin.

The Church today stands as God's beacon-light of Christian service unto a lost world. Its leaders are the stewards who go forth in the earth to spread the teachings of Christ unto all peoples, kindreds, and tongues, and to win them for Christ. With their time, talents, and their financial means, they give their lives to the cause of Christ that the world might be won for peace and righteousness. By being good stewards, they make many sacrifices, endure hardships, persecutions, and great trials because they are loyal and true to the

Great Commission which Christ gave to all who are called to take the gospel to the lost.

The church people as a whole should be good stewards with their time, talents, and with their money. They are obligated to give liberally of their financial support to the cause of their own local church. Moreover, they are duty bound to give cheerfully of their means to the ongoing of the cause of missions, both home and abroad. The extent to which they give money to these causes for the spreading of the gospel, just that amount of good will they be rendering to the support of the gospel in those fields of labor. The Apostle Paul was a good steward of his time and talents in winning the lost to Christ. He also was instrumental in leading other Christians in the performance of their duties in giving of their means to the support of the poor and needy in the churches. Thus, by his influence they were trained to give to the support of the needy, and the spreading of the cause of Christ in the world.

God has laid down in his holy Word the teaching that it is more blessed to give than it is to receive. He has pointed out the fact that Christians are to give liberally and cheerfully of their means to the support of the gospel in various ways. Money is always needed to build new churches, to support missions, to help the poor and needy, to care for the disabled ministers, and the like. He is expecting Christians everywhere to give to these worthy causes.



THE PERIOD OF MOSES

(Lesson for April 22)

LESSON: Deuteronomy 5:1-6; 6:20-25.

GOLDEN TEXT: Psalm 119:18.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

The period of Moses was one of the great and crucial periods of Biblical history, and no period in Old Testament days was of greater significance. This period will be considered in greater detail in the fourth quarter of this year. Today our purpose is to obtain a bird's eye view of that great epoch, which was characterized by divine intervention to an unusual degree. It was during the days of Moses that a great multitude of ignorant Hebrews, kept in severe slavery under powerful overlords, were delivered after a long series of plagues which included some astounding miracles. It was through Moses as God's agent that the people received laws at Sinai and were organized into a nation and were led to the borders of Canaan. These events, involving the birth of a nation, were often referred to by later poets and prophets. Naturally they were events that the Hebrews could never forget.—Arnold's Commentary.

1. If we are really sincere in our sacred observance our children will want to know the reason for them (Deuteronomy 6:20).

2. God's hand may be traced in individual, national and church history (vss. 20-23).

3. Sheer gratitude for what God has done for us should impel us to obey His requirements for our lives (vs. 24).

4. Happy is the child whose parents do not neglect the teaching of spiritual truth to him (vss. 20, 24).

5. A knowledge of the Scriptures is of great importance, but a mere head knowledge is never sufficient (vs. 25).

6. "What is more delightful and blessed, than to hear Him speak, to learn of Him, to keep His Word, and to do what He tells us" (5:1).

7. God is sure to keep everything to which He has pledged Himself in His Covenants (vs. 2).

8. God's relationship to us under Grace is even more personal than it was at the giving of the Law (vs. 3).

9. Today the Lord does not merely speak to us face to face, but comes to dwell within us and thus to commune with us (vs. 4).

10. Spiritual truth is so important that it bears constant repetition (vs. 6).—Selected

11. Horeb is only another name for Sinai, and it was there that God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. That was a different covenant from the one made by God with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The Sinai covenant was made with the people at the beginning of the formative period of the national life of Israel. Moses told the people that it was not a covenant with their fathers, but with them. Of course it was also intended for the generations who were to follow them. (vs. 4).—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us. (vs. 25).

The law of obedience is the crowning point of the great commandments. To obey is greater than to sacrifice, because obedience keeps the soul in spiritual contact with God, whereas sacrifice means an offering of something as a recompense, or gift for transgressions committed. Moses declared that Israel's obedience would be as righteousness; because, to obey the commandments, it would be counted unto them as righteous living before the Lord.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

13. "In general, the Israelites were a righteous people compared with the heathen. However, the New Testament teaches that no man has fully kept God's law and that he needs a righteousness which comes through faith in Christ."—Arnold's Commentary.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

When Thy Son Asketh Thee

In 1872, when I was coming back from Europe, there were a number of ministers on board. A young man who had evidently crossed several times before and knew the captain, stepped up to him, and in a loud tone of voice, intending doubtless to insult some of the ministers, said he was sorry he had taken passage on the boat, as it would be unlucky to travel with so many parsons. The captain was himself a pretty rough fellow, and turning to him he said:

"If you'll show me a town in England where there are five thousand people and not one parson, I'll show you a place a mile nearer hell than you've ever been."

The young man slunk away. I'd like to take all these people who do not believe in these things and put them on an island by themselves. Why, they'd sink the first boat that touched there in their efforts to get on board and get away!—D. L. Moody.

CORDOVA F. W. B. CHURCH TO HOLD REVIVAL

Rev. M. P. Dalton Is the Evangelist

The F. W. B. Church of Cordova, Alabama, is happy to announce that the Reverend Marvin P. Dalton of Tulsa, Oklahoma, will be bringing the messages in a series of evangelistic services, beginning on May 20. The meeting will continue for two weeks.

Brother Dalton is a member of the First Mission Association of Free Will Baptists in Oklahoma. We are glad to welcome Brother and Mrs. Dalton back to our church. Last summer they were with us in a ten days music school. He is a man whom our denomination should be proud of, for he has a two fold calling from God who laid his hand on him to take the Gospel unto the lost, and to write gospel music.

We wish to urge everyone in and around Cordova to come and be with us in the evangelistic services. Come and hear this man of God, and be assured of a blessing by hearing his gospel messages. If you are hungering and thirsting after righteousness, come and the Lord will bless you.

Mrs. Grady Hudson
704 Long Avenue
Cordova, Ala.

NOTES AND QUOTES

(continued from page 4)

were drunk and did not know what they were doing. The devil gets someone to declare that he or she was temporarily insane, and then they are let off with a light fine because of insanity, when they had brought their insanity on by drinking ABC or bootleg liquor. Alcoholic beverages make prostitutes, and libertines. It is Satan's biggest bait to lead people to a demon's hell. I am against the sale and use of the stuff. I am against those who would lift the bottle to my neighbor's mouth. God said "Woe unto such a one." God will deal with you "wet" fellows some time and you will get His wrath heaped upon you.

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention

I had the pleasure of attending the Eastern Auxiliary Convention which convened March 22, at Long Ridge. I also had the pleasure of delivering a message entitled, "Our Missionaries and Their Needs."

This was a happy privilege. One that we thank the Lord for, and also for the program committee. Rev. J. R. Davidson brought a wonderful message concerning our Bible College. The superintendent, Walter McD. Croom, delivered a very informative message about the Orphanage at Middlesex, which message was accepted with much interest.

Mrs. Bruce Barrow brought the regular 11:00 o'clock Convention message in which she just captured the attention of the audience, while Mrs. L. E. Ballard took care of the Cragmont Assembly with much praise and exaltation and urged the women to take advantage of the opportunity to attend the 1951 session of the Woman's Conference.

There were so many good things said by others. Mrs. J. R. Davidson conducted the morning devotions and Mrs. J. C. Griffin told of the interest of the Field work and praised the women for the growing interest as manifested in her travel among the societies of the State. A number of pastors were present and were recognized by the President, Mrs. S. A. Smith. I can truthfully say, that it was the largest attended convention

that I recollect witnessing, ever in the Eastern District. The reports from every one showed progress.

Long Ridge Auxiliary entertained in the good old Southern way, by placing a bountiful dinner on a long table and after the blessing everyone was invited to eat to a fill. Truly it was a wonderful Convention.

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION COMMANDS

(continued from page five)

Lord, "If I will that he (John) tarry till I come, what is that to thee?" It is not for us, as it was not for Peter, to look at the other man and say, "Lord, what will he do?" But it is for us to follow Christ. So Jesus repeats the last words, which are given unto us as directed to Peter by our Lord, imperatively, "Follow thou me."

7. "TARRY YE"

There remains one more imperative. After Jesus had told His disciples these many things, and had emphasized them by these commands before leaving them on that last day when He walked with them from Jerusalem to Bethany, He commanded, "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." "Wait for the promise of the Father, which . . . ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence . . . Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

It was absolutely imperative that they wait until the hour come when the Holy Spirit shall come upon them in power. The disciples obeyed these commands. They waited. Pentecost came. As they went forward on their preaching, the Jews took cognizance of the fact that they had been with Jesus, because of their boldness and because of the power which they manifested.

CONCLUSION

These are the commands of our Lord Jesus as He walked this earth in His resurrected body. Do they mean anything to us? They meant life and death to His disciples, for after these commands they went forth to spend and be spent; yea, even to die for the Lord Jesus Christ. He was Lord. He saith unto this man, "Go," and he goeth. He saith unto this man, "Come," and he cometh. So let us obey our Lord's Resurrection Commands.—Condensed from "Christian Beacon"

When God comes to the soul in His fiery baptism, one gets something.—Rev. BeVier.

A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN EVERY CHURCH IN NORTH CAROLINA**With the Help of Our Students**

Dear Pastors and Church Leaders:

As Second Vice-President of the North Carolina State Auxiliary Convention I am appealing to you to do one great thing for your own church during this summer and one great thing for a Bible College student at the same time.

The thing you will do for yourself will be to have in your church this summer either a Daily Vacation Bible School or a "Youth Revival" or, better still, both. The thing you can do to help our Bible College students will be to use one or more of them in this work. They need your help financially, but more than this they want to be in the service of the Lord during the months they are not in school. Below I am giving you the names and home addresses of our North Carolina students, and the kind of work they would especially like to be engaged in, where they have stated any preference. You can contact them either through their home address or through me at Box 86, Ayden, N. C. (Until the close of school they can be reached care of F. W. B. Bible College, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee).

Johnnie E. Floyd, Box 201, Marion, N. C. (Youth Revivals)

Robert L. Edwards, Beulaville, N. C. (Youth Revivals)

Leroy Forlines, Winterville, N. C.

Ralph Summer and wife, R. F. D., Pink Hill, N. C. (Daily Vacation Bible School and leading singing for Youth Revivals.)

Carrie Stanford, Rt. 2, Beulaville, N. C.

Patty Creech, Route 2, Seven Springs, N. C.

Christine Hooks, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.

June Rivenbark, 109 Spring Road, Durham, N. C.

We can recommend all these young people as being faithful servants of the Lord, and worthy of your consideration in connection with your summer program.

Mrs. Gertrude Ballard

Revival Meeting at Old Mother F. W. B. Church, New Zion, S. C.

A revival meeting will begin at old Mother Free Will Baptist church on Sunday morning, April 22, at 11 o'clock. The church is 3½ miles east of New Zion, S. C. Rev. L. L. Powell of Hyman, S. C., will do the preaching. The public is invited to attend these services.

Mrs. Rhames Morris

Christ came to baptize us with the Holy Ghost.—Rev. J. N. Short.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

MISS DOROTHY MARIE JONES

It is with a sad heart that I write the account of the death of my beloved niece, Miss Dorothy Marie Jones. She went to live with Jesus on December 30, 1950, following a very short illness. She would have been 16 years old had she lived until January 11, 1951.

The funeral services were conducted at the home by the former pastor, Rev. L. B. Manning, and the present pastor, Rev. C. L. Patrick. She accepted Christ, and united with Grimsley's F. W. B. Church at the age of 12, and she was a wonderful Sunday School, League and church worker. She was always ready to do anything she was called on to do. She had a beautiful voice and so many other talents. To know Marie was to love her. She was the only girl in her family; a sweet little rose in the home.

We cannot understand why God took her away so young. We know He needed another angel in heaven, as the song says, "It Is Good Night Here, But Good Morning up There." May God bless her broken-hearted mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Lee Jones, and brothers, Jimmy Lee, Ray Bobby, Carroll, and Tommy be our prayer.

Written by Mrs. Zeb Moye

OFFEE PROCTOR

On February 17, 1951, our friend and brother in Christ went home to be with the Lord, making his stay with us a little over forty-nine years.

He was a devoted husband and father. At the early age of fourteen years, he united with the Saratoga Free Will Baptist church, being active until his passing.

Brother Proctor was interested in the civic affairs of his community, as well as in his church. At the time of his death, he was mayor of Saratoga.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Addie Jones Proctor, two sons, Clarence and Clinton Proctor, one daughter, Clara Proctor Batchelor, one grandchild, Carolyn Jean Batchelor.

May the members of his family and friends find comfort and consolation in Christ our blessed Saviour.

Written by a former pastor, Ranton Jackson.

A BELOVED FATHER PASSES

It was on February 15, 1951, when our dear Daddy was called home to be with the Lord. He was born on November 1, 1880. On December 10, 1902, he was married to Laura Stroud, and to this union twelve children were born.

He united with Smith's New Home church in 1920, of which he was a deacon for several years. He was a faithful and active member until his home going.

We miss Daddy so much, and our hearts are made sad by his passing, but God never makes a mistake, for "He doeth all things well." Our hearts are lightened, however, when we stop to think that he is not dead but only asleep in Jesus. It won't be long before we can see him face to face in that home Christ has gone to prepare for everyone who has been born again in that Christian family of God.

The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. C. L. Patrick, assisted by Rev. Clifton Rice, and Rev. J. B. Narron of Kinston, N. C. He was laid to rest beneath a beautiful mound of flowers in the family cemetery. May the Lord bless us all.

Written by a daughter, Mrs. J. G. Hill, Deep Run, N. C.

IN MEMORIAM

This is written in memory of my loving father, H. A. Hinnant, who departed this life one year ago, April 3, 1950.

A beautiful bud blossomed in heaven,
One year ago today;
When God called my precious daddy
And took his sweet soul away.

While we bow in humble submission,
To the infinite Father's will;
Our hearts are still deeply saddened
Because we miss our daddy still.

He was always so loving and kind,
Never a bad thought ran through his mind.
We miss him in the church and Sunday School,
For all people he did care.

But in the Father's Garden of Heaven
Daddy is beckoning to us here below,
For the bud of life that blossoms
There in heaven has a radiant glow.

Written by a loving daughter,
Mrs. Millard Snipes, Kenly, N. C.

A CORRECTION

Re: Willie Clifton Boykin. He was survived by his father and mother, four brothers and one sister, instead of "a father and one sister," in issue of April 4.

THESE CHILDREN MADE GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

In this picture you will see some of the pupils of Friendship F. W. B. Church, Pell City, Alabama.



The front row, from left to right, are Lois Gossett (sister to Fate Gossett, a deacon in this church); Billie Gossett, age 7, and Fate Gossett, age 10, sons of Brother Fate Gossett, neither of the three children has missed Sunday School since the second Sunday in August, 1945.

The back row, left to right, are Flora Ann Kendricks, age 12, who has been regular in attendance at Sunday School for one year. She is the daughter of Mr. J. H. Kendricks who is a member of this church. The next one is Wayne Spreadly, age 13, who has been a regular attendant at Sunday School for three years. He is the son of J. T. Spreadly who is also a member of this church.

We are proud of these boys and girls, and hope that this will encourage others to strive for better attendance records. Our pastor, Rev. John W. Burnham, is planning to make a trip this summer into South and North Carolina. He would be glad that some of the pastors in these states would drop him a card, and let him know when their revival meetings will be held, so that he can make his plans to be in some of their services. His address is: Rev. John W. Burnham, Pell City, Alabama, Route 1.

Paul Davis, Superintendent,
Pell City, Ala.

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Sunday School Convention of the Martin Association, to convene with Mt. Gilead Church, Bainbridge, Georgia, on April 27, 1951.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotional, Mrs. L. D. Scott
—Welcome address, Mr. Fred Kelly
—Response, Mr. Doc Gibson
—Enrollment of various Sunday Schools with delegates

11:30—Mid-day message, Rev. B. W. Clenny
—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Devotional, Mr. Clifton Powell
—Programs by various Sunday Schools
—New business
—Miscellaneous business
—Round-table discussion, Mr. Carlton Bell
—Election of officers
—Time and place for next session
—Adjournment

Program Committee:

Mrs. J. L. Daniels,
Mrs. Annie Cleveland,
Mrs. W. R. Barber,
Mrs. C. C. Kimbrel

The most reasonable thing in the world is to get right with God.—Rev. J. W. Hughes.

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"I'm glad we didn't bring the jeep, after all." Vernon grinned over at Lyle.

"Yes, so am I—and glad that I am able to ride Old Jerry again." He sighed, and reached out to stroke the cow pony's mane.

"Say, that's what I want to ask you about—do you mind?"

"No, what?"

"Well, I heard you were healed last week, and I'd like to know what it was like."

"Yes, that's right. You should have been there—I don't know whether I can describe it so you can see just how it was." Lyle hesitated, while a gust of wind, chill for late May, swept by.

"I—I ain't been the Christian I oughta been sometimes—seems like a feller gets careless in the busy ranch life—but I'm sure glad you folks come to the valley, and I appreciate you asked me to go with you to look over the situation down on the reservation today. I—want to be a better Christian, and to help get the Gospel to folks—to these Indians and all, if I can help a bit. So I wouldn't make fun if you tried to tell me about it, I been wantin' to know more about such things."

Lyle was taken a little aback by the suddenness of the confidence. A fellow prayed for the opportunity to witness, and with a concern for some young fellow whose opportunities had been limited, and yet it came so unexpected.

He sighed. "I was mighty sick," he said solemnly.

"That's what we heard. Old Man Lester dropped by and told us you were down in bed with the pneumonia, and delirious, last Wednesday. Then the next thing we heard was that you were miraculously healed, and up and about. We'd never heard of such things in these parts before, and I'd mighty like to know how it all came about that you are strong enough to ride to the reservation today in this wind, and it scarcely a week since—" his voice trailed off in puzzlement. "Course, I've read how people was healed in Jesus' day, but sometimes it seems like folks don't expect such things these days, with doctors and hospitals and things to depend on," he ended.

"Well, you know we were planning to take this survey of the Indians, to see how many of them could read English, to give a few Testaments and see how they would be received, and what the prospects for a Bible school would be. Then last week I came down with pneumonia, and wondered why the Lord would let such things come up to

hinder us when I thought I was working for Him." He paused and glancing at Vernon, saw that a deep furrow of real concern lay between the other boy's brows.

"I'd-a wondered, too," he muttered.

"But my father saw what was in my mind, I guess, and he says to me: 'Son, God never gets in a hurry, and we'd better get the mind of the Lord on this matter, don't you think?' So then I got to thinkin' about it from that angle, and to realizin' that I had taken the wrong attitude in thinkin' that I had to do this work for the Lord, when what God wanted was to have someone whose body was yielded so that He could work His will through it. So then I says, 'The Word says I died with You, and rose with You, and this old body is Yours, Lord. Do you want it strong or weak?' And then as the day wore on it grew on me that Jesus had said of a blind man once that it had come on him 'that the works of God should be made manifest in him'. And as strong as could be the Holy Spirit spoke to me and said 'Ye have not, because ye ask not.'"

"Isn't that a verse in the Bible?"

"Yes. I called father and told him about it. 'Could I call for an anointing service?' I asked him.

"And so we did—"

They rode along in silence for a while, as the gusty wind blew up little puffs of dust about the horses' feet.

"And how did it work—I'm awful ignorant of such things," Vernon prompted, with a little hush of awe in his voice.

"Why they called the elders—in this case Brother West from Cattle Crossing—and it took him till the next afternoon to get the word and come so far. By that time I was delirious—"

"But why? Why did the Lord, if it was His will to heal, let you get worse?"

"I don't know, unless—well like that blind man I mentioned a bit ago, the more impossible things seem, the more glory God gets to Himself when He saves."

"Oh."

"And then, when the folks had gathered in the bedroom where I was, they had a Scripture, and prayed to ascertain for sure what was God's will in this. I had got some clearer in my mind by then, and it was clear to all that we should go ahead. So they had some oil—olive oil I think it was—and Brother West took some in his hand and anointed my head, and with his hand and Father's resting on my head he prayed, and Father prayed. And it was done. I knew it, and presently I sat up and the fever was gone—I can't explain it. I know it happened, though. Such an odd sensation it was, I couldn't describe it if I tried."

Vernon was visibly shaken.

"It still just doesn't seem possible!" he gasped. "Couldn't there be some explanation?"

"Would you have me start rationalizing, and lose the blessing?"

Vernon studied this remarkable young man for a long while, as the trail stretched out behind them. The wind was slowly dying and the sun grew warm on their backs.

"No-o," he answered slowly, confronted by the happy shining peace and assurance in the other's eyes.

"There is an explanation, for a Christian, and I know you are one," Lyle quietly spoke, as if to set the statements out for the other's consideration. "He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him". We know that He created this body in the first place, and understands its parts and workings much better than we. Don't we?"

"Yeah, that's right."

"And 'the visible things are made out of the invisible,'" and one translator puts it. Jesus said more than once, 'according to your faith be it unto you.'

They rode on in silence for a while. At last Vernon heaved a sigh that sounded as if it came clear up from his boots.

"Whew! This faith business is deep—I get over my depth contemplating it."

"You think so? The farther along I get, the simpler it seems. Faith is just believing God, and acting on it, isn't it?"

"Is that all?" and vernon looked relieved.

"That's how I had it figured. When God said, 'Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full,' He meant just that, I reckon, and when He said, 'The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up,' He meant it just the same as the other. Don't you think so, Vernon?"

"I guess—if—if I follow you. Your strides are always too fast for me, but I think I'm getting it. Glory! that puts an end to the bondage of worry, doesn't it?"

"Sure does, unless we let ourselves be brought into bondage again by Satan, who does enjoy to get Christians out of that rest into striving in their own energy of self again when he can."

They crossed a bridge, and the water looked inviting after the long miles.

"Let's stop for water and rest a little under that cottonwood," Vernon suggested. "This desert seems endless, or would if it wasn't for a creek like this once in a blue moon."

"It is hot for May, isn't it?" Lyle murmured, getting down.

They watered the horses, and had a good long drink. Then they sprawled out under the enduring old Shade tree while their muscles, stiff with the hours of riding, slowly relaxed.

"Say," queried Vernon, "one more thing, I've been wondering for a week, I guess."

"Hmmm?"

"Just how in—in-vulnerable do you figure yourself, now?"

"What do you mean?"

"I'm practical, maybe, but—well, do you suppose you might catch cold, for instance?"

"Depends. If it is His will, yes. We haven't been promised the redemption of the body in this life, you know."

"But suppose a rattler bit you?"

"Well, I never just thought of that—What does the Word say about such things? Seems to me there's a verse—"

"Yeah, I read it just the other day. Jesus said to the seventy, 'Behold, I give unto you powers to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you.' But maybe that was just for them—"

"Oh, I remember that now, only what I remember was that He said next, 'Rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in Heaven!'"

"Sobers a fellow, doesn't it?"

"Sure does! Well, I don't know—say, 'what are those signs Jesus said would follow them that believe?'"

"There's something, all right, about serpents:—" Vernon's brow wrinkled with the effort to remember.

"It must apply to all of us who are sent, then," Lyle decided. At his decisive tone Vernon looked up somewhat startled. "Me?"

"Don't you feel it is God's will that we come together on this—this mission today?"

"Why, I suppose so."

"Didn't you make it a matter of prayer? Till you were sure?"

"Why, no, not exactly. I sort of mentioned it, I guess."

"Well, I did, and I am convinced—"

The sober, contemplative look in Vernon's eyes showed that he was thinking back along the trail, thinking of the conversation they had had, and how it had clarified a great many things for him.

"I'm—convinced, too, that you got—the—mind of the Lord on it," he whispered. "Sure has helped me," and he choked a little over the lump rising in his throat of a sudden.

The drowsy heat pressed down and they lay back on the scattering of leaves on the sand. Lyle was just thinking, with a sigh, that they'd better be going again—

"Bzzzzzz!" a rattle sounded behind Vernon and startled him. He reacted with a leap just as Lyle yelled, "Don't move!"

A large rattler had been dozing, partly hidden by the leaves, and was awakened too suddenly when Vernon shifted his weight. There was no time to do anything, for the snake had struck on the instant it had buzzed, and even before Vernon gathered his feet and jumped he had felt the stab of pain.

He looked at the retreating snake an instant incredulously, and paled, then he looked at his arm and saw the tiny pricks of the fangs.

"Right in the vein, too!" he gasped. "I've always been told," he said to Lyle, "that if

a large blood vessel is struck and much poison enters, that the fellow will likely die inside of twenty minutes or so!"

"It looks absolutely hopeless, then, even if we applied a tourniquet, and cut it?" Lyle asked quietly.

"That's what they say."

"Vernon," Lyle fixed him with a piercing eye, "can you believe?"

"What do you mean?"

"Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy," he repeated slowly, quietly, "and nothing shall by any means hurt you!"

"I know—I know that nothing is impossible with God, and yet—" he groaned in agony of spirit, as he looked at the arm again, "Lord, help Thou my unbelief!" he cried out. "Pray," he pleaded, piteously, and both boys dropped on their knees in the sand.

"Lord, You've promised this thing in Your Word. Thank you. Help our unbelief, give us eyes that see the invisible things, give us just now to know and believe, and rest in taking You at Your Word. For we come in Jesus' Name, Amen." Lyle's voice was quiet, full of assurance—and listening, Vernon's mind let go its straining and fell back on the promise alone, and was at rest.

"Oh, thank You, Jesus," he sobbed, and then realized that he felt no more pain. A smile broke over his features that had been so twisted with fear a moment before. He gazed at Lyle in dawning wonder and realization.

"Remember that I told you, Vernon, that God delights to do the impossible?" Lyle almost chuckled.

Vernon nodded and rose slowly, experimentally, to his feet. Then he stretched, deliberately, deliciously. Then he looked at his arm almost as if it were a stranger to him.

"I see what you meant awhile ago," he announced, "that arm doesn't feel as if it belongs to me anymore. Or the rest of me either."

"Well, shall we go?" Lyle asked, "If you are ready," and he went to catch his horse.

"Of course," answered Vernon, his voice ringing with a new happiness. "This kind of a Gospel is too good to keep to ourselves!"—The Gospel Herald

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He knows it all—the winding path,
The sky o'ercast and grey,
The steepness of the mountainside,
The roughness of the way.

He knows it all—the haunting fear,
The doubtings that distress,
The wond'rings and perplexities,
And all the strain and stress.

He knows it all—each troubled thought
Each anxious waver of care,
And every burden, every grief,
Or cost that thou dost bear.

He knows it all—thy weight of woe,
Thine often tear-dimmed eye,
The stabbing pain, the slow, dull ache,
And sorrow's broken cry.

He knows it all—by His to choose,
And thine to take His choice!
He knows it all! He planned it so!
Then trust Him, and rejoice!

—E. Margaret Clarkson

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PROGRAM

Below is the program of the Second Union Meeting of the Central Conference, to convene with Grimsley Church, on April 28.

Theme: The Holy Scriptures

9:45—Devotions, by Mrs. J. E. Wooten
10:00—Moderator's remarks and business
10:30—Congregational singing
10:35—Message, "Evidence of Scripture Inspiration" by Rev. R. B. Spencer
10:55—Congregational singing and business
11:10—"Outstanding Events in the Pentateuch" by Rev. L. B. Manning
11:30—Special music—by local church
11:35—Union message—"Conspicuous Types in the Pentateuch" by Rev. C. L. Patrick
12:10—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions by Members of the Ayden League
1:10—Business
1:30—Message—"Outstanding Prophecies in the Pentateuch" by Rev. Rashie Kennedy
1:55—Congregational singing
2:00—Business and adjournment

THE RABBIT TRAP

G. H. Clement

A girls' Sunday School Class was on a Saturday afternoon hike. They were crossing a field of tall grass beside a woods when suddenly one of the girls who was ahead of the rest came running back, excited.

"What's the matter?" asked Miss Chadwick, the teacher.

"There is something in the grass!" she exclaimed. "I saw it move!"

Miss Chadwick, with the girls following, hastened to the spot indicated by the scared young girl. Surely, the grass was moving! There was something there, all right! Whatever could it be, they all wondered? But just then they heard a low "meow."

"A cat!" they all exclaimed together.

"Strange that it stays in the same place, though," remarked the teacher. It was a beautiful brown and white Persian cat. There it lay, crouching in the grass, meowing. One of the girls stopped down to pick it up. The cat tried to get away, but could not.

"Oh, the poor thing is caught in a trap!" she cried.

Sure enough, the tip of one fore-paw was caught in a rabbit trap. Miss Chadwick tried to release the suffering creature, but the trap refused to open. Finally, two of the girls ran to the nearby farmhouse and returned with the farmer. He had a strong pair of pliers, and soon set the cat free. It stopped meowing immediately, and as Miss Chadwick stroked it, it purred its gratitude. All fear was gone now. The girls were glad to find that its paw was not seriously injured.

At lunchtime, as the class sat around a roaring fire and roasted weiners and marshmallows, Miss Chadwick asked the girls if they could tell her how that cat in the rabbit trap reminded them of some spiritual lessons.

Mary Widdup spoke up: "That trap is like sin that holds the sinner fast."

Another girl said: "The cat was afraid of us, when all the time we only wanted to set it free. That reminded me of before I was a Christian. Mother used to tell me of Jesus, and I was actually afraid to be saved. I was afraid I would not have any more happiness if I let Jesus come into my heart. Silly of me, though, for Mother was surely very happy. I was afraid of, oh, so many things! But once I trusted Jesus, all my fears went. He just set me free, and now I could not be happier."

"Anything else?" prompted the teacher, after a moment's silence.

"Yes," spoke up Joyce Potter, "that poor cat was trying to free itself, but not being able to do so, reminds me of when I wasn't saved. I wanted to be, so I tried to set myself free from Satan's trap. But I just couldn't do it. Then, Miss Chadwick, you led me to Jesus, and He set me free. If

that farmer hadn't opened that trap, the poor creature would be there still."

"I noticed that the first thing the cat did was to start to purr, once it was released," remarked Dorothy Histed. "The first thing I did when I was saved was to thank Jesus for what He did for me."

"In other words," said one of the girls who always provided the class with laughs, "you started meowing in your unhappiness, and stopped purring!"

"Well," remarked the teacher, smiling, "I think we shall not soon forget that rabbit trap and the lessons it has taught us."

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Purpose and Practice of Prayer

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Jesus told His disciples how they should pray. Only a believer in Christ can pray a full prayer. A sinner can pray a prayer of confession and call for God's mercy on his soul. The true follower of Christ can pray the prayer of confession, thanksgiving, adoration, supplication, submission, faith, and intercession. Jesus taught His disciples to be fluent in every element of prayer. He assumed that if His disciples would pray, it should be as natural for a Christian to pray as it is for a bird to fly, a fish to swim, a lark to sing, fire to consume, or a child to talk to his parents. Prayer is the natural, normal desire of a child of God. The true Christian will engage in prayer as a normal habit of life, just as he does eating food or drinking water, or breathing air. Constant practice of prayer will be a source of joy and strength.

The place of prayer: "Enter into thy closet." Jesus evidently expected Christians to have a place of prayer to which they would retire often and enter into real prayer. He had such a place for prayer, and His disciples knew they could find Him "over the brook Kedron." Even Judas knew the place, for Jesus often resorted there.

Dr. J. H. Jowett had his prayer room. Other great Christians have had and have such a place of prayer. It is, of course, understood that Christians can pray at any time and anywhere, but the special place for prayer has special advantage.

Jesus would have those who really pray to shut out all thoughts of other things and all hindrances to prayer and give themselves wholly and entirely to the privilege of prayer. Only in this way can anyone really pray. Even when a person leads a prayer in public gatherings, he must bring his soul to be conscious only of the Father. Evidently some who attempt to lead a prayer in public are often more conscious of the presence of the people than they are of the presence of the Lord. When Christians pray they should shut the door of life to

the world and open the windows of the soul to the Father. "Pray to the Father, which is in secret."

The purpose of prayer is to enter the very presence of the Father. Prayer to any other person, source or thing, is in vain. Prayer is to hallow the name of the Father. It is to adore Him; it is to magnify, glorify, and exalt His character; it is to have blessed fellowship and communion with Him; it is to praise His name and to seek to know Him and His will and way and work. When we are in this spirit of prayer, we cry with the disciples of Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray." This sincere yearning should be in the heart of every Christian. "Thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." Prayer changes things. Communion with God will cause the face to shine as it did the face of Moses. Fellowship with Christ causes the life to speak as did the life of Peter and John, when the rulers took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus. Prayer to God will make sad hearts glad, weakhearts strong, and backward lives bold. Yes, the Lord will use His own way and power to reward publicly and openly those who pray in secret.

Paul's Personal Prayer

Paul was a man of prayer. He knew the privileges and power of prayer, for his writings are filled with references to prayer and its purpose. The burden of his prayers was always for others. In one passage of Scripture it is intimated and personal for the Christians. It was more than prayer in general; it was an earnest request for specific things for the Christian. Note those elements in the prayer: that we might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, Col. 1:9, 19. It is a prayer that each Christian may have knowledge of the will

of God and that this knowledge may be full, abundant, and even complete.

It would include full knowledge of the Lord's will for life, talents, home, and church for the Christian. It would be full knowledge of all wisdom and understanding, even knowledge, according to the full will of the word, that we might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing. This is a prayer for Christians, that they might know as well as be known, that they might live as well as look; that they might practice as well as promote. Paul places the Lord as an example of ideal Christian living. One should be worthy of his family, vocation, or opportunities. But Paul prayed that Christians might be worthy of the Lord. His prayers are that their ideals, holiness, righteousness, and complete character might be worthy of the Lord, pleasing to all, and might be truthful in every work. This prayer is that Christians may first of all bear the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22, 23) in their own lives; then this strength of life will exercise itself in good works; such as, ministering to the hungry, sick, lame, halt, maimed, and would also include such things as engaging in prayer, Bible study, work, worship, visiting the sick, and seeking to reach others for Christ.

Paul's prayer is that Christians shall not only be engaged in good works, but that they may abound and be fruitful. All Christians should bear much fruit for the Lord. Paul knew that Christians could not do these things alone; therefore, he prayed that they might be strengthened with and according to His glorious power unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness. Paul would place the glorious power of God as the limit of the Christian's strength. In this power, Christians could be patient and joyful, even in trials and suffering. In this power, they could know the will of God and live worthy of the Lord and bear much fruit for Him. The prayer of Paul should be the prayer of us all.

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Compliments

Recently I received a card from Bro. Naaman Borders, Waverly, O., from which I am quoting in part, not because of his kind words about my articles, but for what he said about "Religious Pictures" being shown. Quote:

"My Dear Brother Griffin: I read your articles in the F. W. B. and your views are mine in every detail . . . I think that you are on the right track in showing those Bible pictures. I wish that I were in the same kind of work . . . I would like to do all that I can to promote God's cause before I go home . . . God bless you." Naaman Borders.

We thank God, Brother. Borders, for such encouragement. Yes, God is blessing. People are dedicating and re-consecrating their lives to Christ, and some are being saved, by seeing the results of God's Word shown them in the film service.

We only retain about 10 per cent of what we hear, but we retain 75 per cent of what we see. Scripture that I see flashed on the screen remains before my eyes and stays with me.

Other Letters

Dear Brother Griffin: "You are invited to come to our church, Pearl's Chapel, Duplin County, for the purpose of showing the film "A Letter to Melitino." Miss Daisy J. Wells, Clerk. Rev. S. A. Smith is pastor of this church.

Dear Brother Griffin: "We have heard of the wonderful work that you are doing in showing those religious pictures, and want you to come to Dublin Grove." Signed, Miss Eva C. Deal.

Well, before these invitations are printed, the film spoken of, together with other religious and denominational pictures, will be shown in the

above mentioned churches, as the dates have been set and published in the "Itinerary."

Mrs. J. R. Cayton of Aurora gave us a cordial invitation to go to White Hill for the showing of the film, "A Letter to Melitino." Thanks, Sister Cayton. Verbal invitations are coming fast, which shows that our people are progressing in the Visualized Gospel of our Christ. This is a new vision. It is recorded: "Where there is no vision, the people perish:" (Proverbs 29:18). A film service man said to me some time back that a certain minister of one of the fastest growing denominations in the country had shown a certain religious picture (which rents for \$10.00 per service) twenty-one times in his churches. Many of the churches are purchasing projectors now to show pictures in their church activities.

The Devil Robbed Us

Back in the infancy of the motion picture, the Devil saw that it could be a great thing in educating people, so he took the picture away from the church, and began to produce and promote the work of motion pictures. He has produced thieves, adulterers, liars, harlots, embezzlers and all kinds of criminals through showing evil pictures made by people who care nothing for marriage vows and the Lord Jesus Christ and His church. People have patronized his business, even millions of church members have been led to be supporters of those who get rich in the Devil's Motion picture industry. No doubt, many souls are in hell this very moment who were led into criminal activities due to what they saw in the movies.

Satan can, and he certainly has used sinful pictures made by ungodly sinners to his advantage. Pictures made by God-fearing, Christ-confessing, and consecrated saints of God can be used for the salvation of sinners and the exaltation of the name of Jesus Christ. It is being done. People are being blessed and are loud in praise of what they see.

I Will Remember

No older than I am, I can remember when many good Christians ob-

jected to putting organs and pianos in churches. Actually there was much stir about such a move in some places, even to the abstaining from worship because there was a musical instrument in the church. But people caught the vision and realized the benefit of the organ and piano, and now all churches are blessed with music.

Then, when some of us wanted, and actually did introduce the violin and horns, etc., in the church, we had another stir. I took my boys when I was doing evangelistic work at a church and my boys played the cornet, violin, and other instruments. Notwithstanding that God blessed the services, we found some who would not attend. One dear old brother said that he could not go to the service because they had the devil, "that old fiddler" there. I told him that the only thing I had against the fiddle was that it had been in bad company too long, and we were taking it out of bad company and using it for the Lord.

Ashamed of Christ

A church member was going up to a lumber camp in the North, and a friend said to him: "If those lumber-jacks find out you're a Christian, they'll make sport of you." The man went and upon his return was asked by his friend: "Well, how did you get along with the lumber-jacks?" The man answered: "All right, they didn't find it out."

"That's the way with so many people who profess to be Christians. They're church members, but a stranger would have a mighty hard time finding it out. The first thing that a man does when he joins a lodge or some civic organization is to get a pin and if any body says anything about what it stands for, he will stand up and fight for it; but there are some church members who will see the church and Jesus Christ insulted, and not open their mouths." Elder Ralph Staten, pastor, Red Bay F. W. B. church, From church bulletin.

Brother Staten, I have seen those who joined the lodge get the most

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MY TESTIMONY



I am writing my testimony, hoping that someone may profit by reading it. I feel that I am very young in Christ. I have only known Him as my Personal Saviour for about a year and a half.

I can remember very well when I went to King's Cross Roads F. W. B. Church for the first time. It was in the year 1948. It all came about in this way. I had secured a job working on Saturday in Greenville, North Carolina, and a friend of mine introduced me to Rachel Wooten. I asked her if I could go to town with her on Saturdays. She told me that she would be very glad for me to go with her. When Saturday morning came, I went with her.

It was on that Saturday that she invited me to church, and I gladly told her that I would go, for I had always wanted to go to King's Cross Roads church, but due to certain things I had never been.

The first Sunday that I went I liked it just fine, for everyone was real nice to me. I kept going to Sunday School, and I began to learn many things about Jesus. I realized also that I weren't the good little girl I thought I was, because I found that in the Word of God it said that I was lost, and that the only way for me to escape eternal punishment was thru Jesus Christ, who lived a life without sin, and who gave his life for our sins. I learned that he arose from the grave, thus gaining victory over the grave and death, and hell.

Another thing that gave me comfort was that Christ died for all. I thought one time that it would be impossible for me to go to heaven, but now I know that Christ died that each and every person may have eternal life, and a home in heaven, if they will believe on him as personal Saviour. I knew all these things, but yet I had not made a public confession. This was hard for me to do, for Satan was using my shyness to his advantage. I should like to say here that Satan is a smart creature, for he will do anything he can to keep a per-

Elsie Dunn
Fountain, N. C.
Route 1

son from accepting Christ as their personal Saviour. I felt that I could not stand and confess Christ before all the people in the church. Satan made me to believe for a while that a public confession is not necessary, but I knew that I did not have peace in my heart; the peace that we read about in the Bible.

Finally, on the Sunday before the Fourth of July, 1949, I made that public confession. Dear friends, I am telling you that Satan was there, telling me to keep waiting, but I felt that if I did that, I might never have the opportunity to accept Christ. I can gladly say that I have peace in my heart, and that I am a happy young girl. The thing that I now enjoy is to be in the services of the Lord, and to be able to learn more about the Word of God. Before I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour, I knew that I was a sinner, and needed to be saved, but I did not realize that there would be such a change as to the things that I would enjoy.

Today I realize that God wants me to live a separated life, and for me to let my light shine for him. I feel that I should give up the pleasures which this world offers, if I am to live the separated life. When I think of what the Lord gave up that I might have a home in heaven, it makes me ashamed of the small things which I have given up for the sake of Christ. They are very small in comparison with the life of the only begotten Son of God.

In the beginning of this article, I told of the invitation I received to go to church, and how, through that invitation, I came to know Christ as my personal Saviour. I feel that probably one day, when we all get to heaven, I will look at Rachel Wooten, and say to her: "You were the one who invited me here." I know that prayer was behind it all, but she was the

one who asked me to go and learn about the Lord Jesus who is the Saviour of the lost.

Dear Christian people, please pray for me. Pray that I may be willing to go where the Lord wants me to go, no matter how hard, or how large the sacrifice may be.

PROHIBITION VS. LICENSE LAWS

A great cry was raised over the 1800 men it took to "enforce Prohibition." Many times that number are required to enforce the present liquor control laws. Court costs of apprehending offenders yearly put the government "in the red" from \$4 to \$14 for each \$1.00 collected from liquor income. (Read "Cost of Alcoholic Beverage and the Liquor Traffic to the United States" by Fred Squires).

Somebody must be "taxed and taxed" to make up this deficit. That somebody is you. Remember this the next time you pay your income tax! A prohibitive law, a Prohibition Administration, a Prohibition Party, could stop this waste of money.

"For among my people are found wicked men; they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men. As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit; therefore are they become great, and waxen rich. They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper and the right of the needy do they not judge. Shall I not visit these things? saith the Lord: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?" Jeremiah 5:26-31.—The Pennsylvania Challenge.

Does not the above Scripture quotations fitly describe the liquor men of today, just as it described the "wicked men" in the days of the prophet Jeremiah?—Clipped

"What's the idea, asking your letters back?" demanded the girl who had just returned his ring. "Surely you don't think that I'd ever take them to court."

"Oh, no, I'm not worried about that," explained the young man, "but I paid an expert good money to write them for me. Why, I may want to use them again sometime."

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PROMOTING WITH THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

Damon C. Dodd

It was a typical spring day in the Arkansas Ozarks. From our vantage point atop a forest ranger's lookout tower we could see the surrounding countryside for miles around. Everything was bathed in a soft haze. The azure-blue sky was flecked here and there with billowy-white clouds floating lazily along, casting their shadows over hill and vale like a spectre. Far in the distance a vulture rode the air waves effortlessly, wings distended but not a pinion moving. Off to the south where sky and earth seemed to meet the scene was dominated by a tall pine, which stood like a sentinel, straight and majestic, stood defiantly, an absolute monarch of the mountains. Down in the valleys the brown patches of farmland appeared in bold relief, outlined by the soft greenish tint of the early verdure of spring. The shrill neigh of a horse and the staccato bark of a dog were the only sounds that interfered with the soft swishing of the breeze in the pines. To one standing aloft looking down on the scene, a sense of loveliness and security coupled with the fact of God's divine care and superintendence presented a mute but powerful sermon and for a time I almost forgot that my responsibility was the Christian Worker's Institute in Welcome Home Church, near Hector, Arkansas.

I had gone to Hector at the invitation of the Welcome Free Will Baptist Church and Mr. and Mrs. Lawnie Coffman had been instrumental in making the contact. They had been students in our C. W. I. in Pocahontas and had been so impressed with the courses that they wanted the same thing for their home church. So we had made arrangements and on

Monday, February 12 the C. W. I. began.

There were 31 who enrolled for the courses and a more interested group I have never seen. They had not been in close contact with the National Association program and when they learned the facts they were enthusiastic in their reception. Of the 31 enrolled, 30 of them received the C. W. I. Certificate (the largest percentage of Certificates ever granted per enrollment.) In addition the teaching program, a revival spirit followed all the way through and 8 souls were converted during the sessions.

On Friday, February 23, the National Home Mission Board came to Hector for its annual meeting. Rev. J. D. Coffman was very kind in arranging for this meeting at the church in Hector and the ladies of the church served the noon meal. The members of the Board were guests at the closing service of the Institute on Friday night and Rev. J. B. Bloss, the Chairman, delivered the message.

From Hector we (Rev. Bloss and I) drove back to Nashville via Columbia, Tennessee, Brother Bloss' home—and I proceeded on to Nashville to be home for a few days. It was my privilege to speak at the Bible college and also at a Stewardship meeting at East Nashville Church before leaving for Georgia February 28.

The work in Georgia was of an evangelistic-promotional nature and it was a genuine delight to work with Rev. J. D. Payne and Rev. Emmett McDuffie. Our first campaign was with Christian Hill church near Rochelle and we had a victorious six days together. From Rochelle we went to Little Bethel church, near Dudley, Georgia, where we enjoyed a great ingathering of souls. We organized a Free Will Baptist League here with 54 charter members. Having spent six profitable days here we moved on to New Ebenezer F. W. B.

church near Cochran, Georgia and spent six days in service. They are building a beautiful brick church at this place and the people are going all-out in their Denominational support. In these three contacts we witnessed more than 70 decisions for Christ, for which we praise the Lord. At this time I am in Oklahoma

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PRECONCEIVED OPINIONS

As was true many decades ago, it is also true today with a great many people concerning preconceived opinions about certain things. But little excuse remains, in this enlightened age, for people to hold to many of these out-of-date ideas.

For example, some church people in some localities think that it is not right to show pictures on the screen in a church, although such pictures are Bible scenes, or they are scenes based on the teachings of the Scriptures. Those people, instead of realizing the teachings which those pictures so easily present to the eye and the mind, associate the idea of showing pictures in a church with secular and profane pictures shown at the theaters. They form wrong opinions by so-doing, and are prone to criticize those who present religious pictures in the church. But where is the reasoning about the matter? Bible pictures, to those critics, whether printed and made a part of the Bible, or printed in beautiful colors on large sheets of paper, and placed on the walls in the Sunday School rooms are all right. These they accept and appreciate the use of for their own study and enlightenment. When these same Bible scenes are shown on a screen in the church, and explained by the person presenting the pictures, how can any one associate them with the general class of pictures shown in the movies? As to purpose and meaning, there is no comparison of the religious pictures shown in a church to the secular and profane pictures in the theaters. People with "preconceived opinions" about such are "straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel."

A few decades ago many church people condemned all other church people if they used "soft drinks," as coca cola, and other soft drinks. Not so now, because such drinks are considered harmless to the body. Some once opposed the use of musical instruments in the church, as the organ, piano, guitar, violin, horn and the like. Now they are accepted and used for the glory of God in sacred worship. The Israelites used many musical instruments in the Temple worship as a part of their religious services. God had given instructions concerning their music.

The purpose, and the manner in which anything is used by individuals determine the correct or the incorrect use to which they put those things in operation. Me-

morial windows in churches of Bible scenes are most beautifully designed for sacred purposes. No one today questions their place in the church building. A great many people need to get away from such preconceived notions and beliefs.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS AND SUMMER ENCAMPMENTS

A great many of the youth of the church and of the Sunday School are beginning to look forward to the time for the opening of the Vacation Bible Schools in their churches for a week or more Bible training. The children are always glad to see the time come for these courses of study. Many of the leaders in the various churches are now laying plans to arrange dates, select the necessary supplies, and to map their programs for the work. As far as possible, the Press will supply those who wish to purchase their supplies for their schools.

In the past, much good was accomplished by the instruction given to those who attended the Bible schools. This season it is expected that a great many more churches and Sunday Schools will conduct vacation Bible schools for their own groups at their churches. There is a growing need felt for a greater knowledge of the Scriptures to be acquired by the children and the youth of the church, consequently greater efforts are being put forth by the older people of the churches to provide for this need.

In addition to the vacation Bible schools, the summer encampments will be held for the young people of the church, as well as for others, for the purpose of religious study, recreation, devotion, fellowship and consecration. These summer camps are proving greatly beneficial to those who attend each summer for a week or longer. The Christian leadership, the instruction given, the social activities entered into, and the spiritual atmosphere maintained during those encampments, all help to benefit greatly each person taking part in the summer assemblies. Such summer vacation periods are always good and wholesome for anyone for rest, diversion, and Christian fellowship. Let us hope that the vacation Bible schools and also the summer encampments will be well attended this summer by large groups of children, adults and young people.

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Scenes of the Cuban F. W. B. Mission Field



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We are glad to present herewith several scenes of our work in Cuba. Though the pictures may not be so very plain, due to a poor type of picture from which the cuts were made, yet it is hoped that our readers of the Baptist paper will appreciate the efforts of those who made it possible for us to be able to use these in this way. From all reports which we receive from the field in Cuba, the work is moving forward in a splendid manner, for which we are thankful to Brother and Mrs. Willey, and their co-workers. Let us hope, as time passes, that greater efforts will be put forth by our church people here at home to give more liberally in the future for this noble cause of spreading the Gospel among the Cuban people.



BOB, JERRY AND JO ELLEN IN FRONT OF COTTAGE

Jo Ellen is 5 months old. Bob and Jerry are certainly two wonderful people. They are the busiest and happiest couple you ever saw. Of course, they would like to come home to show off their sweet baby, and to tell other young people of the blessings God has given them in their chosen work.



NATIVE HOME JUST ABOUT 500 YARDS FROM SCHOOL

Drying Palm in foreground is used to build some houses and barns. The Royal Palms are used for everything. Berries are used to feed stock, leaves for thatching roofs; the trunk is split in half, hollowed out and used to run water off the houses like guttering. This native family sells the dried palm, as part of their means of livelihood.



JOHNNIE CUBA AT NEW CHURCH

Man working on roof, Johnnie had been working all day, not even stopping to eat. Johnnie serves 15 fields and there are 11 more that are calling for him. He covers his territory on foot. (Clays are going to send bike). Angel Martinez was converted under Johnnie's preaching, he is now attending school. As such a good student, he is prospect for American school. We met another of his converts, a boy about 16 years old who also is anxious to attend school. Johnnie speaks a little English. He is twenty-five years old, and a wonderful Christian boy.



GIRLS DOING LAUNDRY

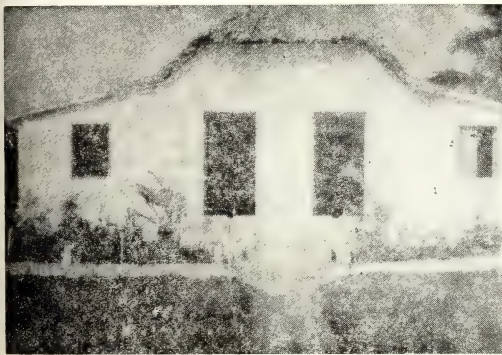
Each Monday morning girls do laundry for the whole school. Along one side of the building is a concrete vat which is divided into 8 tubes. Large wooden washboards are used. Two large kettles over open fire are used to heat water and to boil clothes. Water for washing comes from well under building. Good grade of white soap is furnished by school. Washes are beautifully white. Uniforms for girls at school are white blouses and blue skirts. For boys, white shirts and dark trousers. It makes a lot of ironing which girls do also and which is also beautifully done. Some of the singing heard from washroom on Monday is equal to Angel Chorus.

The Free Will Baptist Press is now engaged in the task of improving the general appearance of its work. You can help by your continued patronage.



NATIVE FAMILY AT HOME

Showing grandmother, mother and 2 children. Grandmother's home all her 65 years. Younger woman is the mother of a girl who was demon-possessed when the school was established. She was converted in services under the palm trees (before there were any buildings at school.) Later she attended the school and has now been a worker out in one of the fields for four years. Mrs. Willey said she was about 16 years old and weighed about 80 pounds but during demon possessed spells it took 6 large men to hold her.



CHURCH AT CEDARS OF LEBANON

Located in center of an old orange grove. Class rooms are at each side of main auditorium. Two doors, men use door on right, women use door on left. Men sit on right side of church, women on left. Old Spanish custom.

HEARTS AND WAYS

Leroy C. Brown

Dean Monroe walked up quietly behind a student in College Hall and gave him a friendly, but heavy slap between the shoulders. The student, thinking he had been struck by a schoolmate, swore loudly. But when he turned and saw the Dean he was very much embarrassed and he apologized profusely.

Of course the student would not have sworn if he had known the Dean was present. But the oath was in his heart, and God says in His Word, "A man's heart deviseth his ways" (Prov. 16:9). The heart must be clean;



THE WILLEYS (AT HOME)

No use elaborating on these two. God bless them. Their personality is such a shining example of Christian living they just glow. Busy and so happy doing God's work.

the Lord Jesus must dwell there or man's carnal nature will be evident.

Listen to a person's conversation and you can tell what lies closest to his or her heart. If we love God surely our conversation before long will reveal this love.

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:21).

The man who loves money more than he loves God will think and talk more about his bank book than he does about God's Book. The woman who prefers social events to religious services will think and talk more parties than she will about serving God. The boy or girl who thinks that athletics or schoolwork are more important than young people's services at the church has not fully yielded the heart to God.

Money, social events, athletics and school deserve some thought, but the important question is, which do we really place first, God or worldly affairs? Our heart directs our ways and our ways indicate our choice.

A person who truly loves God and righteousness will show it by thoughts, words, and deeds because "a man's heart deviseth his ways." Get the heart right and the ways will take care of themselves.—Selected

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

These are some of the requests for prayer that should be brought to the prayer meeting.

1. Prayer for your pastor.
2. Prayer for aged, sick, and afflicted, James 5:13-18
3. Prayer for our Missionaries
4. Prayer for our young men and women in military service; especially in battle.
5. Prayer for mothers, wives, and children of our men in military service.
6. Prayer for World Peace.
7. Prayer for the establishment of the Family Altar in every home for our church.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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HITHER AND YON

Mrs. J. E. Frazier

About ever so often some one comes here with the query: "Will you send us some suggestions on how to observe the Week of Prayer, the annual stewardship night program, the personal service calendar of activities?" or something else concerning the promotion of the WNAC Plan of Work. Answering personally all these various requests coming from eighteen states consumes more time than any one human has available these days of hurry. Hence comes this idea of sharing the reports coming to the WNAC Office from "Hither and Yon," with those auxiliaries who avail themselves of this channel of help. Free Will Baptist presses contribute this space for our information and inspiration and urgently request auxiliary members to use it wisely for the best help to all members everywhere. So here are some ideas that it is hoped will be of interest and general help to auxiliary organizations everywhere.

The WNAC has cherished through the years since its beginning the thought that the organization was literally born in prayer and that each step of the way has been guided in answer to prayer for divine leadership. Naturally the purpose of the WNAC, "helping the church in its missionary and evangelistic work" could be best fulfilled through individual and united prayer. Prayer would be faltering without careful Bible study to lend it faith and direction. But the study of the Bible made women more conscious of God's plan for world-redemption and they wanted to know the progress of the kingdom so there must be mission study or knowledge. Enlarged study of the Bible, a growing missionary information coupled with intelligent prayer, and naturally there would be

honest and generous tithing and giving in true stewardship. Not alone can one say to the heavenly Father, "Father, here is gold." There must be also service of mind and heart and hand, and this service WNAC terms personal service as we offer our personal expressions of love and seek to bring other persons to know our Master as their personal Saviour too. These chief aims of the WNAC—Prayer, Mission Study, Stewardship, Personal Service, must be attempted to be profitable; therefore, these ideas of how auxiliaries have attempted them in their church are being passed on to you that you too may "Go, and do thou likewise."

Some Pre-Easter Week of Prayer reports give evidence of this chief aim being widely observed and great blessings coming to the church and community as a result. May be that these ideas can be used in conducting a week of prayer in your auxiliary any time.

A Kentucky auxiliary reports "a revival resulted from the prayer services held each night at our church, and members who had never been active went forth as better laborers together with God. Each night we patterned our services after what we thought was 'the upper room' service—a hymn, Bible study, prayer season, then a brief discussion on "what can I do about -----" and reports on "What Did I Do about -----." We took the topics as outlined in the program book, read Scripture relative to it, prayed about it, and then went out to do all we could about the matter before the next meeting. This is as Jesus' disciples labored, we believe, and so we tried it. It surely worked for us."

A Missouri auxiliary says: "Never before has our auxiliary been so blessed and enabled to help our church so much, we believe." And this is how they did it. "Patterning our meetings after 'the Andrew

Club' idea, we met, sang a hymn, read the Scripture, prayed for the specific needs as suggested or listed, then we separated ourselves in groups of two and gave feet to our prayers. Truly nothing that our auxiliary has ever done has helped our church like this visitation project. Sunday revealed the real results when we had the largest Sunday school ever in the history of our small church, and two souls accepted Christ as their Saviour and two came back into the church."

A similar report came from a Tennessee Auxiliary saying: "We had our Pre-Easter services in cooperation with the church visitation week. Each evening at 7 P. M. a group met and after a special season of prayer for our special tasks, five groups went out in teams to visit unsaved people of the community as well as the inactive or unchurched people. As a result of all our efforts there were two who accepted Christ on Sunday morning and we feel sure as time goes on we will see more visible results of our united efforts."

From California comes this word: "We have just learned the purpose of a Woman's Auxiliary and this has so blessed our hearts that we had no trouble having 100% attendance at our first Week of Prayer which was conducted thirty minutes preceding our pre-Easter revival then in progress at our church. Through daily visiting and personal service activities assigned at our night prayer meeting, every woman became a personal worker and a winner for the Lord. Our motto was "Every one win one" and this is exactly what each member did. We will always praise the Lord for this increase and the other blessings which began in the prayer room."

Another Tennessee auxiliary says: "Our prayer services were conducted as a pre-Easter revival season by a different minister each night. These services were unusually beneficial and uplifting to the church as well as to the auxiliary members who had worked to have the entire church blessed by our special week of prayer meetings. On Friday night at a special mission service, our missionary offering was \$31.00. On Sunday night

we climaxed our week with our annual stewardship night program and an offering of \$220 resulted from our 'Family Day' at the church."

Some auxiliaries coupled study and prayer very successfully. One reports that one chapter of the selected book on prayer was used as the basis of the evening's message since no talks had been suggested in the Year Book. "We selected," she says, "the book Pray Ye and think it is one of the best study classes that we have ever been able to attend. Our pastor was our teacher and after the chapter study, we engaged in the special prayer services as suggested in the program book."

Free Will Baptist Y. A. Gleanings

Since March 1, 1951, youth auxiliaries have been organized in three more new states, making 12 states now sponsoring the missionary education of their young people through Y. A. organizations.

Bethlehem Church in the Cumberland Association of Tennessee, under the able leadership of the second vice president of the Woman's Auxiliary and their wide-awake auxiliary president, Mrs. Luther Read, organized recently their first Y. P. A. A very impressive installation service was conducted by candle-light in the church auditorium. After the officers were installed, all the members were asked to kneel in the altar for the dedicatory prayer offered by their pastor, Rev. Adam Scott.

A Kentucky Y. P. A. president writes: "Never has there been so much interest in youth meetings as there are in our recently organized G. T. A. Each meeting is a blessing from the opening song to the benediction. These new G. T. A. Program Books are just perfect for our needs. Do Free Will Baptists have a youth camp where our young people could go for more training this summer?"

Many more reports could be given for they have come in from nearly every state that holds membership in the WNAC. We are praying that more local auxiliaries will see this opportunity that is their responsibility. If we hold a Woman's Auxiliary Plan of Work is just for adults, we are then an organization with a past

but certainly with no future. "Bring up the child in the way he should go" says God's word and "ever the rearing and training of child is woman's business" reminds the poet. May the day soon come when every local second vice president will follow the excellent example set by Mrs. Thelma Cannon of Tennessee.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES OF NORTH CAROLINA

Please send the names of your auxiliary members who have died since our last State Convention. Give as much information about them as possible for our memorial service to be held at our next state convention, which convenes at Hull Road Church on Thursday, May 24. Send this information as soon as possible to:

Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser
207 W. Broad Street
Wilson, N. C.

PROGRAM

Below is the program for the Fourth Union Auxiliary Meeting of the Central Conference to be held with Antioch Church on Sunday, April 29, 1951.

- 10:00—Sunday School
- 11:00—Devotions, Mrs. Paul Thigpen
- 11:15—Welcome address, Mrs. J. C. Edmundson
- Response
- 11:25—Special music, Tyson quartet.
- 11:30—Recognition of ministers and delegates
- 11:35—Sermon, By Rev. E. L. Abrams
- 12:10—Announcements
- 12:15—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:15—Devotional, Rev. C. D. Hamilton
- 1:30—Special music, Harrell's Chapel quartet
- 1:45—Business
- 2:30—Program by local church and benediction

Mrs. Walter Edmundson,
Mrs. Ella Cobb
Mrs. Kathleen Webb
—Committee
Mrs. Tom Carraway, Secy.

If you meet opposition, it may indicate that you are doing something that counts. In digging wells, Isaac had no opposition from Philistines until he struck water.



Announcement

I will be available for pastoral services for another year on the First, Second, and the Third Sundays. I will be also open for evangelistic services any time any church should call me to hold a revival meeting. Any church interested in securing my services is requested to communicate with me at the following address:

Rev. C. J. Harris
601 E. 9th Street
Greenville, N. C.
Telephone No. 215-2

ANNOUNCEMENT

Graduation Program, May 6,
1951, 3:00 p. m. Greenville
Free Will Baptist Church

Twenty one Sunday School workers will be graduating from the 72 hour workers course taught by Rashie Kennedy over a period of two years. The students are as follows:

Mr. Raymond L. Howell, Mrs. Raymond L. Howell, Mr. Roy C. Futrelle, Mr. Roy Bailey, Jr., Mrs. Margaret Wall, Miss Isabelle Haire, Mr. J. Cicero Smith, Mr. Leo Tripp, Miss Leah McGlohon, Rev. C. L. Patrick, Mr. C. A. Eubanks, Mrs. C. A. Eubanks, Mr. Percy Rylon Humbles, Mrs. Zebert Cox, Mrs. Claud Dennis, Mrs. Edison Gibson, Rev. N. D. Beamon, Mr. Kenneth Wiggins, Mrs. J. Argo Brown, Mrs. Rashie Kennedy, Mr. Mark McGlohon.

These students are members of the Cape Fear, Central, and Western Conferences, of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina. All their friends will want to attend and see them receive their Teacher's Certificate.



THE SETTLEMENT IN CANAAN

(Lesson for April 29)

LESSON: The Books of Joshua and Judges. Joshua 14:6-13; Judges 2:7-10; 21:25.

GOLDEN TEXT: Joshua 1:9.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

A word is fitting here concerning Joshua before entering upon the study of these scripture verses. He first appeared in Biblical history at Rephidim (Ex. 17:8) where he chose, at Moses' command, a group of men to fight against Amalekites in the wilderness. He is recorded as the minister of Moses in Exodus 24:13 in the wilderness near Mount Sinai. He was one of the twelve men whom Moses sent to spy out the land of Canaan (Num. 13:8, 16). He and Caleb were the only two men of the spies who told Moses that they could go in and take the land. Of the great multitude who came out of Egypt above twenty years old, Joshua and Caleb were the only ones allowed to enter the Promised Land; the others had died in the wilderness. At Moses' death, God called Joshua to lead the Israelites, encamp east of the Jordan, across the Jordan into the land of Canaan (Joshua 1:1-9).—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. We have a right to our own opinion only as long as we do not know the will of the Lord in any matter (Josh. 14:6).

2. Minimizing danger breeds false confidence, while magnifying it gives rise to discouragement (vs. 7).

3. He who wholly follows the Lord will be able to remain honest even in the face of serious opposition (vs. 8).

4. Hearts that melt with fear reveal the base material of which they are constructed (vs. 8).

5. Hearts that are consecrated are molded by the Lord and are able to

withstand the difficulties of opposition and persecution (vs. 9).

6. He who gives strength to us in the prime of life will not forsake us when we grow old (vs. 10).

7. It will be impossible for us to lose our strength even when we grow old, since the Lord is our Strength (vs. 11).

8. The victories of the past prepare us for the conflict of the future (vs. 12).

9. For God to promise to do a thing is as good as for Him to perform it (vs. 13).

10. The world will continue to become worse as long as men do what is right in their own eyes (Judges 21:25).

11. My brethren ** made the heart of the people melt (Josh. 14:8). How very few of even God's dear people will speak faith. All around one is heard, "Yes, but, but," "take care," "one must use reason," etc., etc. It is largely talk from minds fleshly—not controlled by the Holy Spirit. It is like the unsaved would talk. And how words of unbelief do make others fearful and halting! Maturer Christians are affected, but the younger, the weaker, are turned out of the way (Heb. 12:13). Their hearts melt with fear. But when ministers' minds and talk are not higher and more of faith, filled with confidence in God's Word, how can they inspire others who look to them for an example?—Selected.

12. And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that out-lived Joshua.

This verse is complimentary to Joshua. It speaks of the willingness of the people to follow a godly leader in whom they had confidence. They served the Lord as long as he lived, and as long as the elders lived who served under him. Let the people lose respect for and confidence in their leaders and that leader becomes powerless to shape the course of his followers and guide them in their conduct.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

13. However, the unprinted portion of our lesson from Judges 2 reveals that after a time the Israelites

failed. They turned to the seductive worship of Baal and became to a degree like the heathen whom God had dispossessed before them. The result was tragic, not only with regard to their moral and spiritual life, but also as it affected their temporal state. There was no magic charm about the word Israel that could shield them from harm. They were delivered "into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them," and the hand of the Lord was against them instead of for them. Their prestige among the heathen was very greatly reduced. At times when the people cried unto the Lord because of their oppressions, deliverers called judges were raised up who brought temporary relief.—Arnold's Commentary

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Value of Faith

Look at that locomotive as it snorts like a giant warhorse to its place in the station at the head of the train. You have in that engine power of ample capacity to drag at swiftest pace the far-stretching carriages. Boiler, tubes, pistons, fire, steam—all are in perfect order; and that broad-browed man gives assurance of tried ability to guide the charge committed to him. You look! Carriage after carriage is filled, the hour has struck, the bell rung; and yet there is no departure, no movement, nor would be till "crack of doom," if one thing remained as it is now. Aha! the lack is discovered; the uniting hooks that bind engine and train together were wanting. They have been supplied. Like two great hands they have clasped; and a screw has so riveted engine and carriage that they form, as it were, one thing, one whole; and away through the dark sweeps the heavy-laden train with its freight of immortals. Mark! no one ever supposes that it is the uniting hook, or link, or coupling, that draws the train. A child knows that it is the engine that draws it. Nevertheless, without that hook, or link, or coupling, all the power of the engine were of no avail; the train would stand still forever. Exactly so it is in the relation of faith to Christ. It is not our faith that saves us, but

Christ who saves us. Faith is the coupling that unites us to God.

—1000 Evangelistic Illustrations

NOTES AND QUOTES

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costly ring with the emblem of their society and have their coat lapel pinned up with the sign, and then they would almost forget that they ever were a church member. He had found a new religion. Often this new relationship would take him away from the Prayer meeting, the Quarterly church meeting, as the lodge came before the Lord Jesus and His church.

I do not condemn a man for joining lodges, but I believe that when a man thinks more of his lodge than he does the church and puts his lodge first, then he "Un-Christianizes" himself in the truest sense. I find that God demands that we place Him first in our life. Jesus said unto Peter, "Lovest thou me more than these?" Yet there are thousands and thousands who make the church of the Lord Jesus secondary in their devotion. But we are taught by Holy Scripture to "Present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service." No man can dedicate himself to different organizations at the same time, when these organizations are meeting at the same time. One must be accepted, the other must be rejected. "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say let him be crucified" (Matt. 27:22). When it comes to a showdown: "What shall we do with Christ? Let Him be crucified." Or shall we choose Christ, by making Him and His church first?

I was conducting a revival meeting in a small country church, and one night the lady that played the piano was missing, which was a drawback to the meeting. The next night when she came back she said, "I hated to be away last night, but I was duty bound to go to our circle." It was a well known fraternal order for ladies. She thought enough of her fraternal sister-hood; and, as she was

obligated to that work, she had to leave off her obligation to the church. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve," said the leader of the Israelites.

I heard a well known evangelist say that one of his members, in one of his earlier held pastorates, came to him and said: "I want you to tell why it is that God does not answer my prayers like He used to do?" Then the good pastor said, "Do you attend the mid-week Prayer meeting as you used to do?" The lady said, "Well, not of late. As you know, I was elected president of our club, and the club meets on our prayer meeting night, and I am duty bound to fill my office in the club." The minister said, "I told her that she need not tell me anything more. If you put your club before your prayer meeting, you need not ask God to hear your prayers, until you repent and beg His pardon for putting your club before your church."

There are many clubs that are all right and helpful in the domestic life. People learn to be better cooks, and better gardeners, and better seemsters, and many valuable things are learned through these organizations, but we go too far away from God and His church when we let any of these things come before our church. God is not pleased. The Church is God's organization. It is the Body of the Lord Jesus: and it should come first in everything. God will bless us when we put the church first.

If we belong to a lodge or a club, we should arrange, if possible, to have these meetings not to conflict with our church duties. If such an arrangement cannot be made, then our church should come first, and God will be pleased with our choice.

The author of a famous book on economics received a phone call from a stranger recently. "I question your statistics on the high cost of living today," said the stranger. "My wife and I eat everything our hearts desire and we get it for exactly 68 cents a week."

"Sixty-eight cents a week!" echoed the economist. "I can't believe it! Won't you tell me how? And to make sure I get your story straight please speak louder."

"I can't speak louder," said the stranger. "I'm a goldfish."

DANGERS IN LIQUOR DRINKING

Editorial in The Upper Room Pulpit

Christ says: "Woe unto the world because of offences! . . . but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!" I would regret being that man. How about you? Would you like to be under such condemnation? Remember that the great Lover pronounced that woe. The gentle Galilean said: "Woe to that man by whom the offence cometh." These words did not fall from the lips of a man ready with hasty wrath. They were not dipped in malice, nor mixed with merciless hatred. Such condemnation came out of the soul of one great enough to see the total involvements.

Our Lord's compassion for the one sinned against and for the ultimate effects within the personality of the sinner himself found expression in this forthright declaration. What think you of those who tempt their neighbors, their friends, their wives, their own children, to drink beverage alcohol? Believe me, there is a reckoning ahead. The day of accounting will come. It is no light offense to place a cup to another's lips, to encourage him or her in drinking! In that cup hides shame, sorrow, suffering, sin.

When the hidden enemy strikes, it is late, very late, to say, "I did not dream that a drink or two could make such a fool of him." Regret cannot undo the harm that is done. Oh, I know how easy it is to say: "I thought she could take a drink or leave it alone. I did not dream that one cocktail would mean a half dozen. She ought to know how to handle her liquor."

More than one man has said that to me about his wife. She began to drink to please him. He wanted her to be part of the gay, social group. But she could not take it or leave it alone—after a while. That is why the liquor men themselves are wondering what "female lounge lizards" may do to their business.

While husbands are at work, their wives are crowding the cocktail bars. The final outcome in a multitude of cases is the broken home and the divorce court. In the beginning of it all she may have been just one of Christ's inexperienced "little ones." True, she was in her thirties, but in many areas of experience in her early teens. Offenses come, but woe to the person by whom they come!

—The Civic Bulletin

The secret of an unsatisfied life too often is an unsundered will.—J. Hudson Taylor

If you want to be rich, give; If you want to be poor, grasp; If you want abundance, scatter; If you want to be needy, hoard!

Obedience is the test of our sincerity.—Rev. Charles W. Dane.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

Rev. William Franklin Clark

On March 18, 1951, our loving heavenly Father called our pastor, Rev. W. F. Clark, home after he had just finished his morning message at the church.

We, the members of the Thomasville Free Will Baptist Church, are grieved by his passing, but we feel that our loss is his eternal gain. We bow in humble submission to the will of the great heavenly Father who never makes a mistake.

We extend to his family our deepest sympathy, and point them to God, and the church, which he loved so well, for comfort and consolation.

Written by J. H. Russell
817 Smith Avenue
Thomasville, Ga.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

WHEREAS: Our loving Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from this earth, to his reward our brother, Quince Smith, we the members of Piney Grove Church, Pitt County, submit the following resolutions:

First, That we bow in humble submission to God who doeth all things well:

Second, That we extend to his family our deepest sympathy, and may they find comfort and peace in Him who said, "Come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest;" and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist for publication, and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Committee:

Mildred Humbles,
Irene Tyson,
Myrtie Ruth Tyson

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sunday School Evangelism Clinic, May 7,
10 to 12 o'clock a. m., and from
2 to 4 o'clock p. m.

PLACE—GREENVILLE F. W. BAPTIST CHURCH

PERSONS—Pastors, Deacons, Officers, Teachers, and all interested people are invited to attend. All present will have a Dutch Fellowship Dinner together at the noon hour.

Sincerely,
Rashie Kennedy

Promoting with the Promotional Secretary

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City, having come here March 25 to open a C. W. I. session. We are off to a good start, with keen interest being shown. The pastor, Rev. Reford Wilson, is assisting in the teaching and Rev. E. E. Morris, pastor of Capitol Hill church is giving us good cooperation. We will close out here April 6 and I will go to Chicago for the Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals. After this convention comes the Bible Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, April 15-19. I hope to see you all there.

Let me remind you again that we have an important place to fill in these days. Continue to pray that our God will use us as a Denomination in the preaching of the Word to all men everywhere!

A PERSONAL LETTER

Rev. Damon C. Dodd
423 East Bend Drive
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Dodd:

No one appreciates the great work you are doing as promotional secretary for our National Association more than the members of the church to which you belong. We have watched with intense interest the progress you have made, how you have gone into scores of communities leading the people of our denomination into more devoted service, how you have been instrumental in pointing thousands to the Way of Life, how you have injected into the denominational veins a much needed zeal for winning men to Christ, and how you have done all this with becoming humility and characteristic efficiency.

Your church feels very keenly the special privilege of having your name upon its rolls, and being able to share with you and your family the blessings that God has seen fit to send our way.

With these earnest thoughts uppermost in our minds, we have gathered in a business session to declare our unanimous support of your work, to extend to you an unreserved vote of confidence, and to offer you a most sincere gesture of commendation which comes from the depths of our hearts.

This action was taken in the East Nashville Church business session of April 4, 1951, and copies of this letter are being sent to the clerk of the National Association, the Free Will Baptist Press, the Free

Will Baptist Gem, and a copy included in the minutes of the church.

Very sincerely yours,

C. F. Bowen, Pastor
J. A. Abner, Chm. of Board
N. B. Harris, Clerk

PROGRAM

Following is the program for the Quarterly meeting to be held at O'Kean Church, April 27, 28, 29.

FRIDAY EVENING

- 7:30—Devotional exercises, Rev. W. S. White
- 8:00—Sermon, Elder L. W. Hodge

SATURDAY

- 9:30—Call to order with song, reading and prayer
- 9:45—Report to Credentials Committee
—Messengers seated
- 10:00—Appointment of committees
- 10:05—Welcome address, Naomi Denton
—Response, Eld. Turner Cavener
- 10:15—"Plan of Salvation", Elders W. C. Lepege and Thurman Johnson
- 11:00—Sermon, Eld. G. W. Million

LUNCH

- 1:30—Devotional, Bro. Earl Dunham
- 2:00—Reports of Boards, Committees and officials
- 2:30—Round table discussion on "The why and need of a church home for every child of God"
- 3:00—Ordination services
- 3:30—Sermonettes by young ministers
- 7:30—Devotionals by Lowell Graham
- 8:00—Sermon, Eld. Eugene Davis

SUNDAY

- 9:30—pastor in charge
- 10:00—Superintendent in charge
- 11:00—Sermon by pastor
- 12:00—Adjournment

Committee

Raymond McNutt,
Henry Pauley
Alta Lee Miller

All Free Will Baptist of the Social Bond are urged to attend the quarterly meeting. We have 18 churches in our association. Let's all make preparations and make this the best quarterly meeting yet.

Be sure to remember your Home and Foreign Missions offering.

Free Will Baptist Fellowship meeting will be with the Arbor Grove Church, Monday night, May 7. We urge every one to attend. This is a service well worth your while. If you ever attend one, you will be sure to come again.

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PROGRAM

Following is the program for the F. W. B. League Union, Third District, Eastern Conference, to convene with Folkstone Church, Folkstone, N. C., on April 28, 1951.

EVENING SESSION

- 7:45—Devotions, led by Allen Dunn
 —Welcome, Rev. Lynwood Parker
 —Response, Rev. Lee Whaley
 President's Message, Lemmie Taylor
 —Organization—
 Digest Committee
 Finance Committee
 —Call list of Leagues
 —Program, by Jacksonville Leagues
 —Sword Drill
 —Business
 —Benediction

Life without endeavor is like entering a jewel-mine and coming out with empty hands.—*Japanese Proverb.*

The Wonderful Bible

Mary A. Crawford

I know a Book whose pages glow,
 With a light no other pages know;
 'Tis the message of God to the world below,
 The wonderful, wonderful Bible.

The history of the earth is here,
 And even a child who reads with care
 May find fresh interest everywhere
 In this wonderful, wonderful Bible.

We who are older hear the bells
 Tinkling softly in memory's cells,
 At the story of Joseph which Moses tells,
 In this wonderful, wonderful Bible.

But the story of Joseph melts away,
 Like the light of moon in the blaze of day,
 As we read about Jesus and Calvary,
 In this wonderful, wonderful Bible.

For it shows God's love to our sinful race,
 That Christ should die in the sinner's place;
 A wonderful record of wondrous grace,
 In this wonderful, wonderful Bible.

Here's ease for the sinner with conscience
 sore,
 Here's hope for the dying of "life ever-
 more,"

And glimpses of glory through Heaven's
 wide door,
 In this wonderful, wonderful Bible.
 —The Believer's Magazine

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chair-
 man-Treasurer of the Board of Superan-
 nuation of the N. C. State Convention of
 Free Will Baptist for March, 1951.

RECEIPTS

Balance brought forward March 1,	
1951	\$1,585.70
Refund of check	15.00
Regular receipts	44.35
Total to account for	\$1,645.05

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Superannuated Min- isters	\$225.00
Paid to ministers' widows	172.50
Operating expense	27.25
Paid to National Board	1.71
Total disbursements	\$426.46

Balance April 1, 1951	\$1,218.59
RECEIPTS ITEMIZED	

Davis	\$ 5.00
Aleo	5.00
Friendship (Johnston Co.)	1.00
2nd. Western Auxiliary Convention	4.00
Rose Hill	13.00
Core Creek S. S.	11.35
Sandy Plains S. S.	5.00

M. L. Johnson
 Chairman-Treasurer

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Central
 Second Union Sunday School Convention of
 North Carolina, to convene with Grimsley
 Church, Greene County, April 29, 1951.
 Convention Theme: Evangelism

- 10:00—Sunday School by local school
 11:00—Remarks by president
 —Welcome by Mrs. Jean Jones
 —Response by Mr. Paul Harris
 11:15—Address by Wm. Howard Carter,
 Th. D., D. D., Subject: "What Can
 I Do?"
 12:00—Brief business period
 —Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotional led by Mrs. Jane Tyson
 Tripp
 1:15—Business period
 1:45—Oral reports by Superintendents
 2:15—Special music
 —Pleasant Hill Choir
 —Black Jack Choir and Rose Hill
 Choir
 —Miscellaneous business
 —Adjournment

By committee

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Second
 Union of the Western Conference of North
 Carolina, to convene with Barnes Hill
 Church, Nash County, April 28, 1951.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Opening song by congregation.
 —Devotions, Rev. J. C. Varnell
 10:15—Welcome address, Charlie Barnes
 —Response, J. D. Bissette, Jr.
 10:30—Moderator takes charge
 —Seating of visiting ministers, dele-
 gates, etc.
 —Appointment of committees
 —Reading of minutes of last Union
 Roll call of ministers
 11:00—Union sermon, by W. Burkette Ra-
 per
 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Song, by congregation
 —Devotions, Rev. Dee Bissette
 —Roll call of churches
 —Business period
 2:00—Report of all officers and commit-
 tees
 —Petition for next Union
 3:00—Closing song and benediction
 Program Committee,
 Mrs. W. P. Bunn

NOTICE

This is to advise that I will be available
 for pastoral work on second and fourth
 Sundays for another year.

D. A. Windham,
 Greenville, N. C.

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STORYLAND

JIMMY THE NEWSBOY

Just one of the hundreds of newsboys in the great City of New York was Jimmy. No one knew where he had come from. The lusty way of a tiny infant left on the streets of New York had touched the heart of one of the East Side dwellers, and she had taken the tiny baby to her little garret room and had nursed him to a none too sturdy childhood.

She had been gone now several years, and Jimmie had valiantly fought the battle of life alone—ragged, often hungry, but with the cheerful self-reliant optimism of boyhood. But one day something wonderful happened to Jimmie. A sweet-faced lady who had for some time been one of the most regular customers, invited him to a Mission Sunday School in his neighborhood. No one had ever asked Jimmy to go anywhere before, and certainly not such lady as this had ever spoken kindly to him. Jimmy was thrilled, and long before the time on Sunday he was at the Mission.

As politely as if he had been one of the rich boys whom he had seen going to school in uptown New York, the lady asked Jimmy to come in, and found a place for him among the older boys of the class. By and by it came time for the boys to recite the verses which they had learned, and to read the lesson from books which the sweet-faced lady had given them. When it came Jimmie's turn to read, he hung his head, and when the sweet-faced lady encouragingly urged him to read his verse, Jimmy had to confess that he had never been to school in his life, and that he could not read what the book said. Gently patting him on the back, the sweet-faced lady told him not to mind, and promised that if he would remain after the others had gone, she would teach him some verses.

Jimmy was glad to stay, just to hear the sweet-faced lady. But more than that, he wanted to be able to say some of the verses as the other boys did. The sweet-faced lady showed him how to begin with the forefinger of his right hand, and repeat the first part of the Shepherd's Psalm, "The Lord is my shepherd," giving each finger a word. Then she told him about the Good Shepherd, who had come to die for him in order that he might have eternal life. Jimmie said the words over and over again, until he knew them, and went away with a new light shining in his face, promising to be there on time the next Sunday.

Next Sunday came, but no Jimmy appeared. After waiting a little while, the sweet-faced lady inquired of some of the other boys if they had seen Jimmy. It was then that she learned that on the previous day, while crossing the street, Jimmy had

been injured by an automobile, and that he was not expected to live.

Immediately after Sunday School was over the sweet-faced lady went to the hospital. As Jimmy saw her coming down the long hospital ward he slipped one hand out from under the white sheet, and with fingers extended, and with a smile on his face, he repeated as she approached his bed, the words that she had taught him about the Shepherd.

"Do you know, lady," he said, "I like the third finger best of all."

"Why?" asked the sweet-faced lady.

"Because," said Jimmy, "it says 'my Shepherd.' I never had anything in my life for my very own. I never even had a father or mother, but you told me that the Shepherd was mine, and I am glad."

Then, as the exertion and the talking exhausted what little strength he had summoned, Jimmy lay very quiet.

The next day when the sweet-faced lady came to Jimmy she found that the brave little spirit had slipped away early that morning. All night long, so the nurse told her, though so weak and feverish, Jimmy had repeated again and again, "The Lord is my Shepherd." When they removed the little body from the hospital cot, they found the third finger of Jimmie's left hand clasped by the right. In simple faith he had claimed the Lord Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, as his own.—Sunday School Times.

BODY, MIND, SPIRIT

Body and mind and spirit—

Such is this temple of mine,
Formed in the likeness eternal,
Made in the image divine.

What shall I do with my body?

A miracle and a wonder!
I hear Saint Paul make answer,
"I keep my body under."

What shall I do with royal mind?

The sages make reply,
"Inform and educate your mind
With aspiration high."

What shall I do with this soul of mine?

"It is not thine alone,"
I hear a voice in tones sublime
From God's supernal throne.

Body and mind and spirit—

Finite and infinite too;
Mortal and immortal blended,
So God formed me and you.
—Pliny A. Wiley
Wichita, Kan.

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference, Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, April 28, 1951.

Reverend Gideon Stevens, Moderator
Mrs. M. E. Godwin, Secretary

Theme: Training Our Leaders

10:00—Worship, Mrs. Owen Thomas

10:15—Enrollment, reading minutes of previous session.

10:30—Report of churches

10:45—Address: "Specialized Training in Free Will Baptist Bible College."
Rev. L. R. Ennis

11:00—Worship, special service, Union meeting sermon, Reverend Stedman C. Davis

12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Worship, Mr. Arthur Martin

1:15—Discussion of our "Conference Training Program," arranged by Board of Education

1:45—Special music

2:00—Discussion of "Cape Fear Conference Territory," Reverend Gideon Stevens

2:15—Business period

2:30—Meditation and closing worship,
Reverend H. R. Faircloth

2:40—Adjournment

PROGRAM

Below is the program of the Albemarle District Sunday School Convention to be held with Portsmouth Church, Portsmouth, Va., Sunday, April 29, 1951.

10:00—Opening devotions conducted by Rev. D. W. Cherry

10:15—Welcome by Rev. J. A. Alexander
—Response by Mrs. Della Swain
—Remarks by the president

10:30—Sunday School lesson taught

11:00—Enrolling the ministers and recognizing the visiting ministers
—Reading the minutes of the last convention

—Reading of the S. S. reports by the reading clerk
—Offering for the Orphanage

11:30—Special music rendered by Misses Ruth and Louise Daughtie
Sermon by Rev. D. W. Alexander

12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions conducted by Mr. Clyde Roughton
—Special music

1:20—Business

2:30—Treasurer's report and adjournment
By the committee

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We Shall Know

In wise proportion does our fond hand mingle
The sweet and bitter in our life-cup here;
Each drop of either is by love eternal
Poured forth in wisdom for his children dear.

The loving Father, as a wise physician
Knows what the wants of all those children are;
Knows which is needed most—the joy or sorrow,
The peace of comfort, or affliction's war.

Then, should the bitter be our daily portion,
So that we cannot any sweet discern,
Let us, in childlike faith, receive with meekness
The needed tonic, and its lessons learn.

And if we cannot even that decipher,
Let us be still, nay, thank him for his care,
Contented that we soon shall know—hereafter—
When we the fullness of his presence share.

—Charlotte Murray

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One of the crosses Christians must bear is to be misjudged and misunderstood. A part of the price which we must pay is to bear the hatred of jeering crowds. It is a heavy cross to bear the world's contempt, and for that reason Jesus emphasized the need of persevering unto the end.

The Master is ever ready to praise a work completed, but he condemns work half done. He had to go to the very end of the road himself, and he requires the same thing of those who would be his disciples. When we realize that the salvation which Christ offers is priceless, we are convinced that any sacrifice is worthwhile, for God expects a Christian to be an overcomer. He has victory for each one of us, and his grace is sufficient.

Many people have found out that when we lose our sense of humor then we have taken the first step toward betraying our better natures and are on the way toward spiritual defeat.

Many trying situations have been saved by a kind smile or a bit of humor. A sense of humor is the ability to see things from different and unusual viewpoints at the same time. To cultivate this ability, and to apply it to life's experiences, is a spiritual achievement for any person. It will refresh the inner spirit, relieve tension, contribute to the variety and richness of life, and to a proper perspective, particularly of one's self.

May we as Christians remember not to neglect our duties, for neglect will weaken and destroy the finest relations in life. You do not have to use violent means to kill love or friendship, or fellowship with God. But if neglected, they will die. A strange thing about the Bible is that it never grows stale. There are fresh

messages for us daily from our loving Father, as we search the scriptures. Although I cannot understand all the Bible, yet I do understand enough to know that God saved me, and to him I give all praise. He is my sure refuge. Here is my prayer to God:

"O God, give me a brave heart to bear unforeseen burdens. Give me a willing spirit to share the burdens of others. Give me useful hands to labor in thy vineyard. Give me a strong body to stand the strains of the day's toil. Give me a surrendered life to fulfill thy plan, grant that I may not fail man nor Thee, but that I may measure up to thy purpose for my life.

Please pray for me that our great Saviour will keep me to live so happily in Fairmount Park F. W. B. Church that my life will be a blessing to others.

I Remember

The June session of the Mt. Bethel youth camp in Georgia was a time of great revival. There were 70 campers registered representing 24 churches. There were 27 of the Junior ages present and the remaining number was largely Intermediates, with a few Seniors and Adults. Three states were represented: Georgia, Florida, and Alabama.

The program consisted of classes from 8:15 A. M. to 3:30 P. M. The instructors were Rev. Joe Fort who taught League and Church Doctrine; Rev. K. V. Shutes and Rev. T. B. Mellette who taught Evangelism and Sunday School Administration. Mrs. Chester H. Pelt taught Church Music and Missions. Betty Jo Fort was in charge of the Juniors. We had 1½ hours at mid-day for lunch and relaxation. Supervised recreation was enjoyed from 3:30 to 5:30. A new feature led by Jerry Howard from the

Lake Butler church consisted of handicraft and calisthenics. However, soft ball was still by far the most popular activity during recreation period. A few fellows, along with Rev. Shutes, went frog hunting, and others, who just could not get behind with their fishing, enjoyed fishing during the recreation period.

A most sacred spot to both camper and instructor is "The Rock." This is our outdoor church on the rocky hillside a short distance behind the buildings. At sunset each afternoon we enjoyed the Vesper service on the Rock. This service was led by a camper—sometimes one who was a Christian before coming to camp but many times by one who came to know Christ at the very altar where he stood to serve Him.

At 8:00 o'clock each evening we had evangelistic services. The first week Rev. K. V. Shutes brought the

messages and the second week Rev. T. B. Mellette was our preacher. Music each evening was under the direction of Mrs. Pelt with a camper leading—sometimes a young lady and sometimes a young man. The highlights of these inspirational song services were solos, trios, quartets, gospel choruses and the great Hymns of the church.

There were 24 young people who gave their hearts to Christ and one young man who answered the call to the ministry. We must make special mention of the fact that our revival started the very first night of the session. Fourteen came accepting Christ as Saviour at the close of the message on Monday night. Needless to say that many spiritual feasts were enjoyed daily throughout the June Session.

Mrs. Chester H. Pelt, Reporter
Tallahassee, Florida

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

"More Than These"

Our love to Christ must exceed everything. Some men share their love with women rather than their wives, and likewise women share their love between the man they promised to be faithful to until "death do us part," but not for a moment can we love Christ and the things of the world. You just cannot mix love for Christ with the pleasures hatched up by Satan.

John wrote: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever" (1 John 2:15-17). Do you want to abide for ever? If so, quit flirting with the world, and running after the lust of your flesh, and let Christ have your undivided love. Many are trying to live both for Christ and the devil. They try to hold to the Lord Jesus with one hand and take with them an armful of the pleasures of this old sin-soaked world. I have just been informed that "a certain preacher," away from his family, was playing cards for stakes—money being put up. Two ministers of the gospel (not Free Will Baptists) were seen in a beer parlor drinking their beer and having a "jolly good time." No wonder that so many "teen-agers" are committing so many crimes, when those who ought to lead the youth to higher living and the salvation of the Lord Jesus, are dabbling in things that belong to the world.

"Too Many Wild West Stories"

Just a few days back two students of a certain school borrowed a pistol

and shot the principal of the school to death, and then went to the room of another student and shot him to death. The principal was shot for bringing one of the boys to task for breaking the rules of the school. The student was shot because he had "talked too much," one of the boys confessed. The arresting officers said, "The boys had been reading too many wild west stories." "Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," declared the inspired scripture. Feed your mind on trashy literature, and your life will be trashy. If you read dirty love stories, you are subject to commit some dirty sex crime. If you read about murderers and the under-world, you are in danger of going after the heroes that you have read about in crime. But who is to blame? Not so much, the children as the parents, and older people. Just walk into a hospital and see some little fellow there on the sick list. Just watch what kind of literature is placed in his hands. You will see every kind of Wild West picture, and low down comics. Comics that often show some hero shooting or knocking the other fellow out. The devil's witty gang are all out for the damning of the human family.

By the time a little tot is old enough to walk, an Indian out-fit is put on him with two make-believe pistols, and they get out and play killing and "gang-land." You can see them hiding back of hedges and around house corners and shooting some one, and making out that they are killed. Don't tell me that it does not have an evil effect on the child. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he," declared the wise man. No one can even play murder without thinking. He has to think to out-wit the enemy. He has to think to hit his target, then what they cannot conceive in their play of murder and robbery, they can go to the movies and get the lessons that help them into the crime that they perpetrate in after years, as they walk into a bank and say: "This is a hold-up, turn me over the cash," or as he helps to hurdle the employees into a vault and take over the proceeds as he can find them. Mother, remember that when

you purchase a "Wild West out-fit" for your boy that you are giving him his first lesson in crime.

Crime Figures for 1949

Released figures from the FBI last March revealed that persons younger than 21 years constituted 27.4% of those charged with robbery, embezzlement, burglary, larceny, auto-theft, fraud, counterfeiting, the receiving of stolen property, and arson. These figures, taken from the Converted Catholic magazine, show that crime committed by the youth of our land is alarming. Well, parents help to make it so, by ignoring the teaching of the truth as it is in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Millions are brought up to hear nothing that pertains to the Lord Jesus. No family altar, no Bible reading, no Sunday School, no church services. But on the other hand they hear the name of the Lord taken in vain. They are started to the movies and the gambling dives, the beer gardens, as early as the early "teen-ager" comes around.

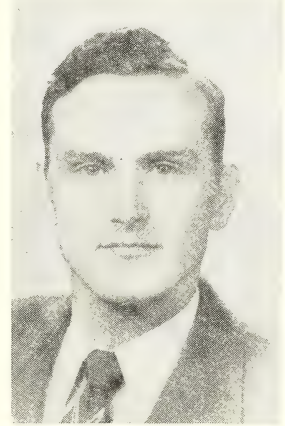
Often religious leaders lead the young folk to the devil instead of leading them to the Lord Jesus. Often some poor down and out sinner tells me that it was a preacher, or a Sunday School teacher, who caused them to go astray. I believe that of all the sins that man can commit against another is for that man to profess to be a Christian and then his life be so far away from the Lord Jesus that he practices sin and leads young people off into the depths of sin and degradation. It will be an awful judgment for such a hypocrite.

It does not take a Christian to lead people in the worldly amusements. That is about all some teachers can do. Any one can sell cakes and pies at a "benefit supper," but it takes a Holy Spirit filled believer to lead people to the Lord Jesus. A church built on ice cream is subject to melt when the hot days of persecution roll around. But a church built on the Lord Jesus, backed by the power of the Holy Ghost, will stand the jarring of Satan. A man brought into the organized church on his emotions will

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PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I am available for evangelistic work. I am a graduate of the two-year course of our Free Will Baptist Bible college in Nashville, Tennessee. I am pastoring Saint Paul's F. W. B. Church in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.



Rev. Charles W. Brown

Any one who would like to write to me concerning doing evangelistic work are requested to address me at 707 Gray St., Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Charles W. Brown

A REQUEST FOR PRAYER

You who know the worth of prayer, please pray for me. I have been troubled with a bad throat for about four years, and have been to thirteen doctors for treatment, but they cannot help me very much.

I feel that the Devil put this affliction on me, and I do think that the Lord can heal me if he will. I cannot sing when I go to church; something I did enjoy at church services. Please pray that the Lord may heal my body if it can be his holy will. If it is not, pray that he will give me grace enough to say, "Thy will be done." I do want him to have his way in my life.

Will you pray for my loved ones, and friends who fail to stop by to see how I am getting along. Pray that they may come to realize that they may get sick sometime, and would be glad to have their friends to call to see them.

I know my Saviour cares, and I know that he can heal.

Mrs. Anna Jackson
Greenville, N. C., Route 5

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OPEN LETTER FROM INDIA MISSION FIELD

Mission House, Sonapurhat,
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North India

Dear Friends in Christ:

It has been sometime since we have written, but we often think of you and do not fail to remember you in our prayers. Our hearts have been made to rejoice by the news of many good revivals among many churches in many states. We are also in a small way witnessing an awakening in things of the soul. Tomorrow I am leaving for a two days' visit with a group of fifty people in three villages who have come for me twice and written once saying that they want to become Christians. Of course this may mean nothing at all, but if the desire has been planted by the Holy Spirit we know that He will finish the work He has begun. Two days ago I and an Indian Christian made a thirty mile trip by cycle to the Nepal Border to arrange for a place to station an evangelist. We found an ideal location that can be had and materials for a small Indian house are available. \$200 would take care of this project. Work on the ground for our hospital will start next week, God being willing.

Yesterday I had quite an experience. I went with some hunters on elephants to hunt lions and tigers in nearby jungles. For reasons best known to themselves, lions and tigers do not usually live together in the same jungle. The jungles were especially dense and full of vines and undergrowth, as well as larger trees. There was one hunter with a rifle on each elephant; the rest of us divided out time between looking for game and watching out for limbs and vines that often snapped back after being torn down or pulled up by the elephant's trunk. No man could have

penetrated the jungle on foot. There were five of us on the elephant which I rode. Although we came upon the remains of an ox that had been devoured by a lion, and traversed for a half day, we were not successful in routing the beasts from their lair. At night they can often be seen crossing the highway in front of vehicles. One night a tiger crossed the road just in front of the bus on which Mrs. Woolsey was returning from Kishanganj. In the past year we have treated two men who were attacked and seriously mauled by tigers in broad day light. According to the Word of God both men and beast are becoming more and more possessed of the Evil one. May we all therefore watch and pray while we work.

Yours in Christ,

Paul Woolsey

WATERY BRANCH HOLDS GOOD REVIVAL

Our revival at Watery Branch F. W. B. Church closed with splendid results. It began on April the first, and continued for thirteen nights.

Our pastor, Rev. T. P. Ellis, was the speaker each evening. He is a man with much boldness in preaching the Word of God. He does not mind condemning sin in every way. We had the best of co-operation from far and wide, and the church was filled to its capacity each evening. We were not able to accommodate all the people with seats.

We had our baptismal services on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. There were twenty candidates for the baptizing. We do thank God for our pastor, and for the progress that our church is making. We will have half-time services, beginning with October, or have services two Sundays to the month. Brother Ellis will continue to be with us for another year.

Our Sunday School rooms to the church have just been completed, and the inside of the church has been reconditioned. We are inviting the people who will to come, and worship with us when convenient to do so, on second Sunday morning and evening.

Reporter

COME TO-DAY

J. L. Allen

"Come down unto me, tarry not" (Gen. 45:9).

It is the "tarrying" that is hindering so many people from coming to God. What reason could there be for Joseph's brethren to tarry and go on starving a little longer in their own land, when Joseph was waiting to settle them and their father and their whole families in the land of Goshen "in the best of the land"? And what reason can there be for you to tarry and go on starving and unsatisfied a little longer, when Jesus is waiting to receive you into the pleasant land of His all-satisfying love? Why tarry in the far country with the husks and heart loneliness? "Ye shall haste"! said Joseph, for his heart was eager to do great things for them.

If you believe in the reality of Christ's love at all, do you not see that delay in coming to Him, and putting off from day to day and not letting Him save you in His own way (and there is no other way) must be wounding His great love?

Why do you tarry? Have you any reason whatsoever to give Him? "What wilt thou say when He shall punish thee?" (Jer. 13:21). Do not console yourself that all this delay and putting off is any preparation for coming, much less any part of coming to Him. There are no graduations of approach marked out in the Bible. Either you come or you do not come. There is only one step, out of self into Christ. If you think there is, search the Scriptures and see what the Lord says about it.

You have nothing to gain, but perhaps everything to lose by tarrying. You are accumulating the guilt of disobedience. It may be unconsciously hardening your heart and making the great step more and more difficult. Instead of being in a better position for coming to-morrow, you will be in a worse position and that step harder to take.

While you are doing nothing the devil is strengthening his toils around you and they will be much stronger

tomorrow than to-day. While you are, as you fancy, lying still, you are drifting farther and farther away from the good land and from God. You are drifting ever faster toward the current, that leads to the rapids, that leads to the fatal fall.

It is a question of life and death. "Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain." It is an old saying but it is true: "If you tarry till you are better, you will never come at all."

I do not know of a promise in the Bible for one who lingers. And if you put yourself out of the Bible (God's promises) what have you to found any hope upon at all?

"Tarry not"! Oh, if I could sound this call all over the world in such a way that the hearers would realize the meaning, and turn to God to-day!

Where there is perhaps one who perishes through straightforward refusal, there are probably thousands who perish through putting it off. "How shall we escape, if we (refuse—no, if we merely) neglect so great salvation"?

"Tarry not"! But come down before God and repent to-day. He is so anxious for you to come. Do not grieve Him any longer. "Tarry not," but come to-day.

Turning Hearts

It is said that one of the aspects of John Baptist's work, and the chief one, was to turn the hearts of men and women toward God and righteousness. He did it in a very compelling and extensive manner. But is that not the work of every Christian, as he has opportunity? In the plan of God it is His good pleasure to use us. Let us not stop to argue whether, when the work is done, He does it or we do it. Suffice it to say that He works through us, and we have little knowledge of His working any other way. No greater responsibility or privilege can rest upon me than of causing men to think of Jesus Christ as their Saviour.—The United Evangelical.

Reason for Alarm

Thomas Guthrie used to say: "If you find yourself loving any pleasure better than your prayers, and book better than the Bible, any house better than the house of God, any table better than the Lord's table, any persons better than Christ, or any indulgence better than the hope of Heaven—take alarm."—The Alliance Weekly.

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Zululand, South Africa	

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

"AS THE CHILD, SO THE MAN"

There is an old saying, "As the child, so the man becomes." Certainly, environment and training during early childhood have always played a great part in establishing certain principles of human behavior in the life of a man. A great many things experienced and learned by observation and study, while a child is growing up, become basic in his life when he attains the growth of full manhood. Certain things he rarely forgets, and definitely fixed habits go with him through life.

We had opportunity, for example, years ago to observe a certain boy who loved to read Bible stories, poetry, short-stories of good authors, etc. This boy was a Sunday School pupil who rarely ever missed a Sunday School lesson. He would memorize selected poems, and Scripture passages by the dozens. As he grew and went to the public school, he became a good student in his studies. He was noted for saying the most Scripture verses in school. When in high school, this boy won several badges of honor for his outstanding efforts to lead his classmates in English, history, and science. His desire for knowledge, and deeper understanding for worthwhile things, as he became a full grown man, led him to become a man of note and great reputation the remainder of his life.

The course this boy took as a child, and which he followed through the years, laid the foundation for his later years. So it has been with many a person.

On the other hand, there are examples of boys who started in life with bad environment, poor training, and bad habits, and later on in life they became notorious characters. Their early surroundings, questionable companions, and criminal habits led them into ways that meant ruin for them and a shame upon society. "As the child, so the man became." The laws of human activities, over years of experience, usually reflect in vivid character whatsoever such lives have practiced, either for the good or for the bad, depending upon the course such lives took, or chose to follow. As a man thinketh so is he. This is true in the fields of knowledge, business, teaching, farming, and the like. The early and right kind of training for the child will tend toward the shaping of that life in the course which he should follow in later years.

SPECIAL ISSUE FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Plans are now in the making for printing the issue of the Baptist paper preceding Mother's Day Sunday in May a special Mother's Day issue with specially prepared messages by a number of the women of our denomination. Mrs. Alice E. Lupton of New Bern, North Carolina, and others will make this special issue possible,

and interesting in different ways, it is expected. Special messages in prose and poetry will be prepared for this special occasion, along with other compositions, which will be greatly appreciated, we think, by the readers of the Baptist paper. Those interested in composing and sending in appropriate Mother's Day messages are privileged to do so, and thereby will have a share in making the special issue noteworthy for its messages of tribute to Mother and Motherhood. Copies for distribution will be sent on request.

PREPAREDNESS

Preparedness is the cry today in every field of human activity. Any person who seeks a particular position must be first prepared for that work. Proficiency is necessary, and early adaptability to specific jobs tend toward the achieving of success. He who would teach must first become educated. He who would become a successful farmer must learn what it takes to be a good farmer. So is the minister: he must be not only trained in Scriptural knowledge, history, economics, science, literature, etc., but he, by all means, needs first of all the call of God to be a minister of the Lord Jesus. Preparedness for a successful gospel ministry is as essential as preparedness for the practice of medicine, law, dentistry, surgery, etc.

Our nation is preparing, at a rapid speed, military power as a means of protection from a global war. Men, money, and materials are being used in the great rush for the production of armaments of all kinds to prepare and safeguard this American nation from invasion and possible devastation from the great enemy of righteousness, human freedom, and civic justice. The best trained men for specific positions are being used; the best and right kind of materials are being selected for this colossal task; and money by the billions and more billions are being called for to assure the accomplishment of this preparedness.

What does all this mean, anyway? It means unrest, fear, a desire to supercede, get ahead, gain strength, power—and ever growing desire to survive? And how? In business, in the social realm, in educational ranks, in wealth, politics, and so on. In the midst of all this preparedness from the temporal point of view, the Church will survive. God has declared it so. And the better prepared are His ministers in every way the quicker will the races of men find peace, rest and happiness in the world. The more at ease will nations find themselves when Christianity has gone into every hamlet and village the world over, and the hearts of the people have imbibed the Spirit of God. Much patience, suffering, laboring and sacrificing will be required before the world can become prepared to settle things as true brothers in a world brotherhood.

Middlesex Orphanage

MARCH RECEIPTS FOR 1951

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

GENERAL FUND

Central

Hull Road	\$ 19.35
Mariboro	5.79
Reedy Branch	5.00
Rose Hill	17.32
Dawsons Grove	40.00
Aspin Grove	20.00
Harrells Chapel	5.00
Saratoga	4.80
Spring Branch	5.00
Greenville	41.83
Winterville	17.50
Gum Swamp	8.57
Kings Cross Roads	.30
Total	\$190.46

French Broad

Cedar Hill	\$ 18.50
Beaverdam	5.00
Horney Heights	5.00
Averys Creek	5.00
Total	\$ 33.50

Piedmont

Marion	\$ 5.00
Stanley	5.00
Total	\$ 10.00

Eastern

Oriental	\$ 5.03
St. Delight	38.67
Davis	12.50
Smiths New Home	17.00
St. Marys	23.72
Kinston	35.65
Wardens Grove	9.00
Friendship	41.72
Roe	6.00
Smyrna Chapel	25.90
Wintergreen	40.44
Dublin Grove	9.27
Gethsemane	20.00
Morehead City	10.00
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	2.50
Union Chapel	27.20
Bridgeton	6.00
Ruths Chapel	22.03
Soundview	16.00
Lanes Chapel	5.00
Northeast	26.85
Bethlehem	49.25
Whaleys Chapel	9.00
Pilgrims Rest	5.00
Folkstone	4.59
Core Creek	42.10
Sneads Ferry	3.88
Beulaville	12.21
St. Johns	10.00
Antioch	20.00
Total	\$556.51

Western

Marsh Swamp	\$ 10.00
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	20.07
2nd District Aux. Convention	22.49
Mt. Zion, Nash County	31.63
Friendship	13.23
Rock Springs	4.02
Everetts Chapel	36.55
Spring Hill	10.00
Edgemont	15.00
Barnes Hill	30.85
Total	\$193.84

Cape Fear

Hopewell	\$ 10.00
Corinth	13.00
Yelverton's Grove	1.86
Roberts Grove	5.00
Powhatan	5.00
Stevens Chapel	4.62
Total	\$ 39.48

Rockfish

Union Meeting	\$ 6.00
Pine Grove	69.00
Total	\$ 75.00

Western Yearly

Saw Mill Hill	\$ 6.00
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Albemarle

Piney Grove, Beaufort County	\$ 11.00
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Conference Uncertain

Oakwood	\$ 4.00
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Miscellaneous

Parents and Relatives	\$ 147.40
Refunds	151.04
Young People's Friend Subs.	.50
Farm Cash Sales	1,143.26
Coupons	36.22
Total	\$1,478.42

CLOTHING

Central

Elm Grove Auxiliary	\$ 30.00
Mariboro Auxiliary	40.00
Fidelia S. S. Class	40.00
Antioch Auxiliary	30.00
Black Jack Auxiliary	30.00
Free Union Auxiliary	30.00
Grimsley Auxiliary	33.00
Daniels Chapel Auxiliary	40.00
Reedy Branch Auxiliary	30.00
Piney Grove, Pitt County	40.00
Total	\$343.00

Eastern

Dublin Grove Auxiliary	\$ 40.00
Sunnyside Circle, St. Marys	30.00
Whaleys Chapel Auxiliary	30.00
Union Chapel Circle No. 1	40.00
Union Chapel Auxiliary	30.00
Snow Hill Auxiliary	30.00
Sarecta Auxiliary	40.00
Vocal Union, 3rd District	30.00
Core Creek Auxiliary	30.00
Bridgeton Auxiliary	40.00
Carteret County S. S. Convention	37.00
Kinston Auxiliary	40.00
Macedonia Auxiliary	40.00
Total	\$457.00

Miscellaneous

Mrs. W. T. Rose	\$ 30.00
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Western

Pleasant Plain Auxiliary	\$ 30.00
Union Grove Aux., Wayne County	40.00
Marsh Swamp Auxiliary	40.00
Pleasant Grove Auxiliary	40.00
Rains Cross Roads Auxiliary	30.00
Little Rock Auxiliary	40.00
Selma Auxiliary	30.00
Total	\$280.00

French Broad

Walnut Auxiliary	\$ 40.00
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Cape Fear

Bethel Auxiliary, Johnston Co.	\$ 40.00
Lee's Chapel Auxiliary	34.00
Prospect Auxiliary	30.00
Goldsboro Auxiliary	40.00
Caseys Chapel Auxiliary	40.00
Total	\$184.00

Piedmont

Cramerton Auxiliary	\$ 40.00
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Albemarle

Sunbeam Bible Class, Malachi's Chapel	\$ 40.00
Malachi's Chapel Auxiliary	30.00
Troy Worley	3.00
Total	\$ 73.00

BED LINENS

Margaret Pounds (Cape Fear)	\$ 10.00
Union Grove Auxiliary, Wayne County (Western)	5.00
Total	\$ 15.00

Albemarle Cottage

Shiloh (Central)	\$ 25.00
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MUSIC

Little Rock Auxiliary (Western)	\$ 5.00
Macedonia Circle No. 2 (Eastern)	15.00
Grimsley Auxiliary (Central)	1.45
Bethany Auxiliary (Central)	35.00
Greenville Auxiliary (Central)	5.00
Smithfield Auxiliary (Cape Fear)	5.00
Kinston Auxiliary (Eastern)	5.00
Total	\$ 71.45

REFURNISH GIRLS BUILDING

Bethany Sunday School (Central)	\$ 9.56
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* IN LIEU OF FLOWERS *	
* In Memory of *	
* MRS. MARGARET MILLER BEAMAN *	
* By: George W. Ippock *	
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TOTALS

General Fund	\$2,327.14
Clothing Fund	1,407.00
Bed Linens Fund	15.00
Albemarle Cottage Fund	25.00
Music Fund	71.45
Refurnishing Girl's Building	9.56
Total	\$3,955.15

BUDGET RECEIPTS

Eastern Conference	\$ 7,357.20
Central Conference	5,732.96
Western Conference	6,528.00
Cape Fear Conference	2,119.51
Albemarle Conference	687.59
French Broad Association	836.22
Rockfish Association	325.72

Pee Dee Association	356.35
Jacks Creek Association	247.71
Piedmont Association	818.89
Toe River Association	39.50
Western Yearly	21.00

Total\$25,070.95

DONATED COMMODITIES

Mt. Zion Auxiliary, Nash County	
Household Supplies	\$ 26.67
British Chapel Auxiliary	
Household Supplies	11.90
Reunion Chapel — Food	18.00
Union Grove Aux., Wayne County	
Household Supplies	8.25
Ayden Church — Clothing	10.00
Grimley Auxiliary	
Household Supplies	30.00
Mrs. Frank Parker — Clothing	5.00
Reedy Branch Sr. Auxiliary	
Clothing	30.00
Fremont Chapel Auxiliary	
Household Supplies	5.58
Hugo Auxiliary	
Household Supplies	20.00
Rains Cross Roads Ladies Class	
and Auxiliary—Household Sup..	14.70
Holly Springs Aux. (Western)	
Household Supplies	17.75
Pine Level Auxiliary—Clothing	6.00
Mt. Zion Aux., Wilson County	
Household Supplies	7.50
Cramerton Auxiliary—Household	
Supplies, \$14.00; Clothing 75c	14.75
N. C. Dept. of Agri.—Food	69.30
Friendship Auxiliary, Johnston Co.	
Sheets	15.00
Hull Road Auxiliary—Sheets	5.00
Pleasant Grove Auxiliary	
Household Supplies	5.00
Union Grove Auxiliary, Wayne Co.	
Clothing	5.00
Sarecta Auxiliary	
Sheets and pillow cases	25.00
Aleo Auxiliary	
Sheeting Material	30.00
Sts. Delight Auxiliary (Central)	
Clothing for George Mace	69.16
Total	\$449.56

WALTER MCD. CROOM, *Treasurer*

HELP WANTED

Would you like to work with a Christian institution where progress is being made? Check the following positions and qualifications and if you qualify and are interested contact the superintendent immediately:

HOUSE MOTHER FOR BOYS—A woman with experience working with children. A person who loves children, is emotionally balanced, can discipline children as well as lead them into useful activity is most desirable. Immediate employment. Moderate salary, plus room and board. Time off, plus paid vacation periods. New cottage will be complete this summer.

CONCERT CLASS MANAGERS—Three ladies with experience in preparing and presenting programs to tour sections of North Carolina and present a program in the interest of the Home in our Churches. Teachers or former teachers who can play the piano and drive are most desirable. Employment begins about first week in June. Salary plus expenses while on tour.

DANGERS OF LIQUOR DRINKING AND AUTO DRIVING

Judge Harry H. Porter, Chairman of The National Safety Council's Committee on Tests for Intoxication, gave an address in the La Salle Street Y. M. C. A. in Chicago, in which he said that after studying the records and reports from all over the nation, it was his belief that drinking is involved in from forty to sixty percent of all traffic deaths!

Lou H. Holland of the American Automobile Association has stated that 55 percent of the highway accidents in this country involved mixing liquor with gasoline.

Special studies made in Uniontown, Pennsylvania revealed that 48 percent of the persons killed or injured in accidents had been drinking. In New York City it was 51 percent and in Cleveland, Ohio, it was 56 percent.

There is no question in my mind but what drinking is involved in from thirty to sixty percent of all traffic deaths. Setting the figure at one third, 33 percent, that means that in 1949, at least 10,000 persons were killed in traffic accidents involving alcohol. More than three times the amount that were slain at Pearl Harbor. We declared war the next day after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and killed 3,303 of our servicemen. But we license a business that is responsible for three times that many deaths on our highways every year!

But even that does not tell the entire story. For every accident in which someone is killed there are many more in which someone is injured. In addition to the 31,500 who were killed last year, there were 1,100,000 who received body injuries. According to the National Safety Council the property that was destroyed in traffic accidents in 1949 is estimated to be a \$1,100,000,000 loss. The total cost of traffic accidents for 1949 included medical expenses, overhead costs of insurance and motor vehicle property damage was \$2,800,000,000.

George Malcolm Smith wrote an open letter to a speed crazed driver that I want you good folks to hear. Listen to it: "I saw you barely miss a little boy on a tricycle this afternoon and heard you yell, 'Get the h— out of the way! Don't you know any better than to ride in the street?' He didn't answer because he hadn't learned to talk very well yet. So I'm going to answer for him.

"No, the little boy doesn't know any better than to ride his tricycle in the street. He has been warned not to, but little boys don't always heed warning. Some adults don't either, especially traffic warnings; for example, the one limiting the speed of automobiles.

"I'm going to tell you something about that little boy. He has a mother who endured considerable inconvenience, anxiety and suffering to bring him into the world. He has a father, who has worked hard and made sacrifices to make him healthy and

happy. The supreme purpose of their lives is to have their little boy grow up to be a useful man.

"Now stop a minute and think. If you should kill a child, how would you feel facing its parents? What excuse could you give them for having robbed them of their dearest possession? More important: What excuse could you possibly offer Him whose Kingdom is made up of little children?

"Children, my hasty friend, were here long before you or your automobile were thought of. All the automobiles on earth are not worth the life of one little boy. We don't know what that little boy may be some day. But we know what you are, and it's unimportant. We could get along without you, but we can't spare a single little boy on this street."—From the Illinois Temperance League News.

The Fatal Under Estimate

There is an estimate of Christ our Lord, That numbers Him indeed among the earthly great; But Diety to Him doth not accord. His crown but not His cross it would appropriate.

Such estimates speak of brotherhood; United Nations and man's vast design. Silent on sin they feature human good, Nor seek salvation through our Christ divine.

They take His every gift from out His pierced hand. His culture and His gold; His frankincense and myrrh. But they reject God's Son and His divine demand. They will not bend the knee and be His worshipper.

They build cathedrals vast indeed With soaring domes and spires that pierce the sky. But they reject Christ Jesus as their Living Creed, Who died to reconcile mankind unto their God most high.

—Pliny A. Wiley

HEAR THE FAITH PROGRAM DAILY

There is a daily radio program which is broadcast over Station WDWD, Dawson, Georgia, 990 KC, at 9:00 A. M., week days, and 6:00 P. M. Sundays. Also it is heard over WGRA, Cairo, Ga., 9:30 A. M. week days, and 9:00 A. M. Sundays, Eastern Standard time. Both are 1,000 watt stations. Tell, call, or write a friend. Pray for us.

K. V. Shutes

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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GOODSPRING AUXILIARY REPORTS PROGRESS

Evelene McMahan, Reporter

The Woman's auxiliary of Goodspring Church announces the presentation of: "To Tithe or Not to Tithe." It was a special stewardship program given in the church on April 22 at 7:00 P. M. under the direction of Mrs. Henry Read, the auxiliary stewardship chairman.

Plans were made at the regular monthly meeting in the church, April 14, for a Stewardship Declaration contest to be held on May 6. The child whose declaration is judged most noteworthy will broadcast on "Righteous Moods," the weekly church radio program. Each child who enters will receive an award.

Tentative plans were outlined for Daily Vacation Bible school to be conducted in June under the supervision of Mrs. Buford Tomlin.

Mrs. J. B. Parsons, treasurer, submitted the following report of contributions made by the auxiliary for the three quarters of this auxiliary year:

Donations to the Children's Home --\$12.00
Donations to Foreign Missions ---25.00
Donations to Church Building Fund --24.00

Mrs. Parsons said that, with an auxiliary membership of only 27, some of whom are inactive, and with very few who have regular incomes, that the Lord has wonderfully blessed our auxiliary efforts in a financial way. She stressed the need for enrolling new members, and for reviving inactive members so that Goodspring Auxiliary might do greater things for the Master.

SHOULD A CHRISTIAN HAVE "NO FUN"?

Rev. George H. Clement

Frequently, when one counsels young people who prefer to follow Christ, and who have asked our opinion about certain "pleasures"; their reply is: "Why, aren't we to have any fun?" The writer of this article is a young man. He can remember the days when he as a nominal Christian was led to believe there was fun to be had in the world. So he tasted of the world's amusements with a heart unsatisfied. None of these things

MRS. GRIFFIN HOLDS STUDY COURSE AT BLACK JACK AND PLEASANT HILL

We, the women of Black Jack, and Pleasant Hill F. W. B. Churches, had a most enjoyable day on March 21, 1951, when Mrs. J. C. Griffin of New Bern, N. C., came to be with us in a study course. She came to teach us and to urge us as stewards of God to better understand, and to put in practice the Manual of Methods which our Woman's National Auxiliary Convention has adopted. It is a good thing for us women to go by it in our auxiliary work.

Mrs. Griffin told each officer how to better fill her place in the auxiliary work, and where she can be used most effectively if we would only put our trust in the Lord, and let him use our talents for his glory. We had as guests that day Brother Griffin and Brother Moretz. It is always a blessing to have with us ministers who encourage us in the work. Dinner was served in picnic style at the noon hour, and everyone enjoyed it very much.

We had to cut our program a little short, for a reason beyond our control, but we feel that everyone went home with a greater desire to do more for the Master. I feel that each auxiliary would do well to have Mrs. Griffin visit their churches for the purpose of giving a course in the study of the Manual. May God bless her work is our prayer.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Lester Mills,
Publicity Chairman

quenched his soul's thirst or appeased his heart's hunger. Then he surrendered his life to Jesus Christ. Immediately his heart was fully satisfied in Him. The thirst and hunger were for the first time completely supplied with the inexhaustible springs of Living Water, and the Heavenly manna of God's goodness and grace.

What I used to fool myself into thinking was fun, seems so superficial, and even ridiculous, now. How could I ever imagine that eating the world's husks, and drinking from the world's mud puddles was fun? Young

reader, remember that a heart possessed by Christ, and a will fully surrendered to Him, no longer has any appetite for the world's so-called fun. There is nothing funny about it. He discovers, with young David, that "in Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

When once a Christian is fully yielded to Christ, then he will be guided as to any recreational demands of his mind and body. These normal demands will be supplied in a good, wholesome way, without any compromise with the world, and its doubtful amusements. God will surely see to it that His child is enjoying a full-orbed, well-balanced life. Physically, mentally and spiritually his life will be enriched by the Spirit of Jesus Christ dwelling within.

I AM HAPPY!

Walking in the country one day I saw a man ahead of me singing very sweetly. He looked like a peddler, his goods slung across his shoulders; but there was something in his blithe and easy carriage, and in the rich sonorous voice that attracted me. I sped forward softly that I might get near enough to hear every note and yet keep free from interrupting him.

When the song was finished, I joined him, saying, "That is charming, my friend, I never heard its like before. Are you happy?"

He paused, looked at me for some moments, replying, "Yes, sir, I can say I am happy."

"And what has made you so?" I asked, "for I have been all my lifetime seeking after happiness, and I have never found it."

"I'll tell you the secret for a dime," he said.

I made no reply, but instantly put my hand in my pocket and gave him the small coin. He slung around his pack, and as he opened his case I saw it was full of books and felt indignant, for I thought he was going to offer me a song book. I had almost turned from him, but he selected a small volume, and holding it reverently up, he said with an emphasis I shall never forget, "This, sir, is the

key that unlocks the gate which leads to happiness; take it, and read it with earnest prayer that the Holy Spirit may become your Teacher, and lead you into paths of pleasantness and peace!"

I opened the Book. It was the New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I am not sure that I ever saw it before; I had certainly never read a line of it; but pursued it with deep attention, and the Holy Spirit enlightened my dark understanding to see great things. I soon experienced joy and peace in believing on the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world, and thru the abounding mercy of God in Jesus Christ, I can testify that I have found in this blessed Book what I so long vainly sought in the world—the way to be happy.

True happiness is found first, in accepting the Lord Jesus as our Saviour, then walking in obedience to the Word of God, and in communion with the Father and with the Son.—Good News.

COME HOME

You have wandered long enough away from peace, from happiness, and from God. You know this, and have often felt it. Why wander farther! Oh, come Home! It is God who calls you.

But notice this, for it is a matter of extreme importance: God will not receive you, much as He loves you, except you come just as you are. You must come to Him as a sinner, or you cannot come at all.

Suppose the poor prodigal, when he said, "I will arise and go to my father," had added, "but I must first better my condition—I must get dressed in new and beautiful attire"; do you think he would ever have gone back to his father? He had to go just as he was—a poor, guilty, pitiable object—or perish in the far country. He had nothing to say in excuse for his folly and wickedness, and he resolved to go home, and cast himself on his father's mercy, saying, "I have sinned." You know what came of it—how his father ran to meet him, clasped him in his arms and welcomed him.

Oh, what an exquisite and touching picture of God's joy in receiving the returning sinner! And this is the only way by which man can be saved. Come, my friend, you have wandered far too long already; the Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth from all sin; therefore delay not another hour, but come to Him; come, come Home!—Glad Tidings.

OVER AND OVER AGAIN

"I want to make my life count," the girl cried, with a quick, impatient breath. "I don't want to spend it all in cooking meals and dusting rooms—things that have to be done over and over every day, and never are remembered two minutes after they're done! I want to do something that will last."

"Did you ever think," the old teacher asked, "how many things God does over and over again day after day and year after year? Day and night, summer and winter, seed time and harvest, come as regularly as the cooking of meals and the dusting of rooms. The need of forgiveness, of encouragement, of strength, isn't He but answering these over and over again every hour of our conscious lives?"

"That's—different," the girl answered, slowly.

The old teacher smiled; she had been a girl once, and she understood. "Do you remember the miracle at Cana?" she asked. "The thirty long years of bare preparation were over,

and the Master was going out to His public work. The marvelous baptism at the Jordan, the terrible days in the wilderness, each had borne witness that the time had come. Even the first disciples were chosen. Then came the first demand upon the power that filled Him. What was He to do—heal the sick? restore the blind? raise the dead? tell eager multitudes of the Father's waiting love? You remember that the call was to none of these things; with a whole world to love, the first duty was merely—to help out a wedding feast."

The girl had listened with brightening eyes. "Thank you," she said, softly.—Our Children.

Announcement

I will be available for pastoral services for another year on the First, Second, and the Third Sundays. I will be also open for evangelistic services any time any church should call me to hold a revival meeting. Any church interested in securing my services is requested to communicate with me at the following address:

Rev. C. J. Harris
601 E. 9th Street
Greenville, N. C.
Telephone No. 215-2

ANNOUNCEMENT

Graduation Program, May 6,
1951, 3:00 p. m. Greenville
Free Will Baptist Church

Twenty one Sunday School workers will be graduating from the 72 hour workers course taught by Rashie Kennedy over a period of two years. The students are as follows:

Mr. Raymond L. Howell, Mrs. Raymond L. Howell, Mr. Roy C. Futrelle, Mr. Roy Bailey, Jr., Mrs. Margaret Wall, Miss Isabelle Haire, Mr. J. Cicero Smith, Mr. Leo Tripp, Miss Leah McGlohon, Rev. C. L. Patrick, Mr. C. A. Eubanks, Mrs. C. A. Eubanks, Mr. Percy Rylon Humbles, Mrs. Zebert Cox, Mrs. Claud Dennis, Mrs. Edison Gibson, Rev. N. D. Beamon, Mr. Kenneth Wiggins, Mrs. J. Argo Brown, Mrs. Rashie Kennedy, Mr. Mark McGlohon.

These students are members of the Cape Fear, Central, and Western Conferences, of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina. All their friends will want to attend and see them receive their Teacher's Certificate.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES OF NORTH CAROLINA

Please send the names of your auxiliary members who have died since our last State Convention. Give as much information about them as possible for our memorial service to be held at our next state convention, which convenes at Hull Road Church on Thursday, May 24. Send this information as soon as possible to:

Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser
207 W. Broad Street
Wilson, N. C.



THE UNITED KINGDOM

(Lesson for May 6)

LESSON: 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 8:15; 1 Chronicles 22:17-19.

GOLDEN TEXT: Psalm 27:4.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

Samuel was the last of the judges. He is called also the first of the Prophets. He was a great man and wielded great influence during his judgeship. He led the nation back to God. There was a great revival of pure religion, the effects of which lasted a long time. Near the end of his life the people became restless and asked that they might have a king to rule over them, like the surrounding nations. Samuel warned them, but they persisted and God permitted Samuel to give them a king (I Sam. 8:1-22).

Saul was the one chosen by God to be the first king. Saul was a man that appeared well to the eyes of men. He was just what the people wanted. He was not chosen for his piety, Godliness or spiritual character; he was chosen for his looks. Here we have an instance of a principle that runs through Scripture; that is the natural comes first then the spiritual. We saw it in the case of Cain and Abel, Ishmael and Isaac, Esau and Jacob. Now we have it here again. Saul was the natural man (I Cor. 2:14). He had an opportunity to reign for forty years and show what manner of man he was. He began fairly well but he degenerated steadily. He disobeyed the will of God, persecuted young David whom the Lord had called to succeed him; he attempted suicide on the battlefield and was slain by an Amalekite (II Sam. 1:8-10).

David who succeeded Saul on the throne was Israel's great King. Not one of all the kings of Israel and of Judah came near to him in character,

in statesmanship and in influence. The glory of David's reign surpassed the glory of Solomon's. The glory of Solomon was an outward, temporal pomp and show. David's glory was inner, spiritual, moral, and Godly. Solomon's glory faded; David's still glows.

1. More than seven years elapsed before some of the Israelites were willing to accept God's man (vs. 1).

2. It is better to accept God's choice after seven years delay than not to accept it at all (vs. 2).

3. It is well with a nation when the league between people and ruler is made before the Lord (vs. 3).

4. He who accepts a post of responsibility from the Lord in his youth has the promise of a possibly long period of service (vs. 4).

5. I wonder if there is any connection between Caleb who took charge of Hebron and David who began his work as king in that famous city? Not only was Hebron one of the most ancient cities in the world (Num. 13:22), but it was the place where the tomb of Abraham and Sarah and Isaac and Rebekah and Leah and Jacob is found (Gen. 49:31). At any rate, God wanted Caleb to live there (Josh. 14:12) and He directed David to begin his ministry there.

6. The man who accepts his responsibility as from God will not make excessive demands of those under his control (8:15).

7. Although He could do without our assistance, the Lord is commanding us to "help His Son" (comp. 1 Chron. 22:17).

8. No one need charge the Lord with making unwarranted demands of us, for it is to Him we owe for everything we have, even our own existence (vs. 19).—Selected

9. David was anointed three times as king to succeed Saul. He was anointed first by Samuel in Bethlehem while he was still a shepherd boy. After the death of Saul and Jonathan he was anointed to rule over the tribe of Judah, and he lived in Hebron and ruled over Judah. The occasion mentioned here took place in Hebron after Saul's son Ish-bosheth had been defeated and slain.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

10. David's great confession reveals one of his outstanding qualities. He was so convinced of his wickedness that he eagerly sought God's forgiving grace. His being the great king of Israel, and holding high esteem among the people did not hide his sins, nor remove from his heart the sting of conscience. He knew God was holding him responsible, and that he must repent while opportunity was given him to do it.—Psalm 51—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

The sudden fate which overtook Christians in the Baltic state of Latvia during the night of June 12-13, is too frightful for description.

The Communist secret police were carrying out one of the most fiendish assignments in human history. They were arresting whole families, methodically separating parents from children, husbands from wives, breaking up homes and hauling all to the railroad yards, where the tracks were jammed with freight cars.

This mass deportation action was carried on for two full days. All of us lived in dread, waiting our turn, stricken with gloom and anxiety. Those who could fled to the woods, only to be hunted down and immediately executed.

With mounting horror, I looked at the arms and legs of numerous dead bodies. The skin, having been stripped from the living flesh, hung like tattered rags around their limbs. Eyes were gouged out; some had deep bayonet wounds in the side; others had throats ripped open like slaughtered animals. Some had fingernails torn off. This occurred in 1941. We prefer to live in a country where David's God is recognized and honored.—Selected

CORE CREEK CHURCH TO HOLD REVIVAL

The revival will begin at Core Creek Church on April 29, and continue through May 6. Reverend L. B. Manning will do the preaching, and Lawrence Tyson will conduct the song service. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Reporter

A BOY WHO SAID "I WILL"

More than a hundred years ago there was a ten-year-old boy, whose father was a master of a ship. The boy's name was David and he was a cabin boy. This boy, although, he was only ten, thought he was very much a man. He had several habits that he thought made a man of him and he was quite proud of them. He could swear just as well as the grown up men on the ship; he could drink whisky as strong as any old sailor, who had been before the mast for years, and he was a great card player.

So David patted himself on the back and said, "I'm a real man even if I am only ten years old." Perhaps you have heard of other boys who thought they were real men because they had some of the bad habits that older men had. But there was a big surprise in store for this boy. One day his father took him into the cabin and said to him, "David, who do you intend to be when you grow up?"

David had his answer all ready. He knew what he wanted to be. "I'm going to follow the sea, Father," he said.

"Oh," his father replied, "you intend to be a poor drunken sailor, kicked around from place to place all over the world."

"Not at all, Father," returned young David. "That isn't what I intend to be. I'm going to command a ship the way you do."

"Oh, no!" David's father said. "No boy, with the principles and habits that you have, you can never command a ship. You will have to change the whole chorus of your life, if you ever expect to be a man."

David had not a word to say. He was so surprised he could not think of anything to say. Here he had thought he was already a real man and his father just told him that he never would be a man at all if he kept on the way he was going. David did plenty of thinking about what his father had said. And he reached a decision. "If that's the way I'm headed, then I will change my course right now," he declared. "I will nev-

er utter another oath, never drink a drop of liquor and never gamble." A little later he added another purpose. He said, "I will become a Christian and follow Jesus, and do the things which please Him. David never went back on the vows. He did become a man and command a ship. More than that he became an Admiral in the United States Navy and won many victories at sea for his country.

You have all heard of that boy who said, "I will." His name was David G. Farragut. When he was a man he was asked how he was able to serve his country so successfully. His answer was that it was because of that decision he made when a boy, to break off his bad habits and become a Christian. That was all that kept him from being a drunken sailor.—Light and Life Evangel.

PORTSMOUTH CHURCH TO ENTERTAIN ALBEMARLE UNION

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Portsmouth, Va., considers it an honor to have the privilege of entertaining the Albemarle Union Meeting, League, and S. S. Convention Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30. This will be the first meeting of this kind to have been held in this city, and for that reason, we feel that this meeting is going to mean a great deal to our church, denomination and community where the church is located.

The church and pastor invite you to attend this meeting and see that your prayers have not been in vain. We hope if the Lord is willing we may have the building completed by the time this meeting takes place.

The church has grown numerically, and most of all spiritually, beyond our expectations. We see, even now, the great need of more room and I ask you as Christian people to keep praying for us, that if it be the Lord's will, that he may provide a way for the room we now need.

For the benefit of those that plan to come to this meeting, and are not familiar with the city of Portsmouth, I suggest, (1) when you arrive in the city, inquire for the section known as Printis Park, and (2) upon arrival in Printis Park, ask for the Corner of Randolph and Des Moines St., which is the corner on which the church is located.

We are looking forward to your coming,

J. A. Alexander, Pastor
2549 Vincent Ave.
Norfolk, Virginia

SOME THINGS I BELIEVE

I believe that the Free Will Baptist doctrine follows Christ's teachings, but I do not say that all the members of the Free Will Baptist church live as Christ said they should live.

I believe that the Apostles who followed Christ, and were beheaded are now in heaven. I believe that the Apostle Peter is now in heaven. I believe that it would do just as much good to pray to him as it would be to pray to the Virgin Mary. I prefer praying to God, for I know he will answer prayer. Peter knew how the Devil sifted him out, and the Lord knows how we are having a struggle with the old Devil. If he cannot seduce us one way, he will in another way, or at least he will try something else.

Old Satan has led a great part of the world to live in adultery, by so many marrying and remarrying. The man who marries a woman who has been put away, commits adultery, and so does she. (See Matthew 5:32.) Christ said that for the cause of fornication the husband could put her away. There are many who do not wait for that excuse these days.

Some people claim that God had nothing to do with some marriages, but that they happened to get the wrong one. The Devil is the one who helps them to get married when they should not. He deceives Eve, so he deceived people today. If the Devil can get you to believe a lie, he does not care whether God likes it or not.

Your brother in Christ,
B. E. Coxwell
Tallahassee, Florida
Route 1, Box 202

NOTES AND QUOTES

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soon reveal his feelings to the extent that he will be conspicuous by his absence from the church services. When profession is the result of emotions, the profession is subject to cool off. People brought into the church through an unwavering, unfeigned faith in the Lord Jesus Christ will be stable. You can depend on them.

A woman had been very trying to the shop assistant, whose temper was beginning to get a little uncertain.

"I think you had better fetch the manager. 'Perhaps he'll have a little more sense than you seem to possess."

"Oh, he has, madam," was the tired reply. "He went out as you came in!"

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

MISS MARY HARPER

It was on October 3, 1950, that our heart was saddened by the passing of a beloved aunt, Miss Mary Harper. She was the daughter of the late Charles and Patsy Harper.

She was born on September 28, 1877, and died on October 3, 1950, making her stay on earth 73 years and 5 days. In early life she joined the Black Jack F. W. B. Church, and was a faithful member there until death.

She leaves to mourn their loss three sisters: Mrs. W. J. Sutton, Mrs. W. N. Cox, and Mrs. Janie Buck, and host of nieces and nephews. We truly hope that our loss is her eternal gain.

Her funeral was conducted at Black Jack F. W. B. Church by her pastor, Rev. J. R. Davidson, assisted by Rev. R. B. Crawford, after which the body was laid to rest in the church cemetery beneath a mound of beautiful flowers. The many beautiful flowers showed the esteem in which she was held by the many friends of the community.

Sleep on Aunt Mary,

And take thy rest;

We loved you dearly,

But God loved you the best.

Written by a loving niece, Mrs. Pattie Ruth Mills

REV. W. F. CLARK

Rev. W. F. Clark was born June 22, 1883, married July 1, 1906. He was converted in 1904 and called to preach, but he didn't obey his calling for awhile, but about 20 years ago he began preaching and continued until he went to be with the Lord March 18, 1951. He was near the end of his message and said, "I must sit down or fall, I am sick." He was dead in 5 minutes. He died in the F. W. B. Church in Thomasville, Georgia, where he had said only a few nights before that he wanted to die there.

The F. W. B. Church in Thomasville was started and built by him.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, 10 children, several grandchildren, and a host of friends.

The last week in March appeared an article by him.

His funeral was conducted in the First Baptist Church of Thomasville where most of his family belonged.

Written by Rev. K. V. Shutes

INEZ STEPHENS

Inez Stephens was born September 15, 1918, and went to be with the Lord December 20, 1920, at 4:15 P. M. She was daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Poitevint of Camilla, Georgia.

She was married to Barney Stephens in 1936. She was converted at Greenwood F. W. B. Church in October, 1949.

She was sick for many years with intestinal cancer and was one of the most patient sufferers I have ever witnessed.

Funeral Service was conducted at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

We feel our loss is heavens gain.

There were four brothers, two sisters, besides her father and mother and many friends to mourn her loss.

Written by Rev. K. V. Shutes

PROGRAM

Following is the Program of the Piedmont Quarterly Meeting, Sunday School Convention, and Singing Convention, to be held with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Marion, N. C., Saturday and Sunday, April 28, 29, 1951.

QUARTERLY MEETING, Saturday A. M.

10:00—Devotional, Rev. Paul Hobbs
10:15—Welcome, Rev. John Floyd
10:20—Response, Rev. Bernie Player
10:30—Report of churches and business
11:00—Song and praise, Rev. J. B. Starnes
11:30—Message, Rev. Herman Hersey
12:00—Lunch

S. S. CONVENTION, Saturday P. M.

2:00—Singing by choir
—Devotional by the pastor, Rev. John Floyd
—President's message, Edgar W. O'Dell
—Reading of minutes, Mrs. J. B. Starnes
Reports of Sunday Schools
—Business
—Dismissed

SATURDAY NIGHT

7:00—Special singing
7:30—Message, Rev. George Langley
—Message, to be supplied

SINGING CONVENTION, SUNDAY

10:00—Devotional
—Special singing by various groups
12:00—Dinner served by local church
1:30—Special singing
3:15—Dismissed

"Your son is pursuing his studies in college?"

"I guess he must be. He's always behind."

POPLAR VALLEY CHURCH EXPERIENCES A GOOD REVIVAL

The revival at Poplar Valley F. W. B. Church closed with 29 conversions. The Rev. Carl High of Peach Orchard was the evangelist. Not only was the community blessed with the conversion of many souls, but the church was greatly uplifted, and it can go forward with a greater determination to work for the Lord and his kingdom.

Please remember our radio program which is heard over KPOC, Pocahontas, Arkansas, each Sunday at 2:30 P. M. This is known as the Free Will Baptist Hour. All Free Will Baptist people should be willing and ready to support it. Let us help to keep the program on the air. Address all letters, cards, and contributions to Elder Henry Pauley, Free Will Baptist Hour, KPOC, Pocahontas, Arkansas.

Reporter

PROGRAM

Below is the program of the Fourth Union Meeting, Central Conference, which will convene with Antioch Church, Wayne County, N. C., April 28, 1951.

Saturday Morning

10:00—Devotions by Rev. C. D. Hamilton
10:20—Welcome address by Mr. J. E. Edmundson
10:30—Response by Rev. H. T. Sowers
10:45—Moderator's message
11:00—Appointment of committees
—Business and reading of minutes
—Calling list of ministers and offering for the orphanage
11:30—Union sermon by Rev. E. L. Abrams
12:00—Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

1:00—Devotions by Rev. W. L. Hart
1:20—Business period
2:00—Reports of various committees
3:00—Adjournment

Rev. R. C. Proctor, Moderator
Hubert Burrese, Clerk

SOUNDVIEW CHURCH TO HOLD REVIVAL

Time: May 21, 1951

Our revival meeting at Soundview F. W. B. Church will begin on May 21. The church is located on Highway Number 24, and fifteen miles east of Swansboro, North Carolina. The evangelist is Rev. Wade Calvert of North Belmont, North Carolina. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Elmer Garner
Newport, N. C.

The key to the kingdom of heaven is obedience.—Sel.

PROGRAM

Following is the program for the League Convention of the Second Union to be held at Grimsley's Church Saturday night, April 28th.

7:30—Song, by congregation

—Scripture

—Prayer

—Special music (Sts. Delight League)

—Playlette, "Converting Dad to Missions"

—Offering

—Message, Mrs. L. E. Ballard

—Business

—Adjournment

A CORRECTION

The Sunday School Convention of the F. W. B. Martin Association will convene with Mt. Gilead Church, Bainbridge, Ga., May 27, 1951, and not April 27th.

Mrs. Annie Cleveland, Member of the program committee.

A SONG FOR MOTHER

(Tune: Jesus Loves Me)

Mother loves me this I know
For she often tells me so.

Dad and I both think she's fine,
I am glad that she is mine.

Yes, Mother loves me,
Yes, Mother loves me,
Yes, Mother loves me,
She often tells me so.

Mother does so much for me
And I thank her for it all.
She is good and kind to me
When I do just as I should.

Yes, Mother loves me,
Yes, Mother loves me,
Yes, Mother loves me,
She often tells me so.

Mother now is growing old,
And she is so dear to me.
I do love and honor her,
And I gladly serve her too.

Yes, Mother loves me,
Yes, Mother loves me,
Yes, Mother loves me,
She often tells me so.

Dora Ann Brown, Age 9

Little Efforts

A little child I am indeed,
And little do I know;
Much help and care I yet shall need,
That I may wiser grow,
If I would ever hope to do
Things great and good and useful too.

But even now I ought to try
To do what good I may;
God never meant that such as I
Should only live to play,
And talk and laugh and eat and drink,
And sleep and wake—and never think.

One gentle word that I may speak,
Or one kind, loving deed,
May, though a trifle, poor and weak,
Prove like a tiny seed;
And who can tell what good may spring
From such a very little thing.

Then let me try each day and hour,
To act upon this plan;
What little good is in my power,
To do it while I can.
If to be useful thus I try,
I may be better by and by.

—Unknown.

JOINED HANDS

One day an African boy was lost. A hue and cry was raised but no one had seen the little fellow. The search went on until nightfall, but no answer had come to the calls, and the anxious mother spent the hours in agony. Somewhere out in the darkness the child lay. Wild animals were prowling about and that knowledge did not help in calming her. As soon as the day broke the search began again with renewed energy, but without success. The searchers returned and held a discussion. Where was the child? Apparently there was no place that had been overlooked. There seemed nothing else which could be done. Suddenly a suggestion was made. "Let us all join hands and go through the long grass again." Thus the search was ended. The lifeless form of the little one was carried back to the distraught mother, who cried aloud, "Oh, why did you not join hands before?"—The Harvester.

A sightseer was just emerging from a cave. "What's the average tip you receive from each person you take through this cave?" he asked confidently of the native guide.

"The average tip, boss, thankee, is a dollar."

This seemed a little high for the short time it took to go through, but not wanting to be ungenerous, the sightseer produced a dollar bill.

"Thankee, boss, thankee kindly! You are the only gentlemen that has reached the average in my whole experience."

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PROGRAM

Following is the program for the union meeting of the Albemarle District which will be held with Portsmouth Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, on April 29, 1951.

10:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. Chas. Brown

10:15—Moderator's address.

10:20—Reading minutes of last meeting

—Calling the roll of ministers

—Calling the roll of churches

11:10—Offering for orphanage

11:15—Special music

11:20—Sermon by Rev. J. W. Alford

12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00—Devotions conducted by Mrs. J. A. Alexander

1:15—Special music

1:20—Business

—Treasurer's report

Apportionment committee's report

—Miscellaneous committee's report

2:30—Adjournment

Alice Webster,

Program Committee

It is a magnificent thing to know our sins are all forgiven.—Dr. Bresee.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

LESSONS FROM THE BIRDS

Flying and Singing

C. M. Menzies

Have you ever noticed how often the Scriptures speak of the fowls, or birds, of the heavens? It is because they have the power to fly above the earth and thus belong to heaven. Christians belong to a higher heaven than the birds, and so should learn to rise up also above the earth in their thoughts. "In vain the net is spread in the sight of anything which hath wings." Then as we learn to rise up in our thoughts above the earth, we also learn to sing.

God is fond of singing. We read that He, Himself, will sing in His joy and love, and it was God who gave to the birds their songs. In Psalm 104 we read much about the creation, and there we are told how God sends the springs among the valleys and hills and that the birds of the heaven dwell by them and give forth their voices from among the branches. If God is so pleased with the voice of the birds as to include it in His Word, He must be specially pleased with the singing of boys and girls to Him. Of all His creation it is to the birds and human beings that He has given the ability to sing. To sing we need to be

happy, as James puts it: "Is any merry? let him sing." How happy the birds are when the spring comes! What a lesson we can learn from the lark, singing right out of sight above the clouds, or the nightingale thrilling people with its song in the blackest night. God gives the birds this instinct to sing, but to us He gives also the intelligence to sing.

The first singing among God's people was when they had been redeemed and were safe out of Egypt, and, as we know, the precious Blood of the Lamb has been shed, and by confessing the Name of the Lord we are set free from slavery. Surely there is much to sing about! Then as they passed to the springing well they sang again. We learn to know the One who delivers us from sin which dwells in us, and to make room for the Holy Spirit. This leads on to singing with our hearts to the Lord. But the best singing of all is in the land; as we read, "The time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land." No wonder in that same chapter the Lord says, "Let Me hear thy voice" (S. of Sol. 2). So the Psalmist (Ps. 104), who speaks of the voice of the birds, is filled with song himself, and says, "I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being."—Tract.

THROUGH THE BIBLE

I supposed I knew my Bible,
Reading piecemeal, hit or miss,
Now a bit of John or Matthew,
Now a snatch of Genesis;
Certain chapters of Isaiah,
Certain Psalms (the twenty-third!)
Twelfth of Romans, first of Proverbs—
Yes, I thought I knew God's Word!
But I found that thorough reading
Was a different thing to do,
And the way was unfamiliar,
When I read the Bible through.

Oh, the massive, mighty volume,
Oh, the treasures manifold;
Oh, the beauty and the wisdom
And the grace it proved to hold!
As the story of the Hebrews
Swept in majesty along,
As it leaped in waves prophetic,
As it burst to sacred song,
As it gleamed with Christly omens,
The Old Testament was new—
Strong with cumulative power,
When I read the Bible through.

Oh, Imperial Jeremiah
With his keen cresent moon mind;
And the blunt old Nehemiah

And Ezekiel refined!
Newly came the minor Prophets,
Each with his distinctive robe,
Newly came the Song idyllic
And the tragedy of Job;
Deuteronomy, the regal,
To a towering mountain grew
With its comrade peaks around it,
When I read the Bible through.

What a radiant procession
As the pages rise and fall!
James, the sturdy, John, the tender,
And the myriad-minded Paul!
Vast apocalyptic glories
Wheel and thunder, flash and flame,
While the Church triumphant raises
One incomparable Name:
Ah, the glory of the Saviour
Never glows supremely true
Till you read it whole and swiftly,
Till you read the Bible through.

You who like to play at Bible,
Dip and dabble, here and there,
Just before you kneel away
And yawn through a hurried prayer;
You who treat the Crown of Writings
As you treat no other book,
Just a paragraph disjointed
Just a crude impatient look,

Try a worthier procedure,
Try a broad and steady view;
You will kneel in very rapture
When you read the Bible through.

—Amos R. Wells

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Quarterly Meeting of Saline Association, Arkansas, convening with Fairview Church at Warren, April 28 and 29, 1951.

SATURDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Song service led by Doyle Cook
—Scripture reading and prayer by Elder Lloyd Williams, Moderator
- 9:45—Letters read and delegates seated
- 10:15—Welcome address by Brother Paul Horton
—Response by Elder J. C. Moring
- 10:25—Reading by Willie Jean Barker
—Song by White Quartet
- 10:40—The message selected by the body
- 10:50—Dismissed for recess
- 11:00—Sermon
- 12:00—Lunch

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00—Song service by Doyle Cook
—Prayer by Elder W. P. White
- 1:10—Malachi, third chapter, verses 8, 9 and 10. Discussion beginning with Elder D. A. Bryan
- 1:25—Elijah: "What Happened to Elijah's Fleishy Body?" Discussion beginning with Elder H. E. Taylor
- 1:45—Song by Van Thompson
- 1:50—"Who Is Abraham's Seed?" Discussion beginning with Elder Lewis Barker
- 2:20—Song by Daggett Quartet
- 2:25—Recess
- 2:35—Ten Bible Questions selected from First and Second Corinthians, Bro. Howard Jones
- 2:50—Business session
- 3:15—Discussion led by Elder A. J. Worley. Subject: "Unity"
- 3:45—Report of Home Mission Board
- 4:00—Adjournment

SATURDAY NIGHT

- 7:30—Devotional service led by Brother H. Moore
- 8:00—Preaching

SUNDAY MORNING

- 9:45—Ministers and deacons' alliance
—Subject: "Home Mission"
- 10:00—"What Is Home Mission?" by Elder J. E. White
- 10:15—"How Is Home Mission Best Accomplished?" by Elder Homer Parker
- 10:30—"Does God Require Home Mission?" by Clarence Tillman
- 10:45—Recess
- 11:00—Sermon
- 12:00—Noon hour
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Not Alone ✓

Martha Snell Nicholson

He wraps me round with His loving care
And eases the pain which I cannot bear;
No anguish hour but my Lord is there.

The times when the bravest soul will quail
And the flesh will shrink and the cheeks grow
pale,
He understands, and He does not fail.

He knows how the laggard hours drag by,
And friends forget, and sometimes I cry
"This useless thing cannot be I!"

When darkness falls and the light seems gone,
And the heart grows heavy as a stone,
His arm sustains me till the dawn,

And He cradles me there on His gentle breast,
And He gives to my heart His rest, sweet rest,
Till at last I can say, "Thy will is best."

Oh, every suffering, anguished one,
Who dwells in a sick room, all alone,
There is never another like Him, none!

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THE PROMISE--Acts 2:39

First, let us look at this verse, Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Here the Apostle Peter is talking about people receiving the "Gift of the Holy Ghost," and not the Holy Ghost Himself. There is a difference in the Holy Ghost, and the gift of the Holy Ghost.

In verse 39, Peter said, "For the promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." The question would naturally arise, **Who is He calling?** In Matthew 9:13, Jesus said: "... For I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." The call or promise is to all sinners. Now in verse thirty-nine, Jesus is talking about the promise. Therefore, it will be necessary to find out what the promise is. In Acts we have this statement: "And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of the promise before this. Acts 1:5, "For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." We are told that in verse 8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." "Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey" (V. 12).

"When they were come in, they went up into the upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Phillip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the Son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James (v. 13). We are told these with one accord continued in prayer

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and supplication, together with the women, and Mary the Mother of Jesus. Please take note that women were present in the assembly, not just the twelve apostles, as some would have you to believe. In verse fifteen of the first chapter of Acts, we are told that there were about 120 people who were assembled together. Now, let us keep in mind the above number of people who were commanded to wait for the promise of the Father Acts 1:4).

In Luke 24:49, we read these words: "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Jesus declared that he would send the power of the Holy Spirit upon them." In Matthew 3:11, John the Baptist said, "Indeed I baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Note, they had been commanded to tarry in Jerusalem, and to wait for the promise of the Father: and, in Acts 2:1, 2, 3 and 4, was the promise fulfilled. When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord, in one place." And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and filled all the house wherein they were sitting. There appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and sat upon each of them. It filled the house and sat upon them. They began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Now, in Acts 2:23, Peter said, "Therefore, being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear." I think that the above mentioned scriptures should settle once and for all what the pro-

mise of the Father was. Peter said, "And ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." There would have to be a giver before there could be a gift. The Holy Ghost is the giver, and the gift was tongues. Turn with me to Acts 10:44, 45, 46. "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word" (v. 44). Now notice that the Holy Spirit fell on all of them who heard the word, and in Acts 11: 15, Peter says, "And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning." Well, how did it come upon you, Peter, at the beginning? The answer is: "We were baptized with it." "Then rehow that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptembered I the word of the Lord, tized with the Holy Ghost" (ch. 11: 16). Being filled with and baptized with means the same thing.

Concerning the gift of the Holy Ghost, chapter 10, verse 46, we read: "They heard them speak in tongues and magnify God." But this was not the unknown tongues, but a new tongue—a new man if you please. "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things are passed away; behold all things are become new" (II Cor. 5:17). The regenerated life is one that has passed from death to life—born again, regenerated, obeyed the gospel, and his sins are blotted out.

Now let us turn to Acts 2:38, and note what Peter said: "Repent and be baptized for the remission of sins." I think that Acts 2:38 is as dry as the Sahara Desert, as far as water is concerned. Peter is talking about the baptism or birth that puts one into the one body or church. In St. John's Gospel 3:3 Jesus called it a birth, or said he, "Ye must be born again." The marginal reading says "from above".) So this is in direct harmony with Luke 24:49, "And behold, I send the promise of the Father upon you." Note, they were to be endued with power from on high. In St. John

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Some Things We Have Seen Lately

We attended the Bible Conference which was held at the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., April 16-19. There we saw many of our old friends from the various states. Many of these said, "I enjoy Notes and Quotes." Such words as these keep us trying to keep on.

The weather was unusually cold, but we had our top coat along and it served us nicely. I saw the need for more room at the college. This was manifest more than ever since the space that we had been using for the last few years by the erection of a large tent was being occupied with construction material for the new auditorium which was going up, and which is hoped will be ready by the time for the National Association. The plans for the auditorium are well arranged and it promises to be ample for several years, even at the present rate of growth. Thus we go forward in the building program.

The association with those in attendance was beneficial, and in general uplifting. We saw a large number of fine young men and women who are preparing for the service of the Lord.

While in Nashville, I had the privilege of preaching for Rev. Clarence Bowen in the East Nashville church. There we saw a marked degree of success in every department. Naturally the League work was promising. Not what Brother Clarence would have it be, but the goal is set; and, as a great many of us know Clarence, we know him as "a great leaguer." He had his beginning in League work here in North Carolina. Many F. W. B. leagues were formed and instructed by "Clarence and Rose." And a great deal of the work done by them in North Carolina is telling in good results today.

I had the privilege of visiting Cor-

er's Chapel, where I had fellowship years past with their faithful pastor, Rev. J. L. Welch. There I saw a very effective and efficient Sunday school, as I sat on class and observed the whole working through.

The N. C. State S. S. Convention

It was our happy privilege to attend the Sunday School Convention of North Carolina on Friday, the last day of the session, and to fill our place on the program. It is a pity that our National meetings and some of our important State meetings run into conflict on the time of meetings. Such should be worked out. Our State meetings are as necessary as the National, and it takes both the State and National in co-operation to make the whole. When these are held on the same dates, some have to stay away from one or the other. Very few can arrange to attend both, however, we did this last session.

When I reached the Sunday School convention which was held at Middlesex with the Orphanage church, I found that much work had been done at this place. The beautiful, large, church has been completed on the out side and the interior ready for use, but not completed. There is need for much to be done on the interior. This can be done by larger gifts and more of them.

The Albemarle Cottage is about complete on the outside, and work on the interior is going nicely. This building will take care of forty boys when completed. Here we need more and larger gifts. North Carolinians, here is a place to "rise and shine." Will you do it?

I found that the dairy barn had been completed and it is a nice one, too. Brother Walter McD. Croom and his staff are doing a fine job in progressive activities. We learned that they had put up approximately 9,000 pounds of hog meat for the ensuing year, and that they had sold about \$900.00 dollars worth of hogs and had about 165 head on the pasture.

The boys and girls are all healthy and making good in their school work. They are planning to send out three classes on an itinerary of the

state this year. Well, we go forward here. Let us push the work everywhere as a whole. If we see something that we personally don't like, let us seek to better the condition by friendly and constructive criticism, instead of destructive. A lot of "wheat" can be destroyed by tearing out too many "tares" at once. A wise procedure is to pull together on the inside, and then the enemy cannot hurt much from the out-side.

We Got the "Flu"

While we were in Nashville, Tenn., we got some "flu" germs, or the germs got us and we fought these little fellows all the way home. However, we were able to drive the Ford. When we reached our Orphanage at Middlesex, where the Sunday School Convention was in session, we were almost ready to give up. But we made pictures as previously arranged by the past Superintendent, James A. Evans, and installed the officers, which was the last thing on the program before adjournment. Then we made our way to the home of Mrs. Griffin, where we were made special guest for two or three days. (This is Tuesday, April 24th, and we are still fighting the little "flu" germs) But God is giving us the victory. Praise the Name of the Lord, for His Healing Power. God will do it when we are willing to be used to the last drop of our vitality for His Glory.

Misunderstanding

As I travel from place to place I find a great deal of misunderstanding in regards to the ongoing of our program. Part of it is for a lack of careful investigation. Part of it is due to wilful ignorance. There are those in the East full of misunderstanding the west. And there are those in the West that are afflicted with the same disease.

Of course, there are exceptions, for there are those who understand, because that has been their aim for years to search and plan for the "Go Forward movement." Let us see who they are that are kept posted on the side of vision.

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GREAT LAKES YOUTH CAMP FOR 1951

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Date of the Camp—July 23-28, 1951

Age Limit, 7 and up

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUTH CAMP

THE PURPOSE—

To instruct young people in fundamental Bible doctrines and Christian principles. To give our people a vision of a greater Free Will Baptist Church tomorrow. To offer advanced methods of Free Will Baptist Young People's Work. To provide healthful recreation at low cost under Church influence, and at the same time develop genuine friendliness among the folk of our churches. To cultivate a greater appreciation of outdoor life and nature study. To encourage a greater loyalty to our churches. To glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

CAMP REGULATIONS—

Regular attendance at all classes and services. Preparation of class work and observation of rest hours. No one shall leave the camp without permission of the Camp Director. The use of tobacco is prohibited. The boys and girls will have separate periods for swimming. We must have complete cooperation.

COST AND WHO MAY ATTEND—

This camp is open to receive any boy or girl, seven years or older, irrespective of their church affiliation, and adults who are willing to comply with the rules and regulations, and pay the required fee. The total cost

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Administration Building



Cabins



Out Door Chapel



Lake and Beach

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Mill Lake, Waterloo Recreation Area
Chelsea, Michigan

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT
YOUTH CAMP

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this year will be \$10.00 for the week. Fill out Registration Blank and send it at once with \$2.00 registration fee to: Rev. Homer E. Willis, 1023 Longfellow Ave., Royal Oak, Michigan. The other \$8.00 will be payable upon leaving for camp July 23. The capacity of the camp is 112 campers, 30 staff members and helpers. First come, first served, so hurry with your application!

WHAT TO BRING—

Bible, notebook, pencils, sheets, pillow, tooth brush, paste, towels and soap, washcloths, a pleasant smile, a happy disposition, and your lunch for Monday, July 23rd. You may want to bring a camera, hiking shoes, one dollar spending money, bathing suit, bathrobe or wrap, (this is required if bathing suit is used). No slacks or shorts will be allowed in camp.

TRANSPORTATION—

The Hazel Park Church bus will be used for transportation along with private cars. All campers, unless otherwise informed, will meet at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Granet at Stephenson, Hazel Park, Monday morning, July 23, at 8:00. The group will return to the same location Saturday noon, July 28.

CURRICULUM AND RECREATION

The Junior groups will have an appropriate course in Bible study under the direction of Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan. "All about the Bible" will be the theme of the Bible teaching of all groups. The older groups will have a study in Personal Soul Winning and Handicraft under the direction of Rev. Raymond Riggs. Different types of outdoor recreation are to be enjoyed. Under the direction of Rev. H. C. Beasley, a systematic schedule including various games, hiking and swimming, will be followed each day. An hour each evening will be devoted to a planned program of fun and play. Vesper services will be held each evening before retiring. Devotions will be held in cabins by Counselors.

WHERE THE CAMP IS LOCATED

This camp is located within the 14,000 acre Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea, Michigan. The distance from Detroit is about sixty miles. Swimming is excellent and all other factors seem to be the best yet for a great camping season. All buildings on the camp grounds have electricity and are heated by fuel oil stoves.

CAMP COMMITTEE—

Dr. Homer E. Willis, Rev. W. T. Newsome, Mrs. Nathan Shaw

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT
THE CAMP

This camp is sponsored by the Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptists of Michigan and this is the third session. The Camp is a member of the Michigan Camping Association and the American Camping Association.

The camp committee of pastors, pastors' wives, and other selected men and women, will form the teaching staff and be counselors. Three good wholesome meals will be served each day. A candy store will be open for a short period each afternoon. Visitors are welcome at any time, and we urge every parent to visit the camp at least once while it is in session.

A special consideration will be given in price for any family with more than three members who would like to attend camp. Any questions about the camp which are not answered here will gladly be answered on inquiry.

Please send your application at once, with the \$2.00 Registration fee. If later you cannot attend, the money will be refunded, if you so desire.

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Great Lakes Youth Camp
July 23-28, 1951
Rev. H. E. Willis, Director

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Age --- Address -----
City ----- Phone -----
Church -----
Association -----
Signature of Parent -----

Pastor -----
Date -----

(Parent's signature is required and indicates that camper agrees to conform to all rules.) Mail your application at once. Remember first come, first served.

DAILY SCHEDULE FOR YOUTH
CAMP

Rising Bell—7:00
Setting up Exercises, 7:00-7:15
Dress and Clean Up, 7:15-7:45
Morning Watch, 7:45-8:00
Breakfast, 8:00-8:45
Chapel, 8:45-9:20
Class Period, 9:30-10:15
Recess, 10:15-10:45
Class Period, 10:45-11:30
Class Period, 11:30-12:15
Dinner, 12:15-1:00
Rest, 1:00-2:00
Study Period and Faculty Meeting
2:00-2:30
Recreation, 2:30-5:30
Prepare for Supper, 5:30-6:30
Supper, 6:30-7:15
Vespers, 7:15-8:00
Prepare for Social Hour, 8:00-8:15
Social Hour, 8:15-9:00
Free Period, 9:00-9:30
Prayer Groups, 9:30-9:45
Lights Out, Quiet, 10:00

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."—(1 John 1:9).

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N. C. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION A GREAT SUCCESS

Reports have come to us that the North Carolina Sunday School Convention, which convened last week at the Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C., was a great success.

The attendance was good, and the Orphanage personnel entertained the convention in a most splendid manner. Many of the visitors were glad to be present for the occasion, and to walk around and see the many improvements that have been made during the past months.

The convention program was well planned and carried out in a way that was pleasing to those who had assembled to show their interest in the progress of the State Sunday School work. The speeches were timely, the reports were good, and interest and progress seemed to be evidenced on every hand. Forward steps were made to advance the cause of the Sunday Schools of the State during the coming convention year. Sunday School superintendents and teachers were well represented in this meeting and showed by their presence that they are anxious to see the work go forward among all the Sunday Schools of the State.

The convention officials manifested a great concern for the state work, and urged by their interest a greater improvement during the coming year in all departments of the Sunday School work. With the various schools over the State co-operating in this great work, the next convention will be able to show a greater progress than was shown this year.

REPORT FROM THE BIBLE CONFERENCE

One attendant upon the conference said, "It was certainly a great success. Everyone present seemed to be happy and rejoiced in the Lord." Ministers, church leaders, Sunday School workers, and others from the various states were present for this annual meeting. The different messages that were brought during the conference were appropriate, thrilling, and deeply spiritual, thus causing those present to feel the nearness of the Spirit of God with them.

Several of the National Boards met during the week for consultation, planning of denominational work, and the like. It was a busy week for the most of those who had gone from their local churches and communities of the different states for this important occasion.

Some present for the conference reported that the Bible college is showing splendid progress in different ways. The building program, it was stated, is moving forward in a good manner, and it is expected that by the opening of the Fall Semester more room will be provided for a greater enrollment of students that the college has ever had in its brief history. President Johnson is hope-

ful of substantial growth all along in each phase of the work of the college. Certainly, the Annual Bible Conferences, which are held each year at the college, do much to stimulate interest on the part of the church people far and near in the educational program for our denomination. Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the importance of the college for our church people, as well as the Annual Bible Conferences which draw many church leaders each year to the college for Christian fellowship, religious messages, consideration of denominational needs, and spiritual enlightenment.

DIFFERENCES WILL VANISH—WHEN!

It is to be expected that in public life, political, educational, and religious leaders will differ on some problems, and the way they best can be solved. This is true with well experienced leadership, as well as it is with inexperienced public officials. In business men have found it so. In the religious field God's ministering servants have also found this to be true. Certainly in the political realm men of prestige and influence are well acquainted with this great question.

We, as Free Will Baptists, are finding it so in our denominational work, both Nationally and in the States where we have churches in operation for the cause of righteousness in the world. It is only natural for a great many of us to see things different from the way our brethren see them, because we have grown up with our own personal views. But, as time passes, and with the help of God, we can work together by sacrificing some of our own views, and by falling in line with the church program, in all of the important phases of the denominational work, for the purpose that God can use us to the best advantage for his righteous cause in the world. There should be no such idea as the group of the West, and the group of the East, and whose views oppose each other on matters of National importance of the work and the institutions of the denomination. The real worth of men and institutions of the church lies in the fact that they can and should work together for the good of the whole, thus being willing to put God's cause first, and personal differences second in the ministry of the Word.

KINGDOM OF GOD AND LOVE

The Kingdom of God is the Sovereignty of Love—since God is Love. That great proclamation brings comfort to all whose hearts are attuned to it; for if God is Love, then Love and Courage is the ultimate power of the universe, and every purpose or policy prompted by Love—by the desire to serve rather than to gain—will reach its fulfillment, whatever the sacrifices that may first be required of it, because it is allied with supreme power.—Archbishop Temple.

Dramatizing for the Glory of the Lord

By "Jerry" Ballard



Rev. L. E. Ballard as Simon Peter in "The Saddest Disciple"



RECEIVED a great deal of joy during the Easter season helping my mother, father and older brother, Beverly, put on the drama, "The Saddest Disciple." We put it on in churches throughout eastern North Carolina, at a different place each night for the most of two weeks. We carried our own stage effects, consisting of a big background painting, painted especially for this production, and an illuminated cross. The cross was the old black emblem of death during the first part of the program, but in the end it became in an instant the glowing emblem of life and victory.

Everywhere we went people seemed to appreciate the effort to make the Easter story live in pageant and monologue. The songs, mostly sung by my mother and Beverly, with assistance at times of guest

singers, were a very vital part of the program. All of the churches made offerings, a part of which went to some worthy cause, a part to the expense of our equipment and traveling, and a part to help make it possible for mother to go to the Bible Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. I was about to forget that \$10.00 of it went on a new suit of clothes for me, which I appreciate very much.

Our family is planning to present some other Bible dramas in the near future, after mother gets through her Daily Vacation Bible School work and singing for spring revivals. The next production we have in mind is called "The Prodigal Son," with my father as the father in the story and my big brother (not me!) as the prodigal son.

Where N. C. Sunday Schools Met



This is the Memorial Chapel at the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex, North Carolina, where the 1951 session of the N. C. State S. S. Convention met April 19, 20.

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT IT?"

Chester Shuler

The Word tells us (Gen. 1:25) that after God had created various creatures He "saw that it was good." When God looks upon the works of His people—those who profess to love and serve Him to-day—what does He see? Can He, does He, say "it is good"?

This is a serious question. It behooves each of us to ponder it carefully—perhaps we have not thought much about it before—and to act upon our decision.

Many years ago, nurses and a few Christian doctors assembled in a vacant ward in a great London hospital. They were all busy folks, but had withdrawn from their daily routine duties for a few minutes of worship and prayer and praise. On the medical staff of that hospital was a young doctor who was frankly skeptical of religion.

To-day this young doctor paused to listen to the services, perhaps more to scoff in silent contempt than for a serious purpose. But the speaker was unusual. His words caught the young physician's attention. He became interested, and lingered until the service closed. He was so touched. He was so touched by the Spirit-filled message that he gave his heart to Christ.

It was a new experience, and yet he felt that he must do something more than merely accept Christ as his Saviour. He believed that there was some place in the world where God wanted to use his skill as a surgeon to alleviate human suffering, and this testimony for the salvation of others.

God was deeply pleased with this young life. Truly, as He looked upon it, He "saw that it was good!" And so He led Dr. Wilfred Grenfell to the remote field in which He wanted him to work—the frozen wastes of Labrador, where the deep-sea fishermen dwelt.

Many years later, Dr. Grenfell had the opportunity to meet the man whose preaching and testimony in the London hospital had won him to

Celebrate Wedding Anniversary



This is a quite informal picture of Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, taken on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary, March 31, 1951. Mr. Ballard is editor of Youth's Banner and the Free Will Baptist League quarterlies. Mrs. Ballard writes the lessons for the "Little Folks' Quarterly," leads singing for revivals, and helps with Daily Vacation Bible Schools. This picture was snapped by their son, Gerald P. ("Jerry") as they stood on the exact spot where they were married twenty-five years ago, and at the hour of the anniversary of the wedding.

the Lord. As he shook hands with Dwight L. Moody and told him of his experience, Mr. Moody said:

"That's good—but what are you doing about it?"

"I have been trying to live the Christian life from the Bay of Biscay to Labrador," Dr. Grenfell replied earnestly.

Mr. Moody looked the other man in the eye, then smiled and said:

"That's good!"

Yes, God looks down into each life—yours and mine—to see if He can see that which "is good". Is He disappointed to-day?

That which we give in the Name of the Lord, the little deeds of kindness which we do for others to His glory, the seemingly small things we can bring about to brighten someone's "corner"—these are pleasing to Him, and receive His benediction.

It is highly important, then, that those who accept Christ and rejoice in the wondrous salvation which He has purchased for all, do something about it—something to help others.

WISDOM FROM ABOVE

H. A. Ironside

Years ago, when a young Salvation Army officer, I went home to Southern California for a brief furlough, where my folks had an olive ranch. I found an Irish preacher there, a poor man dying of tuberculosis. He was too sick for a change of climate to help him. He had asked to be allowed to live in a little tent away from the house and among the olive trees. There he had his bed and table and chair; and when able to sit up, he sat there pondering over the Word of God, and writing a few letters. When I came home, my mother said: "I want you to go out there and see James Fraser."

I went, and he greeted me very kindly, and said: "Well, young man, you are trying to win souls," and he went on to give me a word of encouragement. Then he said: "Sit down, and let me tell you a few things my Father has been saying to me." Oh,

the things he began to give me from the Word of God as I sat there for perhaps two hours! And then I said: "You must not talk anymore; you will be exhausted."

He said: "Take these things and pass them on to others."

I said: "But how can I learn these things for myself? Can you tell me of some books I can read that will explain all these things?"

"My dear young man," he said, "I learned these things on my knees on the mud floor of a little thatched cottage in the north of Ireland, with my open Bible on the chair before me. The One who wrote the Bible came day by day and explained them to me, and you can learn more in a few weeks on your knees, with God, over His Word, than you can in all the schools in a lifetime."

I was amazed, and I have thanked God all my life since for that little Irishman, James Fraser. All through the years I have cherished the lesson he taught me. If you want the wisdom that cometh from above, if you want knowledge that is real, study

your Bible for yourself, in dependence upon the Holy Spirit of God.—Christ Life.

HELP WANTED

Would you like to work with a Christian institution where progress is being made? Check the following positions and qualifications and if you qualify and are interested contact the superintendent immediately:

HOUSE MOTHER FOR BOYS—A woman with experience working with children. A person who loves children, is emotionally balanced, can discipline children as well as lead them into useful activity is most desirable. Immediate employment. Moderate salary, plus room and board. Time off, plus paid vacation periods. New cottage will be complete this summer.

CONCERT CLASS MANAGERS—Three ladies with experience in preparing and presenting programs to tour sections of North Carolina and present a program in the interest of the Home in our Churches. Teachers or former teachers who can play the piano and drive are most desirable. Employment begins about first week in June. Salary plus expenses while on tour.

Walter McD. Croom, Supt.
Middlesex Orphanage
Middlesex, N. C.

CRAGMONT

News and Views

The secret is out—two of our college students will be on hand to welcome you at Cragmont this year. Rev. and Mrs. N. D. Wiggs, Jr., will be manager and hostess, and Rev. C. H. Overman will be your State Sunday School Convention host. They are beginning to get their plans ready for a great season and will be looking forward to making your trip this summer one you will never forget.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant and his committee are busy making final arrangements for the ministers' conference the first week, June 4-9. The ministers look forward to this annual conference in order that they might relax for a few short days and worship to-

gether. Every church should see to it that their pastor attends this conference, they will return to their work with a new inspiration and a new zeal to win lost souls to Christ. Incidentally, a gift to help him with the expense would be welcome!

Watch this column from week to week for News 'n' Views from Cragmont, and in the meantime, don't put off making your plans to visit Cragmont this summer. Write me as soon as possible for reservation, and don't forget—Cragmont is calling . . .

Raymond T. Sasser
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WATCH THEREFORE

R. A. Thompson

In all the accounts of our Lord's great prophetic discourse (the so-called Olivet Discourse) the ever-recurring emphasis is on the necessity for watchfulness.

The three different versions (In Matthew, Mark and Luke) of these prophetic utterances are different enough to discourage the speculative theologian from arriving at positive conclusions with respect to the detailed outline of the course of human history. No one will claim that it is easy to understand every paragraph in these prophetic chapters of the Gospels. The many varying interpretations that are current among Bible scholars give ample evidence of the difficulty in fitting every item of the prophecy into a simple and clear-cut pattern.

There is no difficulty whatever with respect to the practical purpose of our Lord's predictions. In almost every paragraph of His message, as reported in the Gospel according to Mark, there is the warning to "Take heed!" "Take heed that no man leads you astray." (v. 5). "Take heed to yourselves . . ." (vs. 9). "But take heed; I have told you all things beforehand." (v. 23). "Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." (v. 33). "Watch therefore—for you do not know when the master of the house will come . . . lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Watch." (vv. 35-37). The same is true in connection with the parable of the ten virgins. Bible students have advanced every imaginable interpretation of this parable. Maybe there is some measure of truth in most of them, but any interpretation which nullifies the warning element in the parable

must be wrong, for our Lord concludes even this parable with the warning, "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

It is the very uncertainty as to the time of fulfillment which makes "this sure word of prophecy" a warning to both the world and to God's people. The conviction that some great event may occur at any moment is that which produces a spirit of watchfulness. One does not want to approach the greatest event in his life in a sleeping condition. He wants to be thoroughly prepared, so that it does not catch him unawares. Surely the most momentous experience that any Christian can possibly look forward to is that experience of being "caught up . . . in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." If the Christian really believes that this may take place at any moment, will not that conviction keep him awake and alert and busy for Him?

Has God purposely veiled the truth with respect to the time of Christ's coming so that no one, throughout the entire history of the Christian church, would have any excuse for indifference concerning the event? Surely the first century Christians believed that He might come in their generation! Surely we would not say that their expectation of His coming was due to their ignorance of the Scriptures nor to their faulty interpretation of the prophetic utterances of their Lord!

This attitude of the first century Christians has been the attitude of at least some Christians throughout the entire age of grace, up to the present moment, and though the event did not occur in their lifetime, they were better Christians because of their belief in the imminency of the return of their Lord.

Looking back over the past centuries, we may wonder how they kept "that blessed hope" burning so brightly in their hearts—

being so far away from the historical fulfillment of the prophecies. It was, of course, because these Christians "knew in part and prophesied in part" that they were led to believe in the nearness of the event. If they had had full knowledge of the course of events that had to take place before the coming of the Lord, they would very likely have allowed the hope to disappear from their horizon.

The warning note of prophecy is no less applicable to us. It would seem to be much more applicable, since we are nearer to the event than any previous generation of Christians. If Christians in past generations were kept alert by witnessing "signs of His coming," surely we have every possible incentive to stay awake spiritually, as we behold the fulfillment of prophecy before our very eyes. Even those who habitually refrain from dogmatic conclusions on prophetic subjects and who are slow to see any connection between historical events which are unfolding and the prophetic portions of the Bible cannot close their eyes to what is happening in Palestine today. That God is "working a work in our day" in the shuffle of the nations, and especially in the establishment of the State of Israel in Palestine, can hardly be doubted by any Bible-believing Christian.

It should be easier for Christians in 1950 to stay awake than for Christians in any previous time in the history of the Christian church.

"Take heed, watch and pray" should be the watchword of our lives as we draw nearer and nearer to the coming of the Lord.—Christian Digest

Executive Board of N. C. S. S. Convention-Institute Holds Meeting

Wilson, N. C., April 27—The Executive Board of the N. C. S. S. Convention-Institute met at the Wilson F. W. B. Church, Friday evening, April 27, 1951, to finish up items pertaining to the annual convention meeting, and set in motion plans for carrying out the program of activity endorsed by the convention. The new officers and directors were instructed in their duties by the president, R. T. Sasser, a motion was passed to lease three lots at Cragmont for the erection of cottages to house convention workers when on duty at the assembly ground; Revs. J. B. Narron and L. E. Ballard were appointed a committee to work out details for the program to be presented under the auspices of the convention or Wednesday evening during the N. C. State Convention of Churches; the director of literature for the convention was designated to work with the Cragmont authorities in setting up a book store at Cragmont for the Summer Assembly period; a motion was passed to hold another Executive Board meeting at the First F. W. B. Church, Kingston, at 3:00 p. m., Saturday, June 30th.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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Brief Time-Out During W. N. A. C. Executive Sessions

"Interest in missions is the strongest cementing force that humanity knows," Mrs. J. E. Frazier, executive secretary-treasurer of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, said to the executive committee in session at Nashville, Tennessee on April 17, 1951.

Department chairman present and presenting plans for the promotion of their departments of work in the eighteen states holding membership in the convention were: Mrs. Myron Hyatt, Centerview, Missouri, Enlistment and Promotion Chairman; Mrs. D. C. Dodd, Nashville, Tennessee, Study Course Chairman; Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Aylen, N. C., Program-Publicity Chairman; Mrs. Alice Childers, Lucasville, Ohio, Benevolence Chairman. Other members of the committee present were Mrs. Geo. McLain, Kernan, California, recording secretary and Mrs. Hubert Sloan, Detroit, Michigan, who presided over the sessions.

On Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 4 p. m. at the home of President and Mrs. L. J. Johnson, Mrs. Frazier and Mrs. Johnson entertained at an "All States Tea." Miss Laura Belle Barnard was the honored guest. Miss Barnard is soon returning to India after a year's furlough in the United States. Miss Barnard expressed her sincere thanks for every prayer and remembrance of her and the work of India. Women representing fourteen states were present to pledge their prayers and all other available support to Miss Barnard as she returns to India.

SHERRON ACRES CHURCH EXPERIENCED A MIGHTY REVIVAL

A few weeks ago God sent one of the greatest revivals to the Sherron Acres F. W. B. Church community experienced yet. The heart of the church was in the midst of a revival before the first sermon was preached, and that accounts for the blessings of the Lord coming upon us in such a wonderful way. The pastor, Rev. Fred Rivenbark, lead the church into some re-revival cottage prayer services, and also had three prayer groups in session each morning during the revival.

God said, "If my people which are called by My Name shall humble themselves and pray, and turn from their wicked ways, God would hear from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their land." That is exactly what God did for us. We saw scores of sinners saved, backsliders restored, and a

dia as a Free Will Baptist missionary. A gift of bed linens from the group present was presented to her by Mrs. L. E. Ballard. The states represented and their representatives attending the tea were as follows: Alabama, Mrs. J. B. Bloss; Arkansas, Mrs. Huey Gower; California, Mrs. George McLain; Georgia, Mrs. K. V. Shutes; Illinois, Mrs. Eunice Edwards; Michigan, Mrs. Hubert Sloan; Mississippi, Mrs. Luther Gibson; Missouri, Mrs. Myron Hyatt; North Carolina, Mrs. J. R. Davidson; Oklahoma, Mrs. John West; Ohio, Mrs. Alice Childers; South Carolina, Mrs. Paul Ketteman; Tennessee, Mrs. D. C. Dodd; Texas, Mrs. Robert Crawford.

Mrs. J. E. Frazier
Mrs. L. E. Ballard

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES OF NORTH CAROLINA

Please send the names of your auxiliary members who have died since our last State Convention. Give as much information about them as possible for our memorial service to be held at our next state convention, which convenes at Hull Road Church on Thursday, May 24. Send this information as soon as possible to:

Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser
207 W. Broad Street
Wilson, N. C.

goodly number of Christians dedicated their lives to Christ for definite Christian work. The evangelist was "Del" Fehsenfeld, of Kansas City, Kansas. Brother Fehsenfeld is God's man, controlled by the leadership of the Holy Spirit. His ministry is a teaching ministry, and is in the minds of all who heard him, that humility and a life of prayer is the secret of his power possessed ministry. May God help us to realize that the days of revivals are not over for those who believe in revivals.

Never underestimate the importance of prayer, for by it anything can be secured from God that is best for us and all concerned.

F. A. Rivenbark, Pastor
109 Spring Road,
Durham, North Carolina

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North Carolina Sunday School Convention Notes

(These notes by L. E. Ballard, by request)

The Annual Convention-Institute

Middlesex, N. C., April 20—Eighty-five Sunday Schools from all parts of North Carolina were represented at the 12th Annual North Carolina Sunday School Convention-Institute, which convened here April 19, 20, 1951. Among those attending were many of the ministers of the state, and more Sunday School superintendents than at any previous session. Present also were a large number of teachers and Sunday School officers.

The convention proper was preceded by a meeting of the Executive Board, composed of all the officers and directors of the organization. At this meeting things to be recommended to the convention were given final consideration and approval.

The speakers for the convention included Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, who delivered the convention sermon; Rev. J. B. Narron, who was the speaker for the Thursday evening youth rally; Revs. Rashie Kennedy, Bruce Barrow, R. N. Hinnant, L. E. Ballard and R. P. Harris, institute speakers; Walter Croom, Rev. W. A. Hansley, Rev. R. W. Allman, Rev. L. B. Manning, Mrs. J. C. Moye, Rev. James A. Evans, Rev. R. H. Jackson, David Wooten, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, and Rev. J. C. Griffin, who spoke during the convention in behalf of the various denominational enterprises and conducted devotions.

Perhaps the outstanding item of business was the launching of a state united Sunday School program, designed to promote thru the state S. S. convention full time field work, the extension of the Cragmont program, and other convention interests. This program calls upon all Sunday Schools of the state to dedicate 10% of all the regular S. S. offerings to the advancement of the united program, and send the same monthly to the state convention treasurer, Mr. Milton Wiggs, Smithfield, N. C.

In the election of officers, Raymond T. Sasser, Wilson, was re-elected president, and Mrs. Albert T. Coates, Smithfield, secretary, of the convention. A number of changes were made in the directors.

"So let the Savior be adored,
And not the poor despised;
Give to the hungry from your hoard,
But all, give all to Christ.

"Go, clothe the naked, lead the blind,
Give to the weary rest;
For sorrow's children comfort find,
And help for all distressed."—(Wm. Cutler).



THE NORTHERN KINGDOM

(Lesson for May 13)

LESSON: I Kings 12 to 2 Kings 17.
Amos 6:1-6.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

We have seen Israel united, exalted and prosperous, under King David, we are now to see it divided, corrupted, degraded, and heading for disaster and ruin. After the death of David his son Solomon went sadly astray. His wealth, magnificence and power became the envy of surrounding kings and they felt it wise to keep in his good favor. His prosperity and fame were his undoing, for he became proud, hard, self-willed, and lived only for self-aggrandizement (I Kings 10:14-29). To maintain his grandeur his people were heavily taxed and became little less than slaves. In their hearts there was a deep sense of injustice and a spirit of rebellion (12:6-15) but there was no hope of their grievances being redressed while Solomon reigned. In his prosperity the heart of Solomon was turned from God, it was dominated by lust, selfishness and pride.

One of the ways he disobeyed God was in marrying many strange women. He took wives from the nations that were adjacent to his own. God had specially commanded His people not to form marital alliances with them: "For surely they will turn your heart after their gods; Solomon clave unto these in love" (I Kings 11:1-25; Deut. 17:14-20).

Solomon's first sin was indifference to the Word of God and then direct disobedience to its plain teachings. In the Book of Deuteronomy there were written therein special laws to govern the life and actions of a king. The king was directed to write out a copy of the laws and keep them by him to study and obey. Sol-

omon failed in that and involved himself and his people in a multitude of evils. He thus stands as an outstanding warning against all who hold the teachings of the Word of God lightly.—Selected

1. Jeroboam had a great opportunity for accomplishing noble achievements in the interest of the people when he became king of Israel. The Lord's prophet, Ahijah, made him a great promise of an enduring dynasty if he would serve God aright (I Kgs. 11:38). He could have made a wonderful success, with the favor of God, the support of Ahijah, and the good wishes of the people.

2. Here we have the holy record declaring that Omri, (the sixth king of Israel,) "did worse than all that were before him." He was more sinful, more disobedient, and more a type of the cruel Babylonian kings than any who had preceded him to the throne of Israel. He excelled the five preceding kings in cruelty and sinful acts before his people, for he was so sinful that he "made Israel to sin." (vss. 25, 26).—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

3. This verse is not added to the Scripture text as a part of the actual activities of the reign of Omri, but as an introduction to the sequence of a reign of wickedness and unholy practices. Ahab was the son of Omri, and he married Jezebel, a woman more wicked than himself. They were more wicked than any of the rulers of Israel before them, and their reign marks one of the blackest spots of terror and vicious ungodliness in the entire history of Israel.—(vs. 30).—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

4. The last section of our lesson gives us a picture of luxurious living during the long and prosperous reign of Jeroboam II, about forty years before the final overthrow of the northern kingdom. Danger seemed far away because the menace of Syria had been taken care of by the Assyrians, permitting Jeroboam II to enlarge his borders. But it would not be very long until the inroads of the Assyrians would extend even to North Israel, and then there would be rapid decline in Israel's power, followed by complete overthrow. But

in the days of Amos, Israel's leaders and upper classes were drinking to excess and living careless, luxurious lives. It was the kind of self-indulgence and forgetfulness of God which produces moral corruption and decay in any nation where it abounds. Amos predicted captivity as the sequel of such living (vs. 7), and God has so arranged his moral universe that penalties still follow drunkenness and indolence and vice.—Arnold's Commentary.

5. The Northern Kingdom would not have lasted as long as it did, had it not been for the mighty preachers which God sent from time to time. Elijah did a mighty work in the days of Ahab. He was followed by Elisha, a real man of God.

One hundred years later Amos came and called attention to the crookedness in high places and the injustice which prevailed everywhere.

6. "Alcoholism is destroying our nation" wrote the French editor Payot back in 1925; the official verdict of the French government in connection with the first World War was, "Alcoholism was the chief cause of the French army's collapse"; and in the second World War the same thing happened: "Our soldiers were drunk and could not fight." A considerable part of the French army was unfit for duty because of venereal diseases.

7. America had a chance to choose sobriety when the Eighteenth amendment was adopted, but it chose drunkenness. The results are evident. Also our government chose back in the 1930's to recognize the God-hating, Communist government of Russia, and has our country suffered? It was doubtless a gala occasion when Ahab and Jezebel were married, but it was actually a dark day for the Northern Kingdom.

"Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, for "now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" (Rom. 13:14, 11).

Hearing, I believed,
Trusting, I received—
Turning from my sin,
Jesus entered in,

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NOTES AND QUOTES

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Two Mediums to Find Out

First we have two publishing houses that publish two periodicals—The Gem published at Monett, Mo., which is a monthly magazine well worth the price. Why don't every Free Will Baptist home have this monthly paper to go to their mail box regularly? Some refuse because they are so far away, that they know nothing of the transaction in the various states around the state of Missouri, and therefore they are not interested. So many of us like to see the name of some one we like and are acquainted with in the article that we read. We should not be interested so much in the person but in the message. If we like the message, naturally we grow to like the person. If we disagree with the message, which is our privilege, we get right down on the person, and some try to destroy his influence, when they do not like what he says or does. Every person in the past that wants to learn of the west should subscribe to the Gem.

Then there is the Free Will Baptist published at Ayden. Like it is in the East, we seldom find a copy of the Baptist in the West, nor a copy of the Gem in the East.

Brethren, these things ought not to be. Both periodicals have a very important place in our National program. Every Free Will Baptist home should have both these papers. Why? First, because they keep us posted about the doings of our denomination.

Second, because they are published by Free Will Baptist institutions. The Gem is owned and published by the State of Missouri Free Will Baptist people. The Baptist is published by Free Will Baptists who thought enough of the denomination and the cause of Christ back years ago, when we had been fleeced by the North and sold out, to make sacrifices in order to have something as a mouth piece for the denomination, therefore Conferences, Union meetings, and individual churches took out of the scanty offerings and formulated a work to serve Free Will Baptists everywhere. Along with these associations and

conferences and churches, when the bounty was so very scarce, some individuals would place out of their earnings a donation for which they could receive a certificate stating how much they had placed in the institution, with the only reward to have for this offering, the privilege of representing in the meetings by having a voice according to the gift in the operation. Also, along with those making sacrifices in North Carolina was the Cumberland Association of Tenn., and I understand one conference of South Carolina. This was not done to make money, for no one received any dividend as it is a non-profit sharing institution, with all surplus to be used for the cause of Christ whenever and wherever the Holy Spirit directs. These two institutions should be supported and utilized by the denomination for the glory of God. If they were supported, as Free Will Baptists should do, they can become the greatest means of cementing and bringing about the oneness that should exist in our ranks.

Are They Perfect?

Do we have a perfect Mission Board? "No." Shall we destroy our Mission Boards because they make mistakes? Is our Bible College perfect? I say "No." But it is ours, and is just what we have made it. Are those whom we have as leaders perfect? "No." But we as Christians are duty bound to support and work out of them all the defects possible. Let us work for better understanding, and refrain from throwing stones until we all pass, to that degree of "perfection" that we want others to have.

SOUTH SIDE CHURCH HOLDS REVIVAL

A revival was held in the South Side Free Will Baptist Church from April 7th through the 14th. Rev. H. E. Reid of Denton, Texas, held this revival.

We had two people for baptism, and two came into the church by statement.

Rev. Herbert Richards is the pastor of our church. We have a good league service every Tuesday night.

Mrs. Jimmie Warren

HOW ONE CAME TO CHRIST

Pearl Hatcher had been manifestly moved by the Palm Sunday night sermon on the substitutionary Atonement of Christ. Afterward the minister asked her if she had not perhaps been considering the great question of personal salvation. "Yes, I've been thinking about it," she said. "Will you receive the Saviour as your Saviour now?" the preacher asked. "Yes, I will." "Then, Pearl, follow me in praying this prayer and mean it with all your heart: 'God, be merciful unto me a sinner, and save me now from all my sins, forgiving me for them for the sake of Thy Son Jesus our Lord who died on the Cross for me.'" The young woman earnestly offered up the prayer.

The preacher then said, "In Romans 10:13 it is written, 'For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved.' Do you believe God's promise is true?" "Yes," came the reply. "Did you call on the Name of the Lord just now really meaning it?" "Yes, I did." "Then what does God's Word say is the result of your calling on Him?" "I'm saved." "And so you are, Pearl. For it was God who put it into your heart to seek salvation and to pray as you did. The promise He prompted you to claim stands sure. You believed it and sincerely complied with its condition and Christ has saved you. God bless you and fill your heart with the joy of eternal salvation."

Multiplied thousands have come to Christ by just these same simple steps Pearl Hatcher took. If you are not saved, may God's Spirit open your heart to the truth and cause you to call upon the Name of the Lord for salvation from sin.—The Home Evangel.

CALLING A MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Place: Wilson Free Will Baptist Church
Date: May 7, at ten o'clock A. M.

As chairman-treasurer of the North Carolina State Board of Christian Education, I am calling a meeting of the Board to convene on May 7, at ten o'clock, in the Wilson Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina.

The purpose of this meeting is to work out plans for the June Financial drive in North Carolina for our Christian Education Program.

We are, therefore, requesting the Board members and our ministers of the State to be present for this meeting. This is an important matter, and we want to lay plans by which our June drive will be a great success.

Rev. D. W. Hansley, Chm.-Treas.

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SOUTH CAROLINA F. W. B. CHILDREN'S HOME

We are pleased to have this opportunity to make a report of our work at the children's home in S. C. Sorry we have not been able to get this in our paper earlier. We were waiting to finish the new dining hall and cook room, also to complete some more bed rooms.

When we get this addition to the home, we will be prepared to care for 75 children or more. We now have 25 happy boys and girls.

The Lord has made it possible through the wonderful cooperation of our ministers and people of South Carolina to operate this far on a cash basis. We are made to believe that our people are prompted by the Holy Spirit, and glad to have this godly channel through which they can utilize their prayers and means.

Your support is appreciated, and may the Lord bless you in His Service.

Julius B. Vause, Supt.

F. W. B. CHILDREN'S HOME OPERATIONS FIRST QUARTER, 1951 TURBEVILLE, S. C.

RECEIPTS

Oak Grove Church, Conway	\$13.50
Whitney Church	20.00
Central Association	19.02
Liberty Church	120.00
W. M. U. Sou. Me. Church, Turbeville	5.00
Horse Branch Church	94.45
Horse Branch Sunday School	5.00
Horse Branch Ladies Auxiliary	133.56
Una Church	25.50
Black River Church	20.00
Williams Hill Church	34.11
Bay Branch Church	21.45
Darlington Church	25.00
Tabernacle Church	147.50
F. W. B. Singing Convention:	
New Prospect Church	89.00
Saint John Church, Lake City	68.14
Gethsemane Church	104.20
Mrs. Lizzie McDougal	60.00
Mrs. Lottie Ivey	40.00
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Total \$1,187.43

Commodities and Supplies Donated

Horse Branch Ladies Auxiliary	\$431.52
Bethany Ladies Auxiliary	272.60
Salem Church	30.00
New Town Church	90.00
Liberty Church	32.45
Bill Webster	25.50

W. Lee Flowers Co.	15.00
Dept. of Agriculture	6.50
Mrs. Mary Jane Turbeville	11.00
Mrs. Elsie Tomlinson	40.00

Total Commodities \$957.57

Total Cash and Commodities \$2,142.00

EXPENSES PAID

Groceries	\$74.04
Clothing	40.76
Lights and fuel	157.82
Gas and oil for car	62.90
Truch repairs	5.50
Drugs	11.15
Dry cleaning	3.45
Shoe repairing	3.35
Curing meat	20.29
School supplies	16.88
Music	12.00
General repairs	2.75
Kitchen Supplies	17.03
Office supplies	2.68
Feed	93.45
Miscellaneous house expense	13.01
Kitchen labor	20.00
Garden Seed and Plants	12.50
Farm Labor	78.20
Miscellaneous farm expense and tools	32.35
Farm seed	24.65
Fertilizer for farm	357.35
Supt. and Matron's salaries	600.00

Total Expenses	\$1,662.11
Fertilizer distributor	20.93
Pecan trees purchased	55.26
One calf	25.00

Total 101.19

Grand Total \$1,763.30

Note: The cash receipts for the first three months were \$575.87 less than the cost of operations. The figures do not show the cost of the building now nearing completion.

During the above quarter we had twenty children and three employees. Beginning April 1st we have twenty-three children and four employees.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Vause, Supt.

THE JUMPING CACTUS

Growing in the desert of the Southwest is a cactus whose name is cholla, which appears to jump at anyone who barely touches any of its spines. It does not really jump as you and I jump. But when one of the spines is touched, the whole section of the cactus upon which the one spine is growing breaks loose so suddenly from the other part of the cactus that it appears to be "jumping." Once the chol-

la cactus has "jumped" on you only a metal object will free you. Then of course there is the painful operation of removing the spines.

"How close, I wonder, can I get to sin?" If you get too close to sin it will jump at you as the cholla cactus does. God does not intend for His children to live as close to sin as they can without sinning. God wants every Christian to live as far away from it as possible. To those who do dwell near the border line of sin this much can be said, sooner or later sin will jump out on you and make you its captive. And once in its clutches the operation of getting the victory over sin may be painful and cost you much prayer and tears. It is much harder to break a bad habit than to start it.—M. K. M., in High-School Christian.

THE CENTRAL CAROLINA SINGING CONVENTION, DURHAM, N. C., MAY 6

The central Carolina singing convention which now includes 16 Piedmont counties will be held here the first Sunday in May, at the Durham City Armory, starting at 1:30 P. M. At least 15 groups are to take part in the sing with a crowd of 3,000 in attendance. This is strictly a religious service singing praises to our Lord. Mayor Dan K. Edwards of Durham will deliver the welcome address and the response will be by James Morgan of Raleigh.

A feature of the program will be the appearance of the Evening Star and Blue Ridge Quartetts from Lumberton and the Friendly Four Quartett of Durham, winners of the recent State singing convention. Other groups to participate in the event include the Sullivan sisters, Smithfield, Nunnery sisters, Steadman, Melody Four, Durham, Ambassadors, Burlington, Morgan Trio, Raleigh, Union Four, Zebulon, Smile awhile, all girls quartett from Hillsboro, and many more.

Alton Stephenson of Durham, President of the convention, will be master of ceremonies, and will be assisted by Robert Lewis, Treasurer, and Joseph M. Stancil, Vice-President, and Publicity Director, all of Durham.

Joe Stancil

Reputation is in itself only a farthing candle, of wavering and uncertain flame, and easily blown out; but it is the light by which the world looks for and finds merit.
—Lowell

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

MRS. EMILY ROZIER BLANTON

August 20, 1950, marked the passing into her heavenly reward, my mother, Mrs. Emily Rozier Blanton, widow of the late Rev. John A. Blanton of Surrency, Georgia. They were both well known all over Georgia and Florida. Father served as pastor of churches in both states, and wherever he went, Mother went, too, in later years. He was moderator of South Georgia F. W. B. Association for several years before his death in 1933.

Mother suffered a stroke on her 86th birthday, and four days later she died. Four daughters, five sons, and one brother survive her. She was the last charter member of Satilla F. W. B. Church near Hazelhurst, Georgia.

She asked me to write her obituary notice before she died, so she could read it, and kept insisting on it, so after her 84th birthday, I wrote it and had published in the Baptist paper in August, 1948, a piece entitled, "My Mother." She was very pleased with it, so those who remember reading that know how much we loved Mother and felt toward her. To those who did not read it, I will say this: She was the dearest and sweetest Mother a child ever had. She taught and practiced living a devout Christian life, and was everything that the word, "Mother" implies and more.

We loved her, yes, we loved her,
But Jesus loved her more;
And He has sweetly called her
To yonder shining shore.

Written by her daughter, Mrs. Mamie Blanton Page, Route 1, Box 555, Winter Haven, Fla.

A BELOVED MOTHER PASSES

It was on November 19, 1950, when our dear mother, Celia Lane Mallison, was called home to be with the Lord. Her stay on the earth was 73 years, 19 days.

At the age of 19 years, she was married to Henry H. Mallison, who departed this life 24 years ago. To this union 3 children were born, one passing on in early years.

She united with Rock of Zion F. W. B. Church, Grantsboro, N. C., at the age of 14, but later her membership was transferred to Dublin Grove F. W. B. Church, Royal, N. C. She was a faithful and active member as long as health permitted.

We miss mother so very much, and our hearts were made sad at her passing, but we feel that our loss is her eternal gain,

and we bow in humble submission to God who doeth all things well.

Mother was only seriously ill 12 days. All was done for her that a doctor, nurse, daughter, son, friends and neighbors could do. But God knew best.

The funeral services were conducted at Rock of Zion Church by her pastor, Rev. W. H. Willis of Kinston, N. C. She was laid to rest beneath a beautiful mound of flowers in the family cemetery near the church.

May the Lord bless us all.

Beatrice Mallison Aldrich,
Elmo L. Mallison

MRS. MARY LOU MANNING

On March 17, 1951, the Lord saw fit to call from our midst Mrs. Mary Lou Manning to her heavenly reward. She was a member of Mount Zion Church, Nash Co. She was faithful to her church and to the Ladies auxiliary. She was a good neighbor and loved by all that knew her.

The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. R. N. Hinnant, and interment was made in the church cemetery beneath a mound of beautiful flowers.

Surviving are her husband, Percy Manning, one daughter, Ruth Hendricks of Nashville, two sons, Elza and Shelton, and one grand-son of the Home.

To the family we express our deepest sympathy; and to the Lord we are grateful for the devoted life she lived.

Committee:

Mrs. Tom Matthews,
Mrs. Conliness Hendricks,
Mrs. Monroe Manning

THE PROMISE—ACTS 2:39

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3:5, Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Verse 6 says, "That which is born of flesh is flesh; and that which is born of Spirit is spirit." The spiritual birth was something new to Nicodemus, therefore Jesus said to him in verse 7, "Marvel not, I said ye must be born again." This means that Nicodemus needed the spiritual birth, for he had already been born of the flesh when he came into this world. This spiritual birth was not water baptism. Then Jesus said, in verse 8, "So is every one that is born of the Spirit." We can plainly see that Jesus was talking about a spiritual birth, or spiritual baptism, and spiritual baptism brings about the spiritual birth.

In Galatians we read, 3:26, 27, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." In First Corinthians 12:13, we read: "For by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body." See also Colossians 2:9-11, "For in him dwell all the fulness of the God head bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power."

"Every year I live increases my conviction that the use of intoxicating drinks is a greater destroying force to life and virtue than all other physical evils combined."
—Henry Ward Beecher.

I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, that of an "Honest Man."—George Washington.

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WING LEE'S ADVENTURE



OR we are labourers together with God," Wing Lee repeated the Bible verse softly to himself as he trudged home from the Chinese mission school. "Labourers * * with God." What could it mean? His teachers had taught him other verses and always his heart had understood—not so this time. Perhaps he had not been a Christian long enough.

It was growing dark and Wing Lee quickened his steps—there were chores to be done before the rise of the moon to-night. Voices came from the court-yard of wealthy Liu's beautiful home, "I go this night to the temple of Heaven to worship." Merchant Liu was speaking to his wife.

Wing Lee heard no more, but it was enough to remind him of the spiritual darkness which yet blinded his beloved people. His heart went out in pity for them. "Oh, dear God, please show them," he whispered as he walked. "We-are-labourers-together-with-God," still sang the words.

The chores were almost finished when Wing Lee was seized with an inspiration. A daring idea it was, for a small lad. In excitement he ran to the house.

"Yes, yes, Son, we know that many people will worship in the Temple of Heaven this night—but why should you want to go—the temple is far from the city," cried his fond parents.

"But I promise, it will not give grief to your hearts, dear ones." And so it was that at last he secured permission to go alone through the moonlit night to the great temple where wealthy ones went to plead to Heaven for their sins. One treasure Wing Lee selected to carry with him on this adventure—his beautiful Bible, presented him in the mission Sunday School.

Of the temple itself Wing was not curious. Only last year he had been through on visitor's day, and well did he remember its locked gates and spacious hall.

Now, unnoticed he slipped past the outer gates into the great hall. There sat merchant Liu, sipping tea in meditation before going to worship. Minutes passed. At last the merchant arose and approached another gate. Wing Lee stepped closer, the better to see. Merchant Liu slowly mounted a large, high marble platform inclosed with marble balusters. Above head was the clear night sky (for indeed, there must be nothing between the worshiper and Heaven). The merchant prostrated himself before six marble stands: two for fruit and flowers, two for candles and two for incense. Never a word of prayer did he utter.

Wing Lee shivered in the cold night air. A slight breeze rocked three large lanterns

suspended high above the merchant's head. Would the ceremonies never end? At last, from down the hall came the shuffle—shuffle of feet. Quickly the merchant was helped into his carriage. Now was the time for Wing Lee's daring venture! His heart-beat quickened—did he have the courage?

With the swiftness of a hummingbird the lad darted toward the coach which bore the merchant. Reaching his hand inside he dropped his precious Bible right into the lap of the astonished Liu. Then turning, Wing Lee ran as fast as his feet could carry him back to the city and home.

It was one week later that the missionary arose to face her class of bright-faced students. "A wonderful thing has happened," she said, "last night a messenger arrived with glad tidings. The wealthy silk merchant, Liu and his wife want to know about Jesus! We are to call on them this day to tell them about the blessed Lord Jesus."

"We are labourers together with God," the words came again to Wing Lee's heart. But this time they were words that even a small lad could understand.—Baptist Standard.

ALL ALONE!

Loy Everette Ballard

All alone with Christ, my Saviour;
Friends and foes alike are gone:
Not one face within the circle
But His own to look upon.

All alone with Christ, my Saviour;
Even fondest memories gone;
Cares of earth forbidden trespass—
Jesus meets me all alone.

All alone, but oh, the joy!
As I claim Him for my own:
And somehow all self is banished,
And I'm lost in Him alone.

—Gleanings

INDIAN DOGS AND HORSES

Mont Hurst

The North American Indian had dogs before the coming of the white man but they did not have horses. No one knows where the dogs came from, but the horses came with the early explorers from Spain. Some escaped from the expeditions and roamed the wilderness and were captured by Indi-

ans who tamed and learned to ride them. After this, the Indians took to raiding the exploring parties regularly to get their horses. Many horses escaped on up to this present generation and became what we now know as the wild horses of the West. There are still several herds of these fine wild horses which are descended from those that escaped from the early Spanish, Mexican, French and American expeditions. Cortez was the Spanish explorer who was first to bring horses over to this country.

HAVE YOU BELIEVED!

Author Fleetwood

Recently I was traveling by train to a meeting place some few miles away on a Saturday afternoon. The railway compartment was quite full of persons of all kinds talking to one another, but one among them was apparently uneasy as to the destination of the train. After going some distance, a question was put to first one and then another by the gentleman referred to; it was this: "Can you tell me if I am right for S—?" The answer in each case was, "I don't know, I have never heard of the place"; then came my turn to answer. I said definitely, "You are on the wrong line—the down line—you need the up line on the other side."

Immediately we were at a station our friend hurried out of the train without a moment's delay, not disputing the matter; he believed he was on the wrong line and was anxious to get right. There and then it came to me how blessedly simple is the way of salvation. It is just presented to us sinners to believe it, like the Apostle Paul's telling answer to the jailer's inquiry, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." In the Book of Job (chap. 33:24) we read, "Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a Ransom." Yes, Jesus, God's beloved Son, in amazing love, has taken my place and suffered in my stead on Calvary's Cross. How worthy He is of all our hearts. Can each boy and girl who reads this say the same? or can you only go as far as the line of the hymn "Almost persuaded," now to believe, "Almost persuaded" Christ to receive?"

Time is short and precious.
"Behold, now is the accepted time: behold, now is the day of salvation."

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MOTHER'S DAY ISSUE

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ties are always lovely; and its refreshing and wonderful glories of beauty are ever admired by the holy angels and the rejoicing saints throughout all eternity.

Mother is ever to be loved for her purity; honored for her patience; and ever adored for her forgiveness and longsuffering. She is the joy of the home, the balm of aching hearts, and the light of troubled souls. Give her what is due her, and God will give you what He wants you to have.

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If Columbus had turned back after sixty five days of sailing on the uncharted sea; no one would have blamed him, but no one would have remembered him. Even if you have a good excuse for giving up, remember that all the rewards go to those who stick till they get what they are after—Church Bulletin.

M O T H E R

(This article is compiled by Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Missouri. I do not claim any originality to the material, but trust these precious thoughts will prove to be a blessing to all who read them.)

Among the treasured pictures
That I've hung on memory's wall,
There's one that's clearer than the rest
And sweeter far than all:
'Tis a picture of my mother
When I, a little chap,
Was folded in her loving arms,
To slumber on her lap;
I felt her hands caress my head,
I heard her softly say:
"Dear Jesus, take this little life
And use it every day."

There must have been a mighty weight
Behind that simple prayer,
For through the seasons, year on year,
The picture lingers there,
And whether I'm on hill or plain
Or on the deep blue sea,
The memory of that sacred scene
Forever comforts me:
Among the treasured pictures
That I've hung on memory's wall,
My mother's supplication
Is the sweetest one of all.

Someone has said that God couldn't
be everywhere at the same time so
He has given us mothers. Of course,
we know that God is everywhere; He
is omnipresent, but this is a beautiful
tribute to motherhood.

The word "Mother" is one of the
most beautiful words in our language.
It is one of the first words that we
earn to say. There is power in the
word.

No painter's brush or poet's pen,
In justice to her fame,
Has ever reached half high enough
To write my mother's name.

Make ink of tears and golden gems
And sunbeams mined together,
With holy hand and golden pen,
Go write the name of Mother.

In every humble tenant house,
In every cottage home,
In marble courts and gilded halls
And on every palace dome:

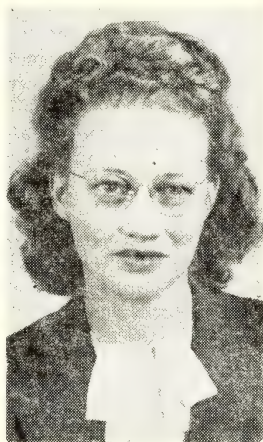
On mountains high, in valleys low,
In every land and clime,
On every throbbing human heart,
That blessed name enshrine.

Take childhood's light and manhood's age,

Celestial canvas given,
In beauty trace her name and face
And go hang it up in heaven.

Thrice upward to the Heavenly Home,
And midst music soft and sweet,
Thank Jesus for your Mother's name,
And write it at His feet.

Thank God for what consecrated
Christian Mothers have meant to the
world. The most influential person
on earth is a mother. After a young
man accepted Christ and joined the
church, his pastor asked him what
part of his message made him want
to become a Christian. The young
man answered, "Nothing that you
said, but the way my mother lived in
our home." It wasn't preaching but
practicing that won him.



Mrs. Marie Hyatt

In the thirty-first chapter of Proverbs we find a perfect example of beautiful, noble womanhood. I like to think of Mothers as God's crown of creation, possessing twelve beautiful jewels. We notice that she is virtuous, trustworthy, energetic, physically fit, economical, unselfish, prepared, honorable, prudent, lovable, God-fearing and rewarded.

Real mothers are workers—not shirkers! She is never lazy. Her heart, head, hands, feet—in fact, her entire being is dedicated to the wel-

fare of her household. Her Christianity is practical and is expressed in sacrificial service. You will never find her wasting her time at a bridge club because she always has worthwhile things to do. Mother enjoys her work and, in spite of seeming monotony, performs it with a cheery smile.

There is no earthly love like the comforting love of Mother. I once heard the story of an angel who left heaven and came to this earth in search of the three most beautiful things that could be found. The angel started back to heaven with a beautiful flower, the smile of a little girl and a mother's love. The flower and smile soon faded and had to be cast aside. The angel swept through the pearly gates of heaven, shouting that the mother's love was the only thing found on earth that would retain its beauty from earth to heaven.

I thank God for the power, influence and beauty of a Christian Mother's love. Jesus only has a love greater than a mother's love.

O mother, sweet mother,
There cannot be another
Whose love is as true
And as constant as thine.

In pleasure or trouble
Your love seems to double
God bless you, dear mother,
Sweet mother of mine.

Your love 'tis a mother's
And is different from others,
It seems like a love
That is truly divine.

Your hugs and carressing
Bring down divine blessing.
God bless you, dear mother,
Sweet mother of mine.

LIQUOR

"Nine-tenths of our poverty, squalor, vice, and crime spring from this poisonous taproot. Society, by its habits, customs and laws, has greased the slope down which these poor creatures slide to perdition."—General Booth



GOD--HONORING MOTHERHOOD



One of the most touching Bible pictures is depicted in the Old Testament. A mother comes to the Temple leading her son—the son which had been asked and given of God; and the son who had been promised to God forever to serve Him in His house. The little fellow was attractive and bright-eyed and like any little lad, he clings to his mother's skirts as though fearful of suddenly being snatched away. Together they go into the temple and some moments pass before they emerge from the foyer and make their way toward the quarters of the High Priest. The little boy walks proudly beside his mother now, for she has put a little ephod on him and has reassured him that Eli, the venerable high priest, will be very proud of him. The next hour sees Hannah leaving the Temple unaccompanied, for she had left her son with God's man to be used as God's servant.

There are some beautiful lessons to be gleaned from Hannah's experience. Note first that she dedicated her child to God. Many of us fail in this instance. We love our children so well that we want them for ourselves and we seldom let the thought of dedicating them to God enter our mind. It is a lovely scene when a mother and father come with their child and present it to God. Perhaps if more of this had been done we would not have been forced to give them for slaughter in a horrible war.

The mother, Hannah, prepared her son to serve God. Her fingers flew as she sewed his ephod and prepared his clothing for the Temple. The hours were filled with silent prayer and secret longings that her boy would make a mark as a servant of Jehovah. She read from the scrolls to him and taught him as best she could all that pertained to his life as a child of God. She was an ideal mother in this respect. What precious memories Samuel must have carried of this early training at the hands of his mother.

After she had taken him to the

Mrs. Damon Dodd
Nashville, Tenn.

Temple she presented him personally, then continued to go each year to see about him and to carry gifts to him. A real mother will stand by her child and remember him constantly. When Jesus was dying on the cross, His mother stood near. The mother of John the Baptist was concerned that he fill his rightful place. Timothy's mother trained him in the Scriptures. Rudyard Kipling wrote—

"If I were hanged on the highest hill,
mother O' mine,
I know your love would follow me still,
mother O' mine.

Mother's love presents the most perfect picture of God's love this side of heaven. Legend has it that God sent an angel to earth to find the loveliest thing on the earth. After a brief search the Angel, early one morning, saw a shimmering dew-drop on a rose petal catch the first rays of the rising sun. It seemed that every color of the rainbow sprang out of the dew-drop and started toward heaven. But before he had gone very far the petal wilted and the dew drop dried up, leaving nothing of the original beauty. The search was continued and presently the angel came upon a little child who was running and playing with a smile on its face. He snatched up the child and started heavenward, but alas, the smile faded away and the laughter turned to crying. Returning the child to his play, the angel went on with the search until he came to a home where a child lay dying of a dreadful fever. The poor mother had been warned to stay well away from the dying child, for one contact might prove fatal to her. As the angel watched, the dying child opened its eyes and called "mother." No longer able to restrain herself, the mother ran to the bed and gathered the babe in her arms and sat with the child clasped closely to her bosom until death had claimed it. This was it. The angel went

his way heavenward and told the story of a mother's love for her o And all heaven agreed that it the most beautiful thing that e contained.

"If it were in my power, I wo gather together all the laurel wrea all the victor's palms, all the glit ing crowns, and place them upon head of mother—the uncrow Queen of the Ages."

CREATON

God from his lofty home looked down And searching, he found the place. On his brow was a thoughtful frown As he gazed at the empty space.

Then with his hands he began his work And soon these things were made, Sun, moon, and stars, light and dark, Foundations of a world he laid.

Through his Godly steps and loving har The bounty of the earth increased. With wisdom in his eyes and heart He made each plant and prowling bea

Though was all good, he was lonely So he added to the perfect plan, And there in the rivers softened clay God knelt and made a man.

He took this bit of lowly clay As soon as he was done And gave to it the spirit soul, And proudly said, "my son."

But just as children always do, There's some who go astray Some who'd rather walk alone Then go the righteous way.

Yet, God like other fathers When the wildness has all flown, Will place his arm around us so We need not walk alone.

Myrtice Taylor
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Arapahoe, N.

"I verily believe that if strong could be wiped out of the earth today, manity would wake in the morning more than half its sins and sorrows g —Hall Caine

The final outcomes of our human c will depend on where we find and fi highest values.

A MOTHER IN ISRAEL

Mrs. Alice Childers,
Lucasville, Ohio

there any other title which could
g greater joy to any woman's
t than this?

do praise God that I had a mother
could be so called! The great,
tage of faith in God that she in-
ed in the hearts of her children,
well as all others with whom she
e in contact, has meant more than
er and gold or houses and lands
could have meant to us. She
ht us to depend on God for every-
g we needed and many times I've
d her pray, not for God to sup-
food for her children, but that
would open up a way that she
ht earn enough to buy a sack of
r that we might have bread. Now
I am left a widow too, I truly
say "Thank God" for the faith
has taught me to have in the One
owns the cattle on a thousand
. There are other Mother's in
el whom we should honor on this
her's Day, too. Those who were
Sunday School teachers and
ng People's leaders, who taught
he way of salvation.

e women of the W. N. A. C. have
of the greatest privileges ever
n to womankind right today if

we would only take advantage of it.
The scripture tells us to teach the
younger women to be sober, devout
Christians, always abounding in the
love of God. We read about Mothers
in the Bible and how great was their
love for their children. One loved
her child so much she was willing
that the other woman have it rather
than have it divided between them,
thus proving to the judge she was the
real mother.

We have often heard it said that
Mother's Love is next to God's Love.
But I want to tell you, to be a true
Mother in Israel we need both. When
we are filled with the love of God, we
mothers will pray for and yearn over
the lost in our community just the
same way we do over our own way-
ward children. And to see one fall
by the wayside hurts us just as deep-
ly and causes the same heartaches as
our own.

I would like to ask all of our Free
Will Baptist women on this Mother's

Day to pray earnestly and fervently
that there might be a great revival
to break out in our armed forces.
Those boys are some Mother's sons
and those who are not saved do need
Christ so much, so please, every
mother, will you not pray with me?

Then, too, I believe as the old song
says, "There is no Power can con-
quer you while God is by your side."
Wouldn't it be wonderful if every
soldier, sailor, marine or air force
member in our great armed forces
was fighting with God by his side?
America would need not fear if she
would only turn back to God.

If any mother who happens to read
this is not a Christian, won't you give
your heart to Jesus? Your children
have a right to the blessing of a
Christian Mother. They are entitled
to the Christian teaching that only
you can give them.

Let's really make this a Happy
Mother's Day by yielding ourselves
completely to the will of our Heav-
enly Father and let Him have His
way in our lives.

May God's richest blessings rest on
every Mother this day.

REMEMBER MOTHER

Mrs. Vida Munden Nixon
Bailey, N. C.

member, don't forget her—
Your mother old and gray;
Cause she's slow and feeble,
Don't count her in your way.
Her face may now be wrinkled
And furrowed deep with care;
But she's the same sweet mother
Whose face was once so fair.

member, don't forget her
Who always things of you
And is so good and faithful,
So very kind and true.
While you are gay and youthful,
And from all cares are free,
Your child she still remembers
In pray'r, on bended knee.

member, don't forget her
Because her steps are slow
And she no more is able
To long with you to go.

Just MOTHER'S Way

Of all the folks in all the world,
The mothers are the best.
They do more good for other folks,
I know, than all the rest.

They watch the babies when they're small,
They fix your broken toys,
They sympathize with all your hurts,
They smile with all your joys.

They always seem to understand
The way you feel each day.
I can't explain it all myself—
It's just a mother's way.

Provide for her life's comforts
And give her tender care;
Remember for her birthday
To buy an easy chair.

Remember, don't forget her

Whose hands have toiled so long
To rear and help to make you
So healthy and so strong.
When you, a babe, was helpless,
With love she cared for you;
So now's your turn to help her
Who now is helpless too.

MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM AT BLACK JACK

The annual Mother's Day program will
be presented at the Black Jack Free Will
Baptist Church, Sunday night, May 13, at
8 P. M.

The speaker for the occasion will be the
Rev. Floyd Cherry. There will be solos,
duets, quartets and choir selections. Flow-
ers will be presented to the six oldest moth-
ers.

Everyone is cordially invited. Come and
bring your friends.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Minnie Gaskins

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Apostasy Predicted

Some months ago we wrote about some of the things which were predicted by the apostle Paul in the third chapter of Second Timothy. We used the caption "Perilous Times" then, but we could not touch on every part, so we are coming again with more comment on the chapter, for there are so many things to be said, but we want to consider some of the things without compromise:

Without Natural Affection

In the third verse the apostle says, "Without Natural Affection." This is very noticeable in the life of people today. In the days of old, women "Prayed to be mothers," as recorded in the book of Samuel, when Hannah prayed and said, "O Lord of host, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thy handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but will give unto thine handmaid a man child, then will I give him unto Thee all the days of his life . . ." (I Sam. 1:11). Hannah wanted to bring forth for the Lord.

Sarah, the wife of Abraham, wanted to be a mother. In fact, in olden days wives wanted to be mothers. And in the days of Wesley there were large families, and even down until thirty or forty years ago. But now times have changed. I know that some will say that living conditions have changed. That is true, but we are living in a day when thousands and thousands of women rather take care of a poodle dog, or some other domestic animal, then to be bothered with a baby.

I pity the woman who wants to mother a child and cannot have one of her own. Many good women adopt some unwanted baby very often, out of love for babies. Such women have natural affection.

I know that there is another side to the question, for many poor people

have too many for their good, but let that be as it may be. To scorn the idea of rearing children is not in keeping with the command of the Lord God Almighty, when He said to Adam, "Be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth" (Gen. 1:28). God planned to fill the earth through those to whom He gave natural affection. But Paul says, in the last days, "Without natural affection."

Sodom and Gomorrah were without natural affection, and they suffered the penalty for their sin. God says "Whatever a man soweth that shall he also reap." What is true with individuals, is true with the multitudes. When ever a nation goes to the uestion, for many poor people turns to fornication and loses its natural affection, that nation is headed for the rocks, for there is going to be a breaking up. The sin of unnatural affection has brought nations to destruction in the past and will do it again when nations forget God.

The men of Sodom tried to get the angels out from the home of Lot, because they (the men) had lost their natural affection. Lot offered them his daughters as a compromise. What a sinful city with its men so unnatural! Jude says, "Even Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh suffering the vengeance of eternal fire" (Jude, verse 7). And Peter says, "But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of their uncleanness." See II Peter 2:10. Get your Bible and turn to the 19th chapter of Genesis and read verses 1-9. Here is a manifestation of the lust of the flesh, when natural affection had been slain. Paul says, "For this cause God gave them up to vile affection: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature, and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the women, burned in their lust one to another" (Rom. 1:26, 27).

This very sin is becoming more and more evident in the lives of men and women every day. We have just read the news reports where great numbers are caught and hailed into the courts because they have lost their natural affection, and gone after

"strange flesh." A very specific case has been uncovered right before us recently, according to the courts of our land. So we know that we are living in the "last days."

Trucebreakers

In the same verse of the "without natural affection," we read "trucebreakers," that is, people whose word is not to be depended upon. I think of all the "trucebreakers" in the world that Joe Stalin sits at the top. His disciples will not hesitate to break every trust, in order to carry out their hellish purpose on the earth. Their word is no good. Even they get into high places in our government and there they betray the trust that has been depended upon by those who place them in those places. Therefore, trial after trial is being held in which these trucebreakers are cited for contempt. But not only is that true in government, it is also true in many of the fraternities and the religious bodies. Men will go to the altar and take the vows and then go out and willfully break those vows. Today he is confessing Christ, tomorrow he is betraying Christ, and "putting Him to an open shame." "Trucebreakers" to the church and to Christ! But there are those who will tell you sweet and encouraging things, and get to your back and stab you every time they can. Even out of a heart of jealousy and envy, some innocent person is slandered and his or her name drug in the mud by some high up church official, or some low-down hypocrit. It is hurtful to hear slanderous remarks, but you don't have to eavesdrop to hear such remarks. I have long since learned that you cannot depend on everybody to keep his word.

Personally, I have but little respect for the man that will deliberately break his word and prove himself to be false. Because trucebreakers are so numerous, homes are broken up, children are thrown out to the mercy of the world, and often those children become criminals, because the mother and father who are responsible for bringing them into the world, have broken their trust, one with the other. They have run off

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: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

MOTHER AND THE HOME

There is an old saying, "As is the mother, so goes the home." The Second Sunday in May is set apart in this country as a Memorial Day to Mother and Motherhood. It is an historic event which has come to center the hearts and minds of the American people upon Mother and what she means in this age of complex society and strenuous living.

Equal educational opportunities for boys and girls of this nation have enabled both sexes to be qualified to hold jobs for profit and pleasure. Since the various kinds of business enterprises of this country offer splendid opportunities for the women to hold jobs with good incomes, the home and family life of the nation are seriously affected in a great many instances. As a result, a great many young mothers hold positions in the towns and cities, and their children are left at home with either servants, friends, or aged relatives for daily care and guidance. And in a great many instances, those growing children are not receiving the kind of attention and training that they deserve. In such instances, the home and home building are not what they should be, both from a religious and a cultural point of view. The family tie is not altogether what it should be. Mother love is not instilled in the hearts of her children as it should be, due to the fact that she has to spend eight hours per day, five days to the week in the shop, business, or the industrial plant away from home and children. Certainly, this class of mothers cannot find the time to give to their children all that God would have them to have from the heart of the mother who would be true to her home.

Then there are other mothers in this country who are not all to the home that they should be from the point of view of rearing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. With this class of mothers, and persons who are capable to properly rear their children, the home training is not all it should be. They are women of means and leisure—society women, so-called—who want to enjoy things of a social nature with others of a similar class. They have lovely homes, beautiful surroundings, maids and servants to do the work of keeping things about the home in first-class order. And also nurses to care for the children. In this modern age, and with our complex social order, such homes have golden opportunities for the proper rearing and training of their children by mother in the home; but, in a great many cases in these homes, those mothers have too many things to do of a public and social nature to be able to give, week after week, month after month, and year after year, their children the mother care, love and train-

ing that God would be pleased to see their children receive. Of course, they love their children, but they do not find the time—do not take the time from outside interests for the conduct of home ties as we feel that many mothers should use for child rearing and training in the home.

Since the home is the first and most essential institution to the child until he is in his teens, or even later, the mother is the chief character of the home with respect to mother-love, parental care, and the instilling in the hearts of her children the principles of truth, honesty, love, obedience, and the like.

Then, there is a class of mothers in this country who are not home-makers, regardless of their temporal circumstances. They are, sad to say, irresponsible characters when it comes to home-building and family happiness. They have the wrong slant on life, and what human life is meant to be by the heavenly Father. They think of children not as a God-sent blessing but as a burden, little ones in the way and not wanted. This, to say the least, is tragic. To many of them divorce is the way out of their trouble, and the institutions for the care of children are the relief of their burdens. Yes, there are many such mothers in the land today. Probably they were trained wrong as they were growing up, or perhaps they did not receive any training at all in their homes when they grew up. But they and their offspring do often become problems for society to handle. Bad environment, questionable companions, and sinful indulgencies all contributed to their outlook on life. Probably society is to blame for their view of life, and the way they are traveling on life's journey. But society is affected seriously, over the years, by their human imprints, and by many of those whom they leave behind them.

What we think is needed is a deeper concern for Mother and Motherhood in this country. We wonder if the church, the public educational system of this country, and the business relationships of those in the business realm should arise and take a stand through training and right principles to instil in our land a greater emphasis and regard for mother and her rightful place in building a greater nation for God and man. Certainly, mother is central in home-building if society is to become all that God would have it be for a cultured and a refined people. Let this nation turn its attention back to mother and motherhood, back to the proper rearing of its children in the homes of America for the coming decades, and then God will see a better nation, a happier people, and an ever expanding Church for his glory and the good of all.

DO YOU HAVE TONGUE TROUBLE?

Elder Colonel Pendleton
Madison, Tennessee

My dear Friends:

Let us study together a lesson on the tongue. For a text let us read: James 3:5, 6, "The tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth. And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: So is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell."

How long is your tongue? Who do you use your tongue for? What do you use your tongue for? God or the devil. Please let us realize that, although the tongue is a very little member of the body, yet it can sometimes reach across a continent or span the ocean. Someone has very truly said: "A tongue three inches long can slay a man six feet tall." Just how many heartaches have been caused by unwise talking only God in heaven knows. How thoughtless people must be when they think that a conversation is boring, unless it tears to pieces some absent person. A good definition of scandal is: "The shortest distance between two evil minds." I am bold to say that the talebearer and the talehearer are equally guilty.

Is it not reasonable to conclude, that if we Christians would refuse to listen to gossip and talebearing, it would be one more step toward eliminating this most deadly evil? When someone says, "Oh, do you know what I saw so and so do? or what I heard about so and so?" we should not prick up our ears like a little dog when he hears his master whistling for him to come and get a bone. But we should simply say, "If you have something good to say about so and so, then I will listen, otherwise I do not care to waste your time and mine." Don't you think that would deal a hard blow to gossiping?

Our heavenly Father commanded the children of Israel, "Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people". (Cor. 2). "Neith-

er shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbor: I am the Lord" (Lev. 19:16).

Please let us notice that is the book of Proverbs we find many exhortations against talebearing. Here are some: In Prov. 18:8 we read: "The words of a talebearer are as wounds, they go down into the innermost parts of the belly." Then in Prov. 20:19, "He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets; therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips."

"Long tongues" cause many quarrels, and although I feel ashamed to admit it, there are sometimes quarrels in the Church. I feel that the majority of these quarrels are caused by "long tongues." We read in Prov. 26:20, 21, "Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out, so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth. As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so a contentious man to kindle strife." Let each one of us ask this simple question: Just how long is my tongue? Do I let my tongue run loose, tearing down the influence and reputation of others? Our tongues need to be sanctified, (that is set apart for God) for it is written: "The tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessings and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be." (James 3:8-10).

We sometimes find gossipers defending themselves by saying, "They asked me to tell what I knew about brother Johnson, and I thought it my duty to tell them." Please read Matt. 12:35-37, "A good man out of his good treasure brings forth good; and from his evil treasure a bad man brings out evil. I tell you that for every careless word that men speak they shall give account on the day of judgment. For by your words you will each be justified, and by your words be condemned."

Please let us realize that we should take the attitude of David when he said: "I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with

my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me. I was dumb silence, I help my peace even from good" (Psa. 39:1-2). Please notice that David said, "I hold my peace even from good." So by this we see that it is our duty not to open our mouth in vicious gossip whether it be true or not. (Cor. 3)

Dear friend: No doubt you have been hurt many times by the "long tongue" of gossip. I know I have, as has every minister of God, but I have found comfort at all times in these blessed words of Jesus: "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." Please remember that it must be false; for if true then you are only reaping what you sow. If false then you can: "Rejoice and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you" (Matt. 5:11, 12). A great man has said, "An honest man is not the worse because a dog barks at him."

We all would have more friends if, instead of telling others of the bad things we know about a person, we would seek to find something good in that person. Let each of us say, "By the grace and help of God, I will start a one-man or woman crusade against gossip by not telling any more tales myself, or listening to the tales of others."

We say we want to see the sinners saved, but I think that unless we are careful of our conversation we may never see it. For we read, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God" (Psa. 50:23).

Paul said in Ephesians 4:22-25, "That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts: and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that you put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another."

Friends, let us take our tongue troubles to Jesus; and He will (give)

the victory over our tongues. Then we can strive for the salvation of others, and be a help rather than a hindrance to the cause of Christ.

I beg to be your humble brother in Christ.

MY TRIBUTE TO MOTHER

Lilly Moore

I have a tribute to pay to mother who has long since gone to her reward. In that day her opportunities were poor for doing things for the family. However, she did what she could in our home for the eight children whom God had given to her.

Mother found many things to do about the home, as cooking, sewing and making garments for us children. She often would sit up late at night and knit stockings for us, or in that day we lived far from any town, and we did not have sufficient money to buy all the clothes we needed.

Father raised sheep, and shipped the wool a long distance from home to the buyers who would send back to him yards of cloth for mother to make our trousers and coats from the heavy woolen goods. Mother would sit up at night and cut out the garments, and the next day she would find some time to do some sewing on them, when she had finished her other pressing duties.

Mother was kind to me, my two brothers, and five sisters. She would bring us to us at times, show us how to work in the garden, and to rake the walks with brush brooms to clear away the trash from the walks and porches. She taught my sisters how to cook, sew, and to clean up the bedrooms, and the living room. She kept them busy most of the day. They became very smart, and helped mother very much with her daily tasks.

We lived on a small farm, and father had a hard time to make a living for us, in those days with very poor farm machinery, and one small mule to do the plowing. Mother would often take my sisters out in the afternoons, and help us on the farm to chop the grass which was always bad

during May and June. But she and father always pulled together, and were able to make ends meet.

While we children were growing up, our illnesses in the home were not very bad. We seldom needed a doctor, and when we did it was only for one call. Mother was always careful of our health, and what we children ate. One day my little sister got choked at the dinner table on a small flat piece of a chicken bone. Mother immediately rushed her to the kitchen door, and bowed her forward and beat her on the back with the palm of her hand, and the bone was thrust out of my sister's throat. How happy mother was, and the rest of us. We then could finish our dinner with joy.

Mother was loving and kind, tenderhearted, and always ready to go to church with us children. She dressed us as best as she could, though our clothing was very simple, yet we looked clean and with bright faces. She was proud of us, and father was too, for they worked together to make us mind and to be good children.

Often in the spring of the year, when the weather became very warm, mother would make a bargain with father to take us children down to the creek to catch fresh-water perch. Oh, how we children did enjoy taking our long poles and fish bait, and off with mother and dad to the creek we would go for an afternoon of fun and laughter. Those were days of joy, peace and contentment. Our home was a little place of paradise, though we often had our sorrows and disappointments, as usually come to the average family.

Mother loved her nearby neighbors, though they were few, because where we lived there were not many families around. Oh, how she and dad did enjoy visiting on Sunday afternoons, and how we children did enjoy playing together with the neighbors' children until the sun was going down. If ever any of us children got in an argument at play out in the big front yard, mother would go out and quiet us, and then we would be friendly and start playing again. We loved her for setting us right.

My mother was not large and

strong, as some mothers were, and she did not have very good health, but she always sought to keep as well as possible for her own good and for the good of the family. When she and father were growing old, they had to be careful about what they ate, and how they should care for their health. Mother would spend some minutes most every night after supper reading some portion of the Bible and then go to bed to get her rest. She loved to read her church paper each week, and that paper was The Free Will Baptist. Then it was printed on large sheets and not so many pages as it now has for our church people to read.

I attribute to mother whatever good qualities I may have. I have long since remembered her good advice to me, her cheerful words, and her prayers for us children from time to time. She was happy most of the time with her surroundings, and made herself content with her lot in life. Though she had very little of this world's goods, yet she thanked God for what she did have to enjoy. Sometimes I feel that we of today have too many things to think about and content with our opportunities in life. I wonder if our children think as much of us parents as did those children when we were little ones around our mother's knees.

When I reflect back upon those days, my heart is moved with tender regards for my mother who has been gone now a long time from among us. She is in heaven, enjoying that beautiful home of the blest. Some day I hope to be with her, and to enjoy heaven as she enjoys it today. Friends, let us, as parents, seek to do our best for our children, so that they may become lovers of God.

Start the Day Right

Ben L. Byer

An earnest prayer in the morning
Will start the day out right,
And frequent little silent prayers
Will help to keep it bright.

And God will hear the simplest prayer
That any child can pray,
He does not sleep, so He will hear
When little children pray.

CRAGMONT

News and Views

Have you made your plans for visiting Cragmont this summer? No doubt you have wondered when you could go, how you could go, etc. This year your board of directors have made it easy for each and everyone to visit Cragmont when they could go. The following may go: 1. individuals, 2. groups of individuals such as a group of friends, 3. families, 4. class groups, such as Sunday school classes or leagues, or a whole Sunday school, 5. groups of Sunday schools or leagues, such as a district or union meeting group. The only restriction about attending is that if Cragmont is reserved for a large conference, such as the Minister's Conference from June 4 to 9, or the Woman's Auxiliary from August 13 to 20, then groups as listed above might not be allowed to register, unless the manager had some vacant rooms.

There is another restriction, of course, only Christians will be allowed to visit. Cragmont is owned by and operated by and for Free Will Baptists. We have dedicated it as a place where our people may go for recreation, instruction and inspiration, away from the cares and troubles of this old sin-cursed world.

Our genial president of Cragmont Assembly, Rev. J. A. Evans and Mr. H. P. Vick, and others, are enjoying the "views" at Cragmont this week (first week in May) as this edition goes to press. Besides enjoying the "views" they are doing the things

which so often are omitted from the "news." They are making some necessary repairs and increasing the "views" of our property by doing some necessary painting.

There will be a lot of other painting that ought to be done but cannot be attended to this season. Two reasons why, 1. time will not permit, 2. not enough money on hand. Our February campaign was a splendid success, it paid the current payment and interest with some left over for necessary repairs, for which we are grateful. The financial campaign is not over, the treasurer's books have not been closed, so if you could not make a contribution in February, just send it to our treasurer, Mr. Fountain Taylor, Richlands, N. C. Mrs. Ballard, our campaign manager, will be grateful to each and everyone, individually and collectively.

Next week we'll tell you how inexpensive your trip will be, both as to traveling expense and room and board while at Cragmont. We have our own Cragmont Bus and it will make regular weekly trips at prices you can afford. Next week we'll tell you something about the program this summer, so watch this space from week to week. In the meantime, Cragmont is calling—you. Write me for reservation.

Raymond T. Sasser
207 W. Broad St.
Wilson, N. C.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD

MISSIONS

Rock Spring	\$4.28
Whaley's Chapel Adult League	5.00
Long Ridge L. A.	5.00
Lowell	26.00
Core Creek	55.40
Bethlehem, Duplin Co.	25.00
Mt. Zion, Onslow Co.	10.00
LaGrange S. S.	9.97
Smithfield	3.60

White Oak	5.00
Davis	25.00
Oak Grove	5.05
King's X Roads Senior League	1.42
Elwood Lane	50.00
Owen's Chapel	20.96
Little Creek L. A.	16.30
White Hill	17.06
Smyrna	11.00
Dublin Grove	22.01
Mt. Zion, Pamlico Co.	20.00
Trent	16.55
Holly Springs, Carteret Co.	12.12
Mrs. Louise Tripp	10.00

Union Chapel, Beaufort Co.	2.00
Oak Grove, Nash Co.	3.00
Juniper Chapel S. S.	20.76
Grimsley	65.40
Union Grove, Wayne Co.	50.00
Piney Grove, Duplin Co.	5.00
Smith's New Home	50.00
Gum Swamp S. S.	3.00
Rose of Sharon	20.00
Rains X Roads	44.11
Core Creek S. S.	11.95
Portsmouth, Va.	10.00
Core Point Chapel	7.25
Stancil's Chapel	10.00
Rock Spring	4.12
Holly Springs L. A., Carteret Co.	5.00
Sts. Delight, Ormondsville, N. C.	8.02
Elm Grove S. S.	8.16
Hugo	10.00
Rev. R. B. Spencer	5.00
Hickory Chapel	9.00
Long Ridge	10.72
Wooten's Chapel	2.00
Marlboro S. S.	5.70
Beaufort L. A.	20.00
Stoney Creek	20.00
Mrs. Mae Rouse	5.00
3rd U. M. S. S. Convention, E. Conf.	25.11

Expense Account

	\$817.02
	\$296.69
	\$520.33
50% to Foreign Missions	\$260.17
50% to Home Missions	\$260.16

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Sound View S. S.	20.00
Parker's Chapel S. S.	4.50
King's X Roads Intermediate League	.30
Edward's Chapel League	4.41
Edward's Chapel L. A.	4.00
Edward's Chapel S. S. Class No. 5	5.88
Edward's Chapel S. S. Class No. 1	4.08
Washington Mission	13.45
Black Jack Grove	3.00
Black Jack Grove Intermediate League	5.00
Ayden S. S.	6.60
Avery's Creek	2.75
Bridgeton L. A.	4.00
Marion S. S.	5.00
Mrs. Dwight Miller, "Penny a meal"	2.00
King's X Roads Senior League	2.83
Black Jack League	2.00
Jack's Creek Association	180.00
Hull Road League	5.00
Sherron Acres, Native Cuban Miss.	30.00
Pilgrim's Home	7.28
Casey's Chapel League	5.00
White Oak Hill	3.00
White Oak Grove, Heath's Memorial Bible class	5.00
Kinston League	3.16
Mt. Zion L. A., Nash Co.	4.40
Greenville S. S. Willing Workers class	10.00
Christian Chapel	20.00
Spring Branch League	5.00
Horney Heights	10.00
Spring Hill, Willing Workers Class	5.00
Core Creek L. A.	10.00
Greenville	32.55
Free Union, Beaufort Co., L. A.	3.10
Free Union, Beaufort Co., Primary	

Sunday School Class	5.00
Mrs. W. M. Webster	7.50
Calvary S. S.	18.29
Calvary L. A.	5.00
Stacy L. A.	5.00
New Sandy Hill L. A.	1.00
Fairmount Park, Norfolk, Va.	20.00
Fairmount Park, Cuban Missions	20.00
Pearsall's Chapel Adult S. S. Class	

for Celia Izquierdo	15.00
Bridgeton	18.02
Morehead City L. A.	6.00
Sidney	20.00
Pleasant Hill, Pitt Co.	.50
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Potter	2.00
Holly Springs, Johnston Co.	7.77
Miss Nellie Mizzell	1.02
Highland Pines	12.69
Welcome Home L. A.	3.00
Marlboro League	1.50
Newport News, Va.	5.00
Indian Springs	7.25
Hopewell	20.00
Walnut Creek	10.41
Sound Side, Penny a meal	21.06
50% missions	260.17

Remitted to Raymond Riggs \$922.47

HOME MISSIONS

Balance brought forward	\$2,760.98
King's X Roads Intermediate League	.05
People's Chapel L. A.	5.00
White Oak Hill	2.00
White Oak Grove, Heath's Memorial	
Bible Class	5.00
Mrs. Julia F. Singleton	5.00
Greenville	9.58
Mrs. W. M. Webster	2.50
New Sandy Hill L. A.	1.00
Pleasant Hill, Pitt Co.	.50
Belhaven L. A.	5.00
Miss Nellie Mizzell	1.02
Marlboro League	1.50
Hopewell	20.00
50% Missions	260.16

\$3,079.29

Paid to Mrs. Laughton Twisdal 10.00

Balance \$3,069.29

MRS. STEVEN'S FUND

Avery's Creek	2.00
Swannanoa	10.00
Barnardsville	2.00
Horney Heights	10.00
Burgin's Chapel	24.00
Beaverdam	5.00

Total 53.00

Remitted to Raymond Riggs

I know that each one of you are glad that our state has gone over the top in raising our budget for Foreign Missions. Your consecrated liberality has accomplished this to His glory, and through this report I am expressing to you my very deep and sincere appreciation. Let's never let the cause of Missions suffer.

In His service,
J. W. Alford, Treasurer
Columbia, N. C.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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PROGRAM

of the TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION of the NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1951 convening with HULL ROAD CHURCH Greene County, North Carolina

Theme: Victory Through Conquest

- 9:30—Registration
10:00—Devotions, Mrs. Bruce Barrow
—Welcome, Mrs. Gilbert Jones
—Response, Mrs. Roy Rickard
—President's Message, Mrs. J. C. Moye
—Reports of Vice Presidents
—Orphanage News and Offering
—Congregational Singing
—Special music, local church
11:30—Convention Message, Miss Laura B. Barnard
Rev. J. R. Davidson, alternate
—Appointment of Committees
12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Tribute to deceased, Mrs. R. T. Sasser, Mrs. Robie Strickland, alternate
—Report of Field Worker, Mrs. J. C. Griffin
—Cragmont, Mrs. L. E. Ballard
—Symposium
—Business period
—Treasurer's Report, Mrs. M. A. Woodard
—Committee reports
—Special music
—Reading of Minutes of Convention and Executive Committee
—Benediction

MRS. J. C. GRIFFIN HOLDS STUDY AT LONG RIDGE

Mrs. Ben Sutton

The women of Long Ridge, North East, Rooty Branch, Sarecta, and Snow Hill F. W. B. Churches experienced a wonderful day on April 26, 1951, when Mrs. J. C. Griffin of New Bern, North Carolina, came to be with us, and to conduct for us a Study Course on Stewardship. She came to teach and to urge us as stewards of God to better prepare, to understand and to put in practice the Manual of Methods, which our National Auxiliary Convention had a-

dopted.

Mrs. Griffin told each officer present how to better fill her place in the auxiliary work. She urged each one to put her trust in the Lord, and to let Him use our talents to His own glory.

That evening at eight o'clock Brother Griffin showed the mission pictures to a large crowd of people. He showed also the ministers in Conference at Cragmont along with the picture "The Door to Heaven," which was enjoyed by all present.

This was the third time the writer has seen the picture, and each time I have been encouraged anew to do more for the cause of our Lord while the door stands ajar.

May God greatly bless Brother and Sister Griffin in their work for the Master, is our prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT STONEY CREEK AUXILIARY

Following is the report of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Stony Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro of 1950.

Raised for orphanage, \$110.00; Foreign Missions, \$80.60; Home Missions, \$143.95; Superannuation, \$20.00; Christian Education, \$20.00; Cragmont, \$25.00; used in local church, \$40.30; Flowers, Gifts, etc., \$61.50; Total, \$501.35.

Dues collected, \$87.05; Flavoring, Dolly Duzits, \$63.05; Supper Profits, Christmas Cards, profits, combined, \$93.20; Grading, Tobacco, \$67.87. Donations by members, \$23, 75; Total, \$334.90.

Mrs. Eloise Futrell, Secretary

Yours and Mine

She's just an old gray-haired lady,
With that old-fashioned hairdo and shawl;
She has experienced many an heartache,
But faithfully she has borne them all.

She learned early in life to trust the Sav-
iour,
And down life's path they trod side by
side;

Had it not been for Jesus' sweet presence,
Her life would have been empty and sad.

She's stooped—it's been life's heavy bur-
dens,

Her face, it is wrinkled and drawn;
But her vision of that Heavenly mansion
Becomes brighter as the years roll on.

Who is this about whom I've been writing?
Is it a stranger I never have known?
Nay, 'tis by no means a stranger,
But it's that sweet, darling Mother—my
own!

Rev. William Mishler



THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM

(Lesson for May 20)

LESSON: 2 Kings 18—20; Isaiah 31.

GOLDEN TEXT: Psalm 46:10.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

The southern kingdom existed for 136 years after the northern kingdom of Israel came to an end in 722 B. C. It had in King Hezekiah a noble ruler, although he made one outstanding mistake from a political point of view when he framed an alliance with Egypt to shield Judah from Assyrian threats. The first important part of this lesson sets forth Hezekiah's religious revival throughout all Judah for true worship of the Lord. His religious program marks him as a great religious reformer of the southern kingdom, and classes him with David and Josiah. His special prayer unto the Lord for recovery of his serious illness, and his prayer to God for deliverance of Jerusalem from Assyrian attack are outstanding events during his reign. The student will note that faith and trust in God are essential factors in the life of individuals and nations.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. If God removes an evil ruler, He alone knows how to replace him with one that is worthy (II Kings 18:1).

2. The name of a Godly mother, who trains her children in the fear of the Lord, is worthy of respect (vs. 2).

3. The influence of a godly mother may be able to counteract the evil example of an unworthy father (vs. 3).

4. All men, but especially men of authority and influence, should choose worthy examples to follow (vs. 3).

5. Wholehearted obedience to the Lord demands the removal of all that is offensive to Him (vs. 4).

6. Human nature is so prone to idolatry that it will readily worship the means God uses to help men instead of God Himself (vs. 4).

7. It should be the ambition of every Christian to let his devotion to the Lord served as an example to succeeding generations (vs. 5).

8. Cleaving to the Lord means to follow Him and to obey implicitly all His commands us to do (vs. 6).

9. God may not give us material prosperity, but He is sure to prosper our souls if we follow Him closely (vs. 7).

10. The one who puts his dependence in the Lord need not be afraid to rebel against the enemy of his soul (vs. 7).—Selected

11. Hezekiah was a good son of wicked King Ahaz. When he came to the throne a religious revival was greatly needed. Under Ahaz the temple worship had been badly neglected. Altars to other gods had been made "in every corner of Jerusalem." High places had been built throughout the land. The priests and Levites were scattered. But no sooner did Hezekiah come to the throne than he gave orders that the temple should be reopened and repaired and cleansed. Accumulated filth was carried out and dumped into the Brook Kedron. Levites and Priests were assembled and ceremonially purified that they might perform their duties. Idols and altars were demolished. Sacrifices to the Lord were again offered. Hezekiah acted with such promptness and vigor that the people were surprised, "for the thing was done suddenly" (2 Chron. 29:36).

12. The career of Hezekiah is one evidence of the fact that it is not enough for a man in high public office to be a good, religious man. He needs also to have sound judgment concerning earthly things, and able advisors. Politically, Hezekiah proved to be weak. In verse 7 of our printed lesson we read, "He rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not." That act led to a vast amount of trouble, and apart from divine intervention would probably have meant the end of the nation in Hezekiah's own day.

The trouble began when Ahaz, the father of Hezekiah, contrary to Isaiah's advice, foolishly sent tribute to Assyria to win aid against Syria and North Israel. After the tribute was

begun, it was an invitation to more trouble to stop payment. But a party, commonly called the pro-Egyptian party, had arisen among the nobles of Judah, which became tired of paying tribute to the Assyrians and wanted to stop it and to make an alliance with Egypt instead. This was done, in spite of the fact that Isaiah vigorously denounced this policy of relying on Egypt for help against Assyria. His predictions of the failure of Egypt to give needed assistance came true. Sennacherib invaded the country in the year 701, near the close of Hezekiah's reign, captured 46 walled cities of Judah, overran the rest of the land, and was laid siege to Jerusalem. The capital city was saved through the destruction of 185,000 of Sennacherib's host in one night by the angel of the Lord, perhaps by means of a plague, in accordance with the prediction of Isaiah. Though Sennacherib went home without taking Jerusalem, he carried with him 200,150 captives according to his own inscription, and an enormous tribute. From that time on, only the shell of the nation was left.—Arnold's Commentary.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

"Where They Lead Me—I Follow"

A bright-faced young woman sat smoking a cigarette in the lobby of a hotel. Presently an elderly woman with kindly words asked the girl, who sat next to her, "Why do you smoke?" Her face was so kind and her personality so charming that the girl could not become offended. "To be perfectly frank with you," said the girl, "I smoke because it is now a habit. I began it at college. All the other girls smoked, and I did it because they did." The girl had never thought of that old song, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," but, all unconsciously, she was singing, "Where They Lead Me I Will Follow."

How easy it is to follow the crowd. Heedlessly, thoughtlessly, thousands just follow the crowd. Nor is it confined to young people. Hundreds of women will tell you frankly that they play bridge because "all the other women play." This, of course, is not

true, for it is a libel on many good women. But women will tell you that.

Multiplied thousands of people, young and old, are going the downward road to ruin, not because they

really wish to do so, but because, as they say, "everybody else is going that way." Individuality and courage are needed today if the Christian life is to be lived.—Selected.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

LEON ROLLINS PASSES

In the early morning of March 20, 1951, the death angel came with a summons for our beloved Uncle Leon Rollins. He did not go until about 6:45 P. M., but lay in an unconscious state all that day. This did not come unexpected, for he seemed to feel that he would soon be going, and had tried to make preparation for his departure. In fact, he had lived with this in mind practically all of his life.

He was born August 10, 1881. On February 2, 1919, he was married to Miss Mabel Chase. To this union were born two sons, Renza Lee of Goldsboro, North Carolina, and Benjamin of the home near La Grange, N. C.

Besides the widow, two sons, and one grand-son, he is survived by two brothers, Clayton, and Leslie Rollins, both of Goldsboro, and one sister, Susan Price of near La Grange, and also quite a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted in the home by his pastor, Rev. N. D. Beaman, in the presence of a host of relatives and friends. His body was laid to rest in the Rollins cemetery to await the resurrection.

He was faithful to his church. He loved his Bible, and read it often. The night before he was taken ill, he read to his companion who is blind. He was a true and loving companion, a fond gentle father, and a kind and thoughtful neighbor. He believed in practicing the rule of pure and undefiled religion which is, "To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

He will be greatly missed in his home, his church, and community, but I feel that earth's loss is heaven's gain.

The following lines are dedicated to his wife and sons:

Rest on, dear one, rest on,
Thy earthly toils are o'er;
You've anchored safe at last
On heaven's golden shore.

We miss your tender touch,
Your voice so kind and true;
We trust we'll meet again
When life's short day is through.

So, rest on from thy toil
Thy rest well earned, dear one,
You labored for thy Lord,
And His own holy Son.
Written by his niece, Bessie Sasser.

RESOLUTIONS

Since we believe in God as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and as our own heavenly Father, and since we trust Him as the one who provides and arranges all things for the eternal good of His children, we humbly submit to his wisdom and mercy in the passing of the faithful and devoted members of the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church whose names appear below.

Be It Resolved Therefore:

1. That a copy of these resolutions be entered into the records of the church;
2. That a copy be sent to the family of each deceased member, and
3. That a copy be submitted to The Free Will Baptist for publication.

On September 25, 1950, Mrs. Emma Garis, a faithful and most highly esteemed member, passed to her eternal reward. She is missed and will long be remembered for her kindness and loyal devotion to her church and to all of her responsibilities in life.

It was on November 21, 1950, that Mrs. Cora Smith departed this life to share the joys of heaven, eternally with the redeemed of the Lord. She still lives in the memory of her church and host of friends, and her works remain to tell of her life.

On April 29, 1951, the Lord saw fit to relieve Mrs. Ollie Cox of her suffering in this life, and receive her into the peace and happiness of her eternal heavenly home. What a blessed privilege to be able to exchange the cross of the world for the crown of heaven!

By the Church Committee

REVIVAL STAGED FOR MADISON, TENN.

This is to announce that Colonel Pendleton, and other F. W. B. ministers will stage a revival meeting, beginning on May 15, on Yale Avenue, Madison, Tennessee. The services will start at eight o'clock each evening. There will be only night services. We are asking the Christian people to pray for the success of this meeting. May God greatly bless all who love and serve him. This is the prayer of this humble servant.

Elder Colonel Pendleton

— SUBSCRIBE TO THE BAPTIST —

SPECIAL NOTICE ABOUT BROADCASTS

Dear friend across the States, to whom I have ministered for twenty-five years, it is our hope that you will read these words:



Rev. K. V. Shutes

I have been broadcasting over Radio Station WGRA, Cairo, Georgia, 1300 KC, for fourteen months daily, and also over Station WDWD, Damascus, Georgia, 990 KC, for thirteen months. There are five other stations that are inviting my daily broadcasts. Can I find some friends in our church who will join in praying and giving until I can preach the gospel to the nation.

These five stations to which I refer are owned by two men, and one of them is interested enough in what I am doing that he has given fifty dollars per month for several months. There are Methodists and Baptists who are giving twenty-five and fifty dollars per month to the support of these broadcasts.

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Yours for the salvation of the lost,

Rev. K. V. Shutes,
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HAVE A PLACE FOR SECRET PRAYER

The Christian life is a spiritual warfare. The fight is against the unseen powers of darkness that rule this world. Satan is the "prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." Jesus Christ is the Captain of our salvation. This conflict, begun in Heaven aeons ago, has been transferred to this earth. As secular history is made up of the contention of men and nations, so the Bible is a continuous record of the conflicts of the people of God against the forces of evil.—Shepherd and Flock.

NOTES AND QUOTES

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after strange flesh and committed fornication. We are living in the days of trucebreaking and fornication.

"False Accusers"

"False accusers" are the breeding that cometh forth out of the hearts of envy. It was envy that filled the hearts of the false-accusers that gathered about Pilot's judgment hall, therefore Pilot knew; "For he knew that for envy they had delivered him." Matt. 27:18). Yes, these critics of the Lord Jesus would actually lie in order to carry their point and accomplish their envious purpose. So it is today; an envious person will actually lie to down the person that they envy. The spirit of false accusing comes out of envy. We find it in politics. We find it in the business world, and the devil has inserted it into the church circles. Because of this envy we have churches sometimes with low standards.

Church Bosses

When ever an envious person gets the opportunity to be at the head and is envious towards some other person, you may look out for slandering, and false accusing to go into full play. Not only is that true with person to person, but often institutions are slandered by the wagging tongue of some one who is filled with envy. I have known the reputation of institutions to be lowered in the mind of individuals, and all because some one who was not pleased, or could not get his or her wishes carried out as they wished, perhaps in the case of an educational institution, where some student was not willing to be governed by the rulings of the institution. Sometimes someone who had been taken into an orphanage and fed, clothed and educated would talk about the institution in an un-Christian manner. God help such an ingrate.

My heart is crushed when I hear some unjust and destructive criticism made of any person or of any of our church institutions. A lot of people are just like the old negro deacon. There is a story of a church where there was a deacon who wanted to run everything his way, regardless

to the majority. So, on one occasion, a young woman offered herself for membership, and the parson said, "This young lady wants to unite with our church. Do I hear any objections?" From the Amen corner came the voice, "I objects." Then the pastor said, "State your objections." Whereupon the deacon said, "She haint axed me, yet."

"Do not grieve over your troubles: you would not have them if you did not need them."—Bolton Hall

Forgiveness, commission, empowerment —such is the divine purpose and plan.

Much which we think essential is merely a matter of habit.—Thomas Wentworth Higginson

Christ came to baptize us with the Holy Ghost.—Rev. J. N. Short.

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The response of our people during November, and the Fall and Winter, has been very good, but it is very apparent that we must raise quiet a bit more money in order to meet the needs of the Institution and the 74 children there. If you examined Mr. Croom's last report in the Free Will Baptist, you probably noted that the amount credited on the "Budget of the Conferences" through the month of March was \$25,070.95. The total receipts, from this same source, last year was \$52,784.81 for the year. So you can see that, although a little more than half the year has past, yet we have not raised quite half the amount of money that was raised last year. Therefore it is very necessary that we make the most of the May Campaign.

During the next few days you will receive, from the orphanage, a poster and other reminders that will further remind you and our people of the orphanage, and its continuing needs. It is our responsibility and privilege to see that this matter is properly brought to the attention of our people. Many people will be glad to give for this cause, if some one will bring it to their attention.

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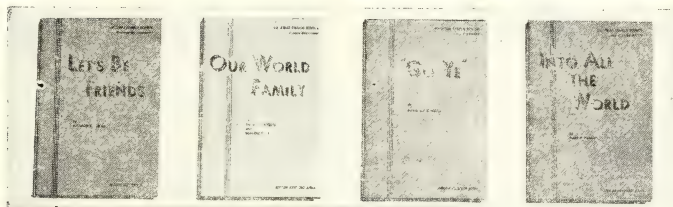
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SOMETHING FOR MOTHER BECAUSE JUNE LOVED HER

By Nellie Stewart



JUNE'S MOTHER had been ill. For a whole week she had been in bed, but she was getting well again. The lady who had been staying at the house, helping with the housework, had gone home.

"I wish I could do something for my mother to show her how much I love her," June thought. "I wish I could buy her something beautiful. I wish I had lots of money so that I could do anything I want to do for her."

But June didn't have any money. She watched her mother moving slowly about the house, and she tried to help her. She said, "Tell me what you want me to do, Mother, and I'll do it. I can run upstairs for you, or downstairs. Just tell me what to do."

June's mother said, "Just being well again, and having my little girl want to do things for me, makes me happy." And she thought of little things that June could do for her that helped her.

One morning June awoke very early. She looked out the window and saw the sun shining down and all the earth had that early-morning look that is so beautiful. June put her shoes and clothes on and tip-toed out of her bedroom. Her mother was not awake yet.

She went out in the yard. The dew was still wet on the grass and the new leaves of the trees. It sparkled when the sun shone on it in little droplets on the iris and the pansies and on the almost hidden little violets that lined the walks. June's mother was not strong enough yet to walk around in the yard. Suddenly June thought, "Mother loves flowers. I will pick some of the nicest ones and put them on the breakfast table for her."

June decided to pick some of the violets and the pansies. She picked them with long stems so that they would stand up well in the little blue bowl she wanted to put them in. She picked some of the green leaves from about the violets and put them with the flowers. They made a lovely bouquet.

Then June put the flowers in the little blue bowl on the breakfast table. She put the plates and knives and forks and spoons on the table. When her mother came into the room a little while later, the table was all set for breakfast and the flowers looked very lovely.

June's mother looked at the flowers on the table and then she looked at June. She said, smiling, "I think a little fairy must

have come to visit us last night or early this morning. Look how nicely she has set the table! See the lovely flowers. It must have been a very kind and thoughtful little fairy. Just thinking of her and looking at the flowers will make my whole day a happier one. If you should see this little fairy, will you thank her for me, June?"

But June only laughed. She was thinking that after all, you don't always have to spend any money at all to make people happy.

THE CHURCH, NOT NEWSPAPERS, MUST MOBILIZE MORAL FORCE

The editorial columns of newspapers, according to Bishop W. Earl Ledden of the Syracuse Area, are becoming effective forums for the mobilization of the moral forces of the community. Speaking at a layman's Communion breakfast recently, the New York Methodist bishop declared the editorials appearing in local papers are exposing the tieup between underworld characters and political racketeers. "And these editors," continued Bishop Ledden, "in old-fashioned evangelistic fervor are exhorting all citizens to turn from their complacent acquiescence to graft and corruption, and to become responsible citizens, driving away the demoralizing influences and establishing civic righteousness."

Bishop Ledden expressed appreciation to the editors for their moral insight and courage. Then he added: "But I am concerned that we of the church do not relinquish our religious and social responsibility, turning over to journalists and editors that moral concern for civic decency and personal responsibility that once made our pulpits thunder against unrighteousness in high places and our laymen stand forth against wrong wherever recognized.

We believe the bishop of the Syracuse Area has struck a vital note. All of us are grateful for the crusading spirit of many newspaper editors and journalists in their recent exposure of corruption in civic and political af-

fairs. Many of them have written with great conviction and boldness. They have no doubt made a tremendous impression upon the conscience of America. But the church cannot afford to abdicate its role as crusader for righteousness. The preacher must stand out as the conscience of the community. Christian men should be willing to stand up and be counted in every issue involving right and wrong. Seeking and welcoming support from every profession and group, the church is under divine commission to retain the chief guardian of the moral life of the nation.—North Carolina Christian Advocate.

SPECIAL ATTENTION, N. C. MINISTERS

Cragmont Calls You for a Week of Glorious Fellowship!

Free Will Baptist ministers of North Carolina, from the high mountains of the west to the place where the tide breaks on the shores of the east, and from the boundaries of the north to the state lines of the south, are urged to attend the annual Minister's Conference at Cragmont Assembly during the week of June 3-9. There will be five glorious days of fellowship. There will be inspirational messages, the exchange of thoughts for the mutual benefit of all, friendly discussions of the problems of the ministry, and periods of prayer for strength for the ever-increasing burdens of the ministry we share. There will be rest for tired bodies, relaxation for tired nerves, and stimulation for wearied minds. The mountain breezes will cool the body, while fellowship in the Word of the Lord will warm the heart.

Churches will do well to make it possible for their pastor to attend this great conference. A few extra dollars invested in taking care of the expenses of the pastor at Cragmont (and, if necessary, his family and work during his absence) will return rich dividends in a better ministry upon his return. He needs the rest and encouragement of heart—you need the rich blessings he will bring back to the church.

For the benefit of preachers arrangements have been made for a chartered bus which will originate in Greenville. Rev. M. L. Johnson, the N. C. Promotional Secretary, will send detailed schedule of the bus to all ministers in the state.

Let's be off for the greatest conference in the history of Cragmont!

L. E. Ballard

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The Bravest Battle

The bravest battle that ever was fought,
Shall I tell you where and when?
On the maps of the world you will find it not;
'Twas fought by the mothers of men.

Nay, not with cannon, or battle-shot,
With sword, or nobler pen;
Nay, not with eloquent word or thought,
From mouths of wonderful men.

But deep in a welled-up woman's heart—
Of woman that would not yield,
But bravely, silently bore her part—
Lo, there is that battlefield!

No marshaling troop, no bivouac song;
No banners to gleam and wave!
But oh, these battles they last so long—
From babyhood to the grave!

Yet faithful still as a bridge of stars,
She fights in her walled-up town—
Fights on, and on, in the endless wars,
Then silent, unseen, goes down!

O ye with banners and battle-shot,
And soldiers to shout and praise,
I tell you the kingliest victories fought
Are fought in these silent ways!

—Joaquin Miller

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TOMORROW ... ALWAYS TOMORROW

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

How many times does the word "tomorrow" occur in the Bible when it speaks concerning salvation and the necessity of being born again and becoming a new creature in Christ Jesus?

You may be surprised at the answer . . . for the word "tomorrow" does not occur once! When it comes to the vital and urgent business of being saved, the word "tomorrow" is not to be found in the vocabulary of the grace of God. In truth it belongs to the devil, and with the clever use of it he has succeeded in lulling many souls to sleep or leading them into the "never-never" land of "by-and-by."

Satan does not object to a person being saved and getting right with the Lord Jesus Christ, as long as it is to be done tomorrow. If you feel that the Holy Spirit of God is pleading with your soul, yield to him . . . tomorrow. If you sense that your life is all wrong because of sin and rebellion, take care to set things right . . . tomorrow. If someone hands you a Gospel tract with an urgent warning and loving entreaty, by all means read it . . . tomorrow.

If someone graciously invites you to attend a meeting where the grace of God in Christ Jesus is proclaimed, thank the person for the invitation and attend the meeting . . . tomorrow. Only make sure that you will act . . . tomorrow, and you will cause the devil to rejoice, for he will see to it that tomorrow will always be . . . tomorrow.

But that word "tomorrow" is never to be found in the vocabulary of the grace of God; His word is always "today." And, after all, "today" is the only time that you have and with which you can do anything. "Yesterday" is past and buried, beyond recall; "tomorrow" . . . well, you have no assurance concerning it, and one of these days "tomorrow" will be spent on the other side of the grave in the vast expanse of eternity.

There is no "tomorrow salvation" with God! Learn it clearly from His own Word: "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isaiah 1:18) God wants to reason with you concerning that sin which is ruining you for life and for eternity, and He wants to do it . . . today. "Tomorrow" may be too late for a "conference session," for you may not be able to attend!

God pleads with you in the present. "Today if you will hear His voice harden not your hearts" (Hebrews 3:15), for the man who is deceived by hopes for "tomorrow" may harden his heart beyond all recall! "Behold now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2).

The Word of God cries a warning with a striking portrait of a "tomorrow man"—a deluded and deceived individual who lost his soul by foolish reasoning. He said, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease: eat, drink and be merry." (Luke 12:19) But the voice of a holy God cut short his plans: "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee!" (vs. 20).

It is always "night" for the soul where there is no thought for the gracious opportunities of "today." The one who thinks of salvation in terms of "tomorrow" betrays his own soul and despises the only hope which may be claimed.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:31)

"Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." (Acts 20:21)

These are texts for today, for they hold meaning only for today. Tomorrow may well write another story, and against many a life so suddenly removed from the hope of further "tomorrows" there remains to be written only the sad record, "too late . . . too late . . . too late."

Jesus is tenderly calling . . . today! Hear His voice, and turn, and live!—American Tract Society, N. Y. City, N. Y.

IN MEMORY OF OUR MOTHER

Our mother went away one day,

Upon this earth she could not stay;
God in his wisdom called her home,
To be with him around the throne.

But in her prayers, she still lives on,
With each of us in our humble home;
And some glad day we hope to be
With our dear mother in eternity.

All will be peace and joy there,
In Jesus' name we'll sing
Praises, while the ages roll,
We'll walk the shining streets of gold.

Mrs. Beulah Percifield, Hughson, Calif.

Make your minutes count, and the harvest of your days will be assured.—Benjamin Franklin.

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THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Good things cost. Really valuable possessions are high priced. What is cheaply acquired is apt to be of inferior quality. They type of life that follows the course of least resistance, that drifts with the current instead of rowing against it is too often in evidence and the sad consequences apparent.

Character costs the renunciation of the forces that pull down an alliance with those that lift up. Christian discipleship must meet the standards set up by Christ instead of any that man may set up. He declares a tremendous cost must be involved if any one will be His follower. The will must be yielded to Him, life must be made anew by Him.

It cost Jesus all to be able to offer the boon of discipleship to humanity. His words are unmistakably plain when He said "He . . . that forsaketh not all that he hath . . . cannot be My disciple." This is the acid test of the Christian profession. Christ must have first place in the life if it is genuine.

In the first place, sin must be put out of the life by faith in the cleansing Blood of Christ. He must become the Master of the life. What are some of the things that must be renounced to become a follower of Jesus Christ? Sometimes it may be the business that one is engaged in. To be engaged in dispensing alcoholic liquors, promoting gambling, or anything that destroys the moral and spiritual life, might be easily reckoned by many as having to be given up; but when we speak of worldly honor and fame, the amassing of great fortunes to be selfishly used, we have another phase of that which must be renounced. Whenever God calls for consecration and man says no, he has set up a bar to discipleship. When the Christian life is entered into, old associations must be forsaken. I am not saying that one must withdraw from the world into an enforced solitude. Jesus prayed that His followers be not taken out of the world, but kept from the evil. But when one becomes a Christian, there cannot be

John L. Perham

the type of fellowship previously existing between himself and the ungodly whose company he formerly enjoyed. There must be a cutting loose in that sense.

"He that loveth father or mother" or "son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me" draws the line definitely. The test of discipleship comes when God calls to a life of separation to a particular work for Him. Blessed are those who let nothing come between them and the call of God. They will not fail of their reward in this life and in the life to come, according to the declaration of Jesus.

Nor is this renunciation of the lower for the higher made once and for all when the Christian life is entered into, if we rightly interpret the Word. In the case of the rich young ruler it meant the giving up of his material possessions which were dearer to him than the boon of eternal life. If he had successfully met that test, he would have found life contained a succession of decisions to be made and the quality of discipleship depended on how these decisions were made. To forsake all that one has to become a loyal disciple of Christ requires the giving up of anything that impedes spiritual progress.

What is to be the criterion in judgment? The standards the church

THE CHRISTIAN SPEAKS

I will not stoop to grumbling,
Nor murmur or complain;
I'd rather trust His love and stay
Until He turns my night to day.

I will not stoop to grumbling—
I would not, if I might;
For now the just shall live by faith,
And afterward by sight.
Learn thou His lessons, soul of mine—
No, I'll not grumble or repine.

I will not stoop to grumbling—
I'd rather do His will;
Be still and know that He is God,
And trust His mighty skill.
His thoughts and ways are not as mine;
For He must temper and refine.

has set up, the opinion of the individual or society's estimate, are not infallible; we must turn to the Word of God and apply its teachings by the Holy Spirit and an enlightened conscience. To be engrossed by the pleasures of the world will shut out prayer and the Word and fruit-bearing will not result. A decline in the quality of spiritual life will result and there must be repentance and forsaking if there is to be real joy and a vital testimony. To lose one's testimony is a sad thing, yet how many find they do not have the joy they once did, and realizing their condition and awakened conscience calls them back to their first love.

Material things are insistent on the time and thought. Jesus Christ calls for the forsaking of the lower for the higher. The Christian is in a world where evil in a multitude of forms will seek to contaminate the life and there needs to be a daily cleansing from the effects of the associations in which he must live, to some extent, as they tend to lessen his conception of sin and cause spiritual loss. He will live above his daily surroundings, hating the sin he witnesses and by Divine grace refusing to let it exert a harmful influence on his life.

Decisions, too, must be made when the parting of the ways comes and God calls to step out into definite service for Him. The ties of friendship and worldly interests must be made secondary and real consecration alone can meet the tests of true and loyal discipleship. May we not fail to count the cost and be obedient to the Divine will.—Gospel Herald

Texas District Tops Record in Attendance at April Rally

A record attendance of over 175 was chalked up April 10 at the quarterly youth rally of the Texas association. The rally was held at the Good Hope church, near Henderson.

Rev. H. Z. Cox, Dallas, was the guest speaker. His subject, and the theme of the rally, was "Truth for the Youth."

The attendance banner went to the Mt. Olive church with 34 registered.

SPRING!

Ben L. Byer

In the Spring
The songbirds sing
The days are bright and sunny,
The young leaves grow
The flowers blow
The bees are gathering honey.

The gentle rain
On the growing grain
Delights the farmer's heart,
God is good
And gives us food
If we but do our part.



Where Does Your Happiness Come From?

Multitudes of people are apparently trying to find happiness from a bottle.

Included in this group are millions who are addicts of the patent medicine bottle. Some of them try every new drug on the market. They seem to be happiest when they are taking the medicine. They depend on their medicine bottle as a crippled man depends on his crutch.

There is, of course, a legitimate place for the medicine bottle in the average household. There are many medicines that offer relief and others that may effect cures for numerous physical disabilities.

Then there are millions of people in this country—in fact, fifty millions, we are told—who look for happiness in the liquor bottle. Some of these are mere casual drinkers. Others are social drinkers. Some are habitual drinkers. Still others are alcoholics. All in all, they are spending about \$9,000,000,000 a year to purchase happiness out of a bottle.

But happiness cannot be obtained from a bottle. In fact, happiness cannot be bought for a price. Happiness is a by-product or the result of a certain type of thinking and living. It never comes from any kind of crutch.

True happiness comes through surrender and obedience to Jesus Christ.

Real happiness comes from a personal experience and fellowship with the Son of God. Jesus, late in his ministry, in a speech to his disciples put it this way: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast seen." (John 17:3). St. Paul in I Corinthians 2:2, realizing the joy that comes from fellowship with Christ, exclaimed: "For I am determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

It would be interesting to know just how many ailments, both physical and spiritual, would disappear through a complete dedication to the Great Physician. It would be impressive to learn just what miracles of joy He could bring to those who seek a lift through strong drink.

Jesus, and Jesus alone, is the source of all genuine happiness. He alone offers the wine of enduring gladness. To seek happiness elsewhere is to be disappointed, to be disillusioned, to be utterly cast down. The more trust we put in him the less need we shall have for any kind of bottle!—North Carolina Christian Advocate

All my life I have lived in the presence of fine and beautiful men going to their death through alcohol. I call it the greatest trap that life has set for the feet of genius.—Sinclair.

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Students Available for Arkansas Work

Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery, foreign mission volunteers, will be available the latter part of July and all of August for services in Arkansas.

They currently are in training at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, but plan to leave for foreign service soon after the preparation. Mrs. Calvery is formerly from Arkansas.

Interested churches may write them at 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Why Not Try Christianity—NOW?

If our so-called Christian nations will only adopt a truly Christian policy, we may possibly not only delay but prevent World War III.

A few weeks ago I was talking to one of the ablest women I have ever known. A woman of great practical judgment, she has inherited and is active in directing large business interests. She also has a deep and sound interest in all movements for the development of her state, our underprivileged classes, and the South as a whole . . . Some how the talk turned to religion, and she used one unforgettable expression:

"Every time I have tried to do anything that Jesus tells us to do," she said very simply, "I have found that it works."

Very often since then, as wars and rumors of war have all but drowned out the Christian message of "peace on earth, good will to men," I have thought of this woman's matter-of-fact tribute to the everyday practicability of Christianity.

"When we try to do what Christ tells us to do—it works." And if it works in our personal relations, why should it not work in international relations? If putting Christianity into practice among individuals brings returns in peace and good will, why should not putting Christianity into practice among nations do so? In other words, why not try Christianity as a way out of the present un-Christian threat of World War III and world destruction?

This does not mean that we should stop or lessen our present efforts to arm America with weapons of war so long as we are threatened with weapons of war. But it does certainly mean that we should try Christianity as a means of preventing such a war.

We in America profess to be a Christian nation. So does the people of Britain and all Europe. The President of the United States often praises the Sermon on the Mount. So do our Senators and Congressmen and our diplomats. Why, then, should they not get down on their knees along with all our common people and pray in all sincerity, "By God's help we will try to learn—and then to use—Christ's way of dealing with the gigantic devastation and destruction that now threatens our human race."

Suppose we should with all our hearts try to find Christ's way, what conclusions would we reach? Every reader must answer that question for himself. I can report only what my own sincere efforts lead me to conclude for myself.

1. First of all, most of all, I believe we should have to act in a spirit of Love. "God's love," we are told, and love is certainly the keynote of all Christ's teaching. The King of England gave the world its noblest Christmas 1950 message when he declared:

"If our world is to survive in any sense that makes survival worth while, it must learn to love, not to hate; to create, not to

By Clarence Poe, President and Editor,
The Progressive Farmer

destroy."

Every move of our diplomacy, every effort to strengthen our armaments would have to be tested by the yardstick, "Is this in harmony with the spirit of love—a spirit of love not only for our own nation, but for all nations; not only for our own people, but for all peoples?" Because war always kills the innocent many along with the guilty few, how can any Christian nation justify it so long as there remains any Christian way to avoid it? Should we not say with General Marshall, "Wherever there is a conference table, the United States should be the first one at it and the last one to leave it?"

2. If we have Christ's spirit, must we not also say, "Always the only justifiable use of Force is to repel the use of Force?" We must arm to prevent other nations from using arms against us and we must use arms if arms attack us, but we must not be rushed into any unnecessary or so-called "preventive war" by any foolish talk that "war is inevitable" and that we should start it whenever we believe we can win it by slaughtering millions of poor, plain men and women in other lands who no more wish to kill us than we to kill them.

3. If we have the spirit of Christ, we Americans must also learn a new sympathy for suffering in other lands. Why should the average American farmer boast of his prosperity when he thinks 100 acres of God's earth too little for his family while millions in Asia have less than two acres per family? Why should American business men take the credit for a prosperity that is largely due to the fact that the rich resources of our country are divided only among 150 million people instead of 1,000 million as they would be in Asia? Instead of boasting of our superiority to other peoples, should we not rather humbly pray in the language of the Psalmist—

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory."

4. Furthermore, if we have the spirit of Christ, should we not be ready to spend out of our abundance not merely for war and guns, but to help the poverty-stricken millions abroad who live half-starved, die pitifully young, and go through life almost without hope, all because they lack the privileges God has given us? A truly great "Christian Alternative to World Destruction" is found in Senator Brien McMahon's proposal first made last spring, namely—

(1) That all nations reduce armament and spend two-thirds of their then war budgets for a world program of reconstruction, irrigation, education, health, industrial progress, and human welfare.

(2) That if other nations agree to do this, the United States would itself give 10 billion for this purpose.

No other program our President or Congress or our people or our Christian churches can support would likely do so much to check the world-wide trend toward Communism and War and instead set the governments of all nations upon a new era of Hope and Progress and Peace. Ten billions so spent might save world peace, while 50 billions to wage war or prepare for World War III may (or may not) end only in World War IV or world suicide.—Reprinted from Biblical Recorder.

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Why Not Ours?

In going over the country I find that there are Sunday Schools using a "Six Point Record System" for their Sunday Schools that are published by another denomination. Why not use our own published at Monett, Mo., by the Free Will Baptist Gem? It is because "the grass is just a little greener on the other side of the fence?" to use the old adage.

A Great Meeting at Wilson

It was my privilege as well as my duty as a minister of the Free Will Baptist church of North Carolina to attend a meeting, called by the Promotional Secretary and members of the various boards, at Wilson, N. C., May the 7th, at which time many profitable suggestions were offered by various ministers as to the best way to carry on the work of the whole program.

The first to take over and open up the meeting was Rev. D. W. Hansley, Chairman-Treasurer, of the Educational Board of North Carolina. Rev. Henry Melvin, Business Mgr. and Treasurer of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., was on hand to give information about the college. In the discussions it was agreed and passed that all "Educational Money" should be sent to Rev. D. W. Hansley, Ayden, N. C., and that complete cooperation of educational work in the State should be between the College and the State Program. So we are to send our educational gifts to Rev. David W. Hansley, Treas., Ayden, N. C.

Rev. J. W. Alford took charge of the meeting in deliberations, and regarding Missions, Brother Alford informed us that the \$11,000 allocated to North Carolina for this Association Year had been raised and sent to the National Promotional Secretary, Rev. Raymond Riggs. It is also stated that our quota for next year

had been set at \$12,000.00. At this point Brother Alford stated, "that our receipts for this year would be, if money continued to come in, around \$13,000.00, perhaps more. Brother Alford said, "We will give whether we have an allotment assigned to us or not." He was much encouraged with the interest manifested in Missions.

Rev. James A. Evans, Chairman, gave the high-lights of the Cragmont assembly. He told of the campaign that was waged and the success of the work heretofore. "Our obligations are being met up to date, with some repair being accomplished," he said. Many testimonies were given as to what Cragmont had done in the blessing of young people who had attended the assemblies in the past. Some had been dedicated to the Lord. Some had gone back home, taking with them inspiration for the folks back home. It was agreed that Cragmont was not started to make money, but to make profitable teaching for those who would avail themselves of the blessings to be found at Cragmont.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, Promotional Secretary, told of the work belonging to his field, and gave glowing reports of the degree of success already attained in setting up the office.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant came on the program with a message on better and more literature, as he represented the Free Will Baptist Press, at Ayden. He is the President of the Board of Directors. He mentioned several things being arranged, one of which was to employ more editors to enlarge the editorial staff, so that more periodicals can be printed, to meet the need of the various Sunday Schools. His information was received with much interest by the majority of the ministers present. He also emphasized the Ministers Conference which convenes on the 4th of June this year, and urged all ministers to attend the conference this year. Brother Wade Calvert, one of the greatest supporters of Cragmont, said, "I am expecting good representation at the Piedmont Association."

Every department of our State and National Program was brought into the discussion on that occasion and

it was brought out that every thing done by the State and the National Association should be in harmony, and all work together for the putting over of the whole program.

It was regretted that a goodly number of our ministers could not attend this meeting. Perhaps there were some who could have gone, but did not. But we were well pleased that those who were there represented a group of the leading (not all) pastors of the State, and the day was well spent for the cause of Christ.

Ministers' Conference

Along with those who were at the above mentioned meeting who spoke of the blessings of Cragmont and urged all of us to attend. I want to urge you, my brethren in Christ, that you endeavor to sleep Monday night, June the 4th, in the mountains of N. C., at the Assembly Hall, known as Cragmont. This place can and ought to become the greatest place of blessing in North Carolina. Will you help to make it so, brother minister? If you love our young people, and wish for them great success in the taking over of the church in a few years, when we older ones have "crossed over the bar," won't you help to get your young people to Cragmont when the day arrives for the different groups? Will you help?

The women of our state have been great leaders in the Cragmont project. They have really done things and received blessings. We ministers have not done what we might have done. We are to blame for our negligence. So may we be so anxious to do our part that the women cannot say, "The preachers have not done what they ought to have done." Let us show the women who love Cragmont and that we are going to get in the lead as to putting Cragmont over the top.

PERFECT LOVE

The perfect love that casteth out

The fear that haunts us night and day,
Can be our own if we but ask,

And all God's Holy Will obey.

For love can conquer and disarm

The foes that press us in the strife,
And if we will determined stand,

We will receive Eternal life.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

THE POWER OF PRAYER

"If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you."—John 15:7 (R. V.).

Dr. Andrew Murray once said that ere Christ went to heaven he taught his disciples two great lessons concerning their relation to him in the great work they had to do. He said:

"The one was that in Heaven he would have more power than He had upon earth, . . . The other was that they without Him could do nothing, but that they could count upon Him to work in them, and through them, and so carry out His purpose."

Those disciples went forth to do their work in the gospel ministry, feeling that Jesus would be with them, and direct them in whatever they did for the cause of righteousness in the world. Christ heard their prayers, and answered them.

Many years ago in this country a certain religious institution lost by fire one of its most essential buildings. As a result, the institution was greatly handicapped for the housing of the students, as it was a large dormitory that had burned. The students were greatly disturbed and saddened, feeling that they would have to leave their studies and go home.

But the faculty assembled at the call of the president, a God-loving man, for discussion concerning the serious situation. In their meeting they turned to God in prayer, asking His guidance, leadership, and blessings. From that a meeting was called of the students by the president to meet with the faculty in the college auditorium. Then the situation was discussed before the students; the president stressed the power of prayer, when the hearts of the people turn unto God for answer; and it was deeply felt that the entire assemblage should go to God in prayer, asking that some way might be made by which the burned building might be replaced with a new one in a short time.

The president leading in this public prayer, then faculty members, and many of the students humbled themselves in kneeling position before the Lord in that auditorium, and asked God to bless them in their serious plight, and to direct the hearts and minds of those interested in the college to help replace the dormitory. Thus praying with great faith, they arose from their season of prayer, feeling that God would open a way soon or the money to come for the erection of a new dormitory. The president was assured that God would lay it

upon the heart of someone to come to their rescue.

As plans were being made to care for the students in a temporary way, one day the college president received a letter from a person whom he did not know personally. In the letter was a check for several thousand dollars to help construct a new dormitory. Then there came other checks from different persons, far and near, and expressions of sympathy and regret in those letters because of the great loss of the college. Money kept coming as the days passed, and the new foundation was soon laid for the new dormitory.

The president, the faculty, and the student body felt that it was through prayer that God opened the way for the erection of the new dormitory in only a short while. Prayer, sincere prayer, with faith and trust in God brought this to pass in a short time.

God knew the need of that institution. He knew the work that it was doing for the cause of Christ in the world. He saw the faith, trust, and sincere prayers of the president, the faculty members, and the students, and therefore he answered their prayers for an early establishment of a new building to take the place of the one unfortunately burned.

In the Bible there are instances in which God answered certain prayers for specific purposes. Hannah prayed for a son, and God answered her prayer. Solomon prayed for wisdom to rule his people well, and God answered his prayer. A few women in Mark's home in Jerusalem prayed for the Apostle Peter who had been thrust in prison by the enemy, and God answered their prayers, and Peter was miraculously released by the angel. King Hezekiah prayed to God in faith when he lay dying of a serious disease, and God raised him up and extended his life for fifteen more years, that he might continue his leadership among his people. When Israel became penitent, and turned unto the Lord in sincere prayer that the enemy might be driven from their land, God answered their prayer at his own good pleasure, and the enemy was removed from their land.

We believe that if our people of our country would turn to God in sincere prayer, faith and trust in Him, and beseech Him at the throne of grace, He would bring about a great relief of a great many of our troubles. We believe conditions politically, economically, socially, and religiously would become much better, and the nation as a whole would be spiritually blessed by our heavenly Father. Surely, God will hear if this nation would turn unto the Lord for divine guidance, peace and happiness.

:- Department of Foreign Missions :-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
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HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

MISSIONARY REVIEW

Barnard's Passage Money Needed

Miss Barnard expects to be back in India by the 10th or 15th of July. Going by boat it will take three or four weeks. So you see, she will sail in a few weeks, the Lord willing. Of course the board is obligated to pay her fare. The overall transportation cost will be between five and seven hundred dollars. Again we say, we are depending on you to supply this need. Please pray about this matter and let your people know the need and I'm sure the Lord will supply. "The Lord Hath Done Great Things for Us;

Whereof We Are Glad."

Herewith is another monthly financial statement of the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Our hearts are grateful indeed for this splendid report, and we feel confident that our people will continue to rally toward the support of this all important cause that is so dear to the heart of our Lord. Please remember, we must send our offerings in regularly.

Hats Off!

Yes Sir, we take our hats off to the following six states who have already exceeded their Foreign Mission Quota for this year. They are: California, Rev. Ralph Hampton, director; Georgia, Rev. E. C. Morris, director; Michigan, Rev. Homer Willis, director; North Carolina, Rev. Rashie Kennedy, director; Tennessee, Rev. Adam Scott, director; Texas, Rev. H. Ray Berry, director. We are sure that by June 30th these states will have given much more and we are trusting that the other states will not be satisfied with giving any less than their respective quota. What is your state doing? What are you doing?

Foreign Mission Board Meets

Your Foreign Mission Board held its annual meeting last month and we are glad to report to you a very harmonious session. We are proposing a \$60,000.00 budget for Foreign Missions next year, with the states quota as follows:

Alabama, \$1550.00; Arkansas, 1000.00; California, 800.00; Florida, 900.00; Georgia, 2000.00; Illinois, 3000.00; Kentucky, 1200.00; Michigan, \$7000.00; Mississippi, 850.00; Missouri, 8500.00; North Carolina, 12000.00; Ohio, 2000.00; Oklahoma, 5000.00; South Carolina, 3200.00; Tennessee, 5500.00; Texas, 2000.00; Virginia, 1500.00; West Virginia, 2000.00.

We trust these suggested quotas will meet the approval of the National Ass'n., and especially of each state.

The following excerpts are from the minutes of the recent board meeting:

1. It was mutually agreed that we request the State Convention, Executive Committee, or State Mission Board, of the various states to suggest and certify to us, as soon as possible, the individuals we could appoint and use as Directors for the Foreign Mission Program in their respective states.

2. On motion that Bros. Riggs and L. C. Johnson be instructed and authorized to set the date and arrange a program for a Missionary Conference to be held during the month of October, 1951, preferably during the first week of the month.

3. It was agreed that we make a Child's allowance of \$15.00 a month for the Wilfong baby in Cuba, this being retroactive to the birth of the child.

4. Recommendation: On motion we recommend that Sec. 10 of the By-Laws of the Foreign Mission Board be amended to read as follows:

"The corporation shall have a corporate seal."

Wilson Being Considered for India

Miss Volena Wilson, of Marion, N. C., is being considered for our Mission field in India. She is a graduate of the Missionary Training Institute of Nyack, N. Y., and has a very high scholastic standing. Please pray that the Lord's will might be done in her case.

Seven Thousand Dollar Building Fund

Approved for India

The Foreign Mission Board recently approved the purchase of Mission property in India, not to exceed \$7,000.00. This is a must for our work in India. Please pray that God will supply the necessary finance. If He lays it on your heart to make a special offering toward this project, we shall be grateful. Remember, we can only do what you enable us to do through your prayers and support.

Penny a Meal Stickers

We have a new supply of penny a meal stickers so if you need any just let us know. Continue to encourage this plan of missionary giving. Keep your offerings coming, we cannot operate without them.

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." —Matt. 24:14.

Rev. Raymond Riggs

Promotional Secy.-Treas.

242 Victor Avenue

Highland Park 3, Michigan

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD OF THE NATIONAL ASS'N. OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Cash on Hand April 1, 1951 \$9187.13

RECEIPTS

Alabama	\$37.00
Arkansas	14.90
California	29.96
Georgia	78.12
Illinois	55.00
Kentucky	443.97
Michigan	463.60
Mississippi	54.00
Missouri	1079.78
New Mexico	5.00
North Carolina	1611.27
Ohio	.52
Oklahoma	144.32
South Carolina	24.54
Tennessee	494.35
Texas	182.93
Virginia	1.04
West Virginia	80.15
Sale of Barnard's Books	2.00
Total	\$4802.45

Grand Total \$13989.58

DISBURSEMENTS

Rev. Raymond Riggs (for services)	\$50.00
Office help	75.00
Toccoa Falls School (Willey children)	75.00
Cuba	1750.00
Laura Belle Barnard	90.00
India	1110.00
Bank Exchange	.15
Rev. Geo. W. Waggoner (Expense)	134.91
Rev. E. C. Morris (Expense)	11.25
Rev. Adam Scott (Expense)	32.00
Insurance on office furniture at Monett	
Insurance on Monett office furniture	37.88
Printing of Literature	107.02
Rev. Kenneth Turner (Expense)	89.80
Mrs. Harold Stevens (Africa)	37.00
Missions Visualized	233.33
Postage	59.15
Delegate exp. to N. A. E. conference	40.00
Rev. T. H. Willey (Expense)	175.50
Advanced to Cuba for caps and gowns	95.15
Rev. Rashie Kennedy (exp. to meet.)	88.50
Rev. Rashie Kennedy (expense)	14.20
Rev. J. W. Alford (exp. to meeting)	88.50
Evangelical F. M. Membership Fee	140.00

Total \$4534.34

STATES	QUOTA	PAID	BALANCE
Ala.	\$ 1550.00	\$ 772.07	\$ 777.93
Ark.	500.00	438.94	61.06
Calif.	200.00	493.48	
Fla.	800.00	568.64	231.36
Ga.	2000.00	2244.26	
Ill.	2500.00	2460.01	39.99
Ken.	1200.00	734.65	465.35
Mich.	4000.00	6465.42	
Miss.	850.00	511.75	338.25
Mo.	8000.00	6926.56	1073.44
N. C.	11000.00	11576.65	

A Letter from Miss Barnard

Dear Prayer Helpers:

It is hard to realize that a year has passed since I came home, and equally hard to tell where those 12 months have gone. Nevertheless they are gone, and I am now booked to sail from New York May 31, on SS Steel Executive. I need not even mention how earnestly I request your prayers.

Ohio	2000.00	620.97	1379.03
Okla.	5000.00	1662.39	3337.61
S. C.	3000.00	2130.14	869.86
Tenn.	5000.00	5116.58	
Tex.	1600.00	1737.44	
Va.	1500.00	231.27	1268.73
W. Va.	2000.00	1340.83	659.17

	\$52700.00	\$46032.05	\$10501.78
California paid above quota			\$293.48
Georgia paid above quota			244.26
Michigan paid above quota			2465.42
North Carolina paid above quota			576.65
Texas paid above quota			137.44
Tennessee paid above quota			116.58

\$3833.83

\$6667.95

BALANCE IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS

General Fund	\$5626.15
Barnard's Books	710.00
Film "Letter to Melitino"	14.68
India Car Fund	3104.41

Total Accounts Balance \$9455.24

FROM THE FIELD

Dear Brother Riggs:

Enclosed you will find a money order for two dollars and twenty-five cents from the Junior League of the Southside Free Will Baptist Church of Comanche, Texas. This group was told the story, "The Missionary Penny," and how children made a penny grow so that children in other countries may learn of Christ. Each child was given a penny to grow for Christ and twelve pennies grew into this amount in one month.

I am sending this account on to you because the children took so much joy and interest in the accomplishment. I am sure it could be made to work in any church or community. If you are interested, I can have the story typed and will send it to you.

Yours in Service,
Herbert Richards

Prayer for all the preparations for departure. Prayer for the voyage itself. I am daring to ask the Lord for a calm and restful voyage which will be a preparation, physically, mentally, and spiritually, for taking up the task again in India. While I have gained much physically here in the homeland it is patent that there are still gains to be made, and a month of ocean air could be used of the Lord to great advantage at this point. Also, when sailing is good there is nothing like being cut off from responsibilities on both hemispheres, to give mental relaxation. Last, but not least, a month at sea can offer wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal. Each of these three preparations I realize is a vital need. Indeed I dare not face the tremendous task again without a conscious fulfillment of these needs. And then prayer for the definite advance of the Gospel witness in a new term of service.

Miss Volena Wilson is now in Glenville with me endeavoring to complete final preparations to sail along with me. Arrangements for her going were begun at a very late date and there is naturally some doubt as to whether all formalities can be cleared in time. But, whether Miss Wilson sails May 31 or later, she joins me in requesting your earnest prayers.

From news notes which have appeared in the church papers from time to time from the missionaries, you are aware that the past year has witnessed many blessed changes in the India work. A spirit of revival and a harvest of souls in Kotagiri, and the opening of new opportunities for witnessing, all of which has focused on the crying need of purchasing a mission property of our own on that station. Our mission board has authorized us to purchase property up to the amount of \$7,000. The property which meets our need ideally is no longer available to us at that price, as prices have been advancing at an appalling rate in India. We earnestly ask prayer for God's provision of whatever amount is needed

over \$7,000 to purchase the property which we have long desired. It is His best will we seek, for the sake of the furtherance of His gospel.

I quote from Trula Cronk's report of the large Fair held in Kishanganj, for which we asked special prayer some weeks ago: "In the 2 weeks of the mela we (including our visiting assistants) sold over fifteen hundred Bible portions and several New Testaments and there must have been given around a hundred and fifty short messages. Our booth stayed open most of the time. We feel that the booth was a beginning. A witness has really gone out to many of our villages who are able to read and now we must pray the Lord to use His Word to open hearts. We think that the Holy Spirit can better work thru the Word than through any other means. Certainly those who are saved are saved because of the knowledge gained from the Word."

Again, I say, I covet your prayers. We go under the High Command of the Lord Himself, the Greater Joshua, and there is yet "very much land to be possessed." Our conquests are not territorial nor material in any sense, but we go in His all-conquering name to reach the hearts of men and lift them by a supernatural power to a better way of life, deliverance from the bondage of sin, and to the assurance of eternal salvation. Our message has not changed since apostolic days; the power of that message is the same; but changes on a world level have caused us to consider new approaches and perhaps new methods of presenting the Message. If the Christian church in America has given India grounds for doubting that the American way of life is the solution to India's problems, it is still an overwhelming fact that Jesus is the answer to the heart-cry of India as of all the world. Pray that the returning missionary, together with those now in the land, and any about to go for the first time, will be equipped by the Holy Spirit to present the all-sufficient Christ in His true light.

I shall be right here in Glenville, or nearby, for most of this month.

Yours in His glad service,
Laura Belle Barnard

Cragmont

News and Views

Questions You Will Want Answered

When? June 4 through August 25, 1951

For Whom? Ministers, teachers, Christian workers, family groups, and all church groups.

What ages? Nine and up. (Children younger must be accompanied by parents)

What is the nature of the 1951 program? Devotions, lectures, addresses, forums, singing, and fellowship. There will be important details released in later articles, which will be of especial interest to each age group. In the meantime, write immediately, indicating what week you want to attend.

What must be brought? Bible, toilet articles, towels, and outdoor clothing for re-

creation, such as, soft ball, croquet, horse shoes, mountain climbing and sightseeing.

What will it cost me? Average cost for five days is \$20.00. This includes transportation on Cragmont bus on its regular route, room and board, linen and insurance. Spending money and meals on road are extra. A registration of \$1.00 is required with application (this will be refunded, on request, if you later are unable to attend.)

Write, if you are not clear as to details, or for any other reason, as follows: prior to June 1—Raymond T. Sasser, 207 W. Broad St., Wilson, N. C., from June 1 to August 25—Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, N. C., Telephone number, Black Mountain 3604.

THE WATER BEETLE

G. H. Clement

Beetles are interesting little creatures. Belonging to this family are the furniture beetles which make tunnels in the legs of tables and chairs; and its second cousin, the bookworm, which has been known to make a straight tunnel through a set of 27 books. If you have walked along a country road on a warm summer's night you have likely heard the tick, tick of one beetle calling to another.

But we are going to look at the water beetle for a few moments. I have known some boys who have declared they would like to spend every summer day in a lovely pool of water. Then I know that other boys would like to fly like a bird. Well, the water beetle does both. It lives in a pond during the day, and flies at night. Not a bad life for a beetle, eh? It lives in two worlds. On a sunny day you may see them with their heads under water and their tail raised just above the surface. They remind one of little ducks. Actually they could not live if their tail was not above the water, because they breath through the tail end of their body.

When the sun goes down, and the

shadows creep across the pond, the water beetle takes its forefeet from off the botom, where it was holding on, and bobs up to the top. Then it spreads out its wings, bids the pond a good-by, and strikes out for the fields and meadows. But when it sees the shimmering of water it will close its wings and drop with a splash into the pool. Fancy an airplane landing that way. Instead of circling downwards, or gliding to a landing, just folding up its wings and dropping like a stone! We know what would happen to the airplane. Well, that is exactly what happened to a beetle one night.

A gardener was at work in her greenhouse this night, when he heard a crack on the glass roof. He went out and tried to discover what had hit the glass. To his surprise he found a smashed-up beetle. Being a naturalist he knew what had caused the beetle to descend on the roof. The foolish insect had seen the glitter of the glass and had thought it was water. He had dropped, expecting a cool plunge, but instead of that it was a descent to death.

Not all that glistens are diamonds, we often say. The beetle had not learned that not all that glitters is water. But I wonder if sometimes we are not just like that beetle? We are living by faith in Jesus up above the mean, low things of the world, and we are soaring upwards on the wings of faith. Then all of a sudden we see something down below, as it were, that looks inviting, and without once thinking whether it is right or wrong we are drawn down toward it. Too late we find it was only a false pleasure, and oh, how unhappy it made us feel! Yes, and so often, others were made unhappy by our fall, too.

I think that is why John the Apostle warned us to try the spirits, because, said he, many false spirits have gone out into the world. You see, John did not want us to fall into a trap by not knowing it really was a trap. But how can we be kept from being fooled by things that glitter? By asking Jesus day by day to keep us from falling into Satan's snares, and by reading that Book which David said was a lamp unto his feet. If the beetle could only have seen better it would not have dropped to its death. The Bible throws a light upon our path so we can clearly see that which is real and that which is false.

THE RIGHT ROAD HOME

"Is this the right road home, O Lord?

The clouds are dark and chill,
This stony path is hard to tread,
Each step brings some fresh hill.
I thought the way would brighter grow,
And that the sun would warmer glow,
And joyous songs from sad hearts flow;
Is this the right road home?"

"Yes, child, this very road I trod;
The clouds were dark for me;
The stony path was sharp and hard;
Not sight but faith could see
That at the end the sun shone bright,
Forever where there is no night,
Where glad hearts rest from earth's fierce flight—
This is the right road home."

While just government protects all in their religious rites, true religion affords government its surest support.—George Washington.

Contentment often serves as a brake on the wheels of progress.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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of the

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THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1951

convening with

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Theme: Victory Through Conquest

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- 9:30—Registration
10:00—Devotions, Mrs. Bruce Barrow
—Welcome, Mrs. Gilbert Jones
—Response, Mrs. Roy Rickard
—President's Message, Mrs. J. C. Moye
—Reports of Vice Presidents
—Orphanage News and Offering
—Congregational Singing
—Special music, local church
11:30—Convention Message, Miss Laura B. Barnard
—Rev. J. R. Davidson, alternate
—Appointment of Committees
12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Tribute to deceased, Mrs. R. T. Sasser, Mrs. Robie Strickland, alternate
—Report of Field Worker, Mrs. J. C. Griffin
—Cragmont, Mrs. L. E. Ballard
—Symposium
—Business period
—Treasurer's Report, Mrs. M. A. Woodard
—Committee reports
—Special music
—Reading of Minutes of Convention and Executive Committee
—Benediction

REVIVAL!!!

There will be a revival starting May 13 and lasting through May 26 at the Walnut Street Free Will Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas. Services will begin each night at 8:00. The Rev. George W. McLain, former pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Richmond, California, will be in charge of the services, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Doyle D. Dipboye. Each night will feature special music. The public is cordially invited to attend. For information call: 2-3318 or 2-2857.

DIRECTIONS TO WOMAN'S STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

Place: Hull Road Church, Greene Co.

Date: May 24, 1951

For the benefit of those who are expecting to attend the North Carolina State Woman's Convention, which convenes on May 24, we are giving the following directions:

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Virtue or morality is a necessary spring of popular government.—George Washington.

Accepting government aid is like taking drugs—pleasant at first, habit-forming later, damning at last.—W. W. Ward.

HOME HINTS

Always keep butter or margarine in a very tightly covered container in the refrigerator, else it will quickly take on the flavors of other foods.

Meats, to be kept in a refrigerator, should be wrapped loosely in waxed paper or aluminum foil.

Before arranging flowers in a vase, be sure to clip the stems, if they have been in the air a while after cutting.

Use a small bottle-washing brush, dipped in soapsuds, to pick up dust from the corners of window-pane molding.

Cover the wastepaper basket with wallpaper matching that on the walls and you will have a brighter room.

In removing meat-juice or gravy stains, use cold or lukewarm water first, until the coloring is dissolved, then use hot water.

When hat feathers begin to look droopy and ruffled, steam them over the kitchen kettle.

Canadian-style bacon is pork loin that has been cured and smoked; it may be pan-boiled, pan-fried, roasted, or broiled.

A handy shoe rack can be made with an old curtain rod. Tack on the inside of a closet door and hang shoes on it by their heels.

Use a piece of stiff careboard to scrape candle wax off furniture. Then wash off the residue with soap and water, rinse, and polish.

Window cords will last longer, and raising and lowering of windows will be easier, if cords are dusted twice a year and rubbed with a cloth saturated with oil.

To clean glass drinking straws, there is probably no better way than to use pipe cleaners.

Dampen the new cover for the ironing board before tacking it in place and it will be wrinkle-free when dry.

To rid the lawn of old tree stumps, bore holes in the sides and tops. Fill the holes with a concentrated solution of saltpeter and the wood will rot away.

You can use color lavishly in a home basement converted into additional living space.



THE BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY

(Lesson for May 27)

LESSON: 2 Chronicles 36:8-21. Jeremiah 29:1-14.

GOLDEN TEXT: Jeremiah 29:13.

I The Heart of the Lesson

Zedekiah was made king at the age of twenty-one, and remained as king over Judah from B. C. 597 to 586 B. C., the date of the fall of Jerusalem. When he refused to pay tribute to Nebuchadnezzar, he brought trouble upon his people, because the king of Babylon became angry at his breaking the compact and sent his army to conquer the Southern kingdom. (For details of the account of the siege and fall of Jerusalem, see II Kings 24:18 to 25:7; Jeremiah 37:1 to 39:8; and 52:1-27.) It is to be observed that God had warned Judah, at different times, of the danger of disobeying his commandments and following after the lusts of the flesh. He had told them through his prophets that calamity would come upon them unless they repented of their sins. We wonder if a tragic downfall will be visited upon our own nation in the near future because of the wickedness of a great many of the people.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. God is so specific that He indicates exactly to whom His words are addressed (Jer. 29:1).

2. God knows that not all men will accept His call to salvation, yet He addresses Himself to all who need it (vs. 4).

3. God does not expect us to make ascension robes in anticipation of the Rapture, but to go about our daily earthly pursuits (vs. 5).

4. Although the Christian has a Heavenly citizenship he is also expected to seek the good of the community and the country in which he lives (vs. 7).

5. False prophets can always be de-

tected by the fact that somewhere they contradict or set aside the Word of God (vs. 8).

6. It is possible for men to preach and even to work miracles in the Lord's Name without any authorization from Him (vs. 9).

7. God has a program and an order for events in the world, and He will not deviate from it (vs. 10).

8. Although God chastizes His people and judges the ungodly, His thoughts toward man are thoughts of peace (vs. 11).

9. Absolute sincerity is demanded of the one who desires to be on intimate terms with the Lord (vs. 12).

10. The Lord seeks the sinner, but He asks the backslider to seek Him (vs. 13).—Selected

11. Nothing is well done unless it is done whole-heartedly. God does not accept half-hearted service. Our finding God depends upon our sincerity and honesty of purpose in seeking Him. But He promised the Israelites that they would find Him when they sought Him with their whole heart. The New Testament teaches the same truth very definitely concerning finding the Saviour.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. It seems evident from references in the book of Nehemiah, and especially in the book of Esther, that after some time the Jews became dispersed far beyond the region of Babylon. Nehemiah lived in Shushan, or Susa, the Persian capital, 230 miles east of Babylon. Before that, according to the book of Esther, many Jews lived there, and we read that "the Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus" (Esther 9:2). How early this wider dispersion got under way we do not know. Israelites were put in cities of the Medes and other distant places when Samaria fell (1 Kings 17:6). When Jeremiah and others with him went into Egypt, he found Jews already there, and he prophesied to them (Jer. 44). Even before North Israel fell, large numbers of Hebrews had been sold as slaves in heathen lands. See Amos 1:6, 9. In the Greek period, beginning 333 B. C., many Jews migrated to cities in Alexan-

der's empire; and in New Testament times they had become scattered over all the known world.—Arnold's Commentary

13. There were false prophets among the people before the captivity, men who contradicted the prophecy of Jeremiah about the coming judgment of God, and there were false prophets among them even in Babylon. There will always be false prophets until God brings in His new order.

These prophets had one principal message. Before the captivity they had predicted that the crisis was over and that God would break the power of Babylon speedily. Now that the words of Jeremiah had been fulfilled they foretold that the end of the captivity was at hand. Such a message was far more acceptable than Jeremiah's prophecy, for it would last seventy years.

14. It has been said that false teachers arise because the people want to be deceived. The Scriptures bear that out. Jesus said that men loved darkness rather than light, "because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). Men do not want to know the Truth, because it condemns them. They want to hear something that will make them think there is no judgment for sin and that God is too good to make anyone suffer the consequences of his evil deeds. Among the Jews were those who hold such views, and their dreams caused the false prophets to appear.

15. The command of God was that every seventh year should be a sabbatical year. The land was to have rest and the people were to take time for God. In modern times our agriculturists have discovered that the soil is impoverisher if it is worked year after year without rest. That is why our farms lost their fertility. God has written in nature the need for a sabbatical year.

For 490 years Israel had neglected to keep the sabbatical year, and God who keeps books had figured that the Jewish people owed Him seventy years. If they refused to enjoy a spiritual vacation in the land of promise, then they were forced to en-

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PARENTHOOD

Parenthood is a tremendous responsibility. Words cannot measure it. It requires the wisdom of Solomon and the grace of our Divine Saviour. Nevertheless, these attributes are at our disposal at all times, if we are ready to take our Lord at His word. "My grace is sufficient for thee." 2 Cor. 12:9. And this is the confidence we have in Him, that, "if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us." 1 John 5:14.

The father of Hudson Taylor was desperately serious concerning his wedded life. On the day of his wedding he busied himself in his Master's business, until the hour drew near for his marriage; everything must be ready, nothing could be neglected. When the hour had almost arrived he retired into his closet, and talked with his Lord about the responsibility which he was about to undertake. God saw his earnestness, his devotion to duty, his desire to serve, and gave him a son of whom any parent would justifiably be proud.

The wise parent is he who commits the unborn babe into the keeping and service of an all-powerful and ever-living God. Need a parent fear for the future of his child when committed to an inheritance of this magnitude? God wants children developed and nurtured by parents with spiritual vision and earnestness of purpose. For these twinkling lights will be the beacons that He will use in this age of materialism and spiritual indifference, which is creeping like a paralysis over the whole world. What a vision! What an inspiration! May God so inspire the parents of His Church now.—R. C. Lenton.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS . . .

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dure a captor's idleness in the prison land of Babylon. "To fulfil the Word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil three-score and ten years" (II Chron. 36:21).—Selected

Faith is never surprised at success.

Pay Day

Nellie C. Witthuhn

"How much did you earn last week, Jim?" asked George. "I think I beat you."

"I worked hard," said Jim, "but Mr. Dooley does not pay very big wages. Here I just got \$3.00 for my hard work. I reckon you did beat that, George."

"I sure did! I made \$5.00. I'm saving mine to buy a bicycle. What are you going to do with your \$3.00, Jim?" said George.

Jim answered rather slowly—"There are so many, many things I want, but my \$3.00 won't go very far. I surely hope I get a better job."

Sunday morning found both boys in a little mission Sunday School. Mr. Reves, the one in charge, was giving a lesson on wages. They pricked up their ears, since that was a very vital subject to these young wage earners.

Mr. Reves, holding up two leather money bags, continued his message: "Perhaps at times we are inclined to think our pay is very poor, especially if we have worked very, very hard. Our 'boss' may not seem to appreciate our faithfulness, even when we have done our dead-level best."

Jim nudged George and whispered "Sounds like he has also worked for Mr. Dooley." George put his finger to his lips in an effort to silence Jim.

"Every single one, big or little, is working," said Mr. Reves. "Every one has a job and will receive pay on 'Pay Day'. The pay will be for all twenty-four hours of every day."

Jim whispered, "George, I wish that were really true. Just think of being paid for sleeping time, too, but I don't believe it. And no one could work all the time."

Mr. Reves went on with the lesson—"There are only two masters for which all are working. One is a Good Master and the other one is a Wicked Master. We are not assigned to either one, but may choose our own. The Wicked Master makes many false promises as he bids for workers, but

he is a deceiver. Let's look into the bag in my left hand and see what the Wicked Master (Satan) pays his faithful workers. Some of these checks are marked—A good time, lots of fun, many friends, money, good positions, etc. But I come to the bottom of the bag so soon. Here on the very bottom is the biggest and most important part of the pay. It reads—A home in hell for all eternity with all the vile and wicked for your companions there. 'For the wages of sin is death' (Rom. 6:23).

"The Wicked Master fails to put in many of the checks he pays the poor drunkard and others who work for him. Enemies, poverty, lost home, wicked companions, strife, and unhappiness are a part of the pay received for working for this Wicked Master. He receives so many at the beginning by telling only about the good pay we find in the top of his money bag.

"Now let's look into the leather bag in my right hand and see what kind of pay the Good Master, the Lord, gives to those who work for Him. A reward for every deed done in His name (Matt. 10:42), happiness, love, joy, peace, the best of friends, a clear conscience, etc. His biggest check is also at the bottom. It reads thus: A Home in Heaven throughout all eternity where saints and angels will be your companions. Romans 6:23 says: 'The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.' You see we are given this, not for the work we do, for it is a gift from the Good Master.

"After our lives are over each must step up and receive pay from the master he chose to serve during his lifetime. Which one are you working for today?"

Two very thoughtful boys left that little service at its close. Their minds were made up. They were going to faithfully serve the Good Master from that very hour. Their hearts were yielded to God ere they reached their homes. Great was their interest in the Pay to be received at the end of the Day.

When the state is most corrupt, then laws are most multiplied.—Tacitus.

JONAH AND THE WHALE

To vindicate the account of Jonah and the whale, Chicago's Pharmacology Professor Eugene Maximilian Karl Geiling crawled through the gullet of a dead cetacean to prove it could be done. "It was a pretty slimy trip," he said, "but there was plenty of room."

The professor's "slimy trip" thru the gullet of a dead cetacean removes in a very realistic manner, the skeptic's objection to the Bible account of Jonah's experience, but will the skeptic now allow faith to replace his skepticism?

Why should it be thought a thing incredible that "the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah" and that Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights? (Jon. 1:17).

The same Lord that created "all things that are in Heaven, and that are in the earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers," could certainly prepare a great fish to swallow and carry a man and especially if He wished to use that man's existence as a type of what He was to experience!

When certain of the scribes and the Pharisees said: "Master, we would see a sign from Thee" He said unto them: "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the Prophet Jonas: for as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

"The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a Greater than Jonas is here" (Matt. 12:38-41).—Now.

Manhood, not scholarship, should be the first aim of education.—Ernest Thompson Seton.

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We shall force the United States to spend itself into destruction.—Lenin.

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I can see when they play fair and never tell lies;
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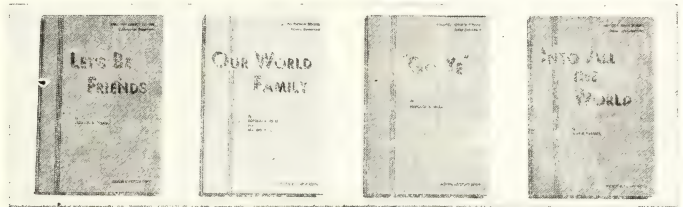
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When sentenced to the guillotine he calmly assured his judges that "thousands will avenge my death."

This act of courage has stirred all Germany as it has not been stirred since the heroic stand of Western Berlin during the Russian blockade. A wave of anger and protest not only in Germany but elsewhere in the world has now compelled the Communist regime to commute the sentence to 15 years' imprisonment.

This means, of course, that Flade is likely to be shipped to Siberia to die a slower death. But his trial and conviction have made a mockery of Communist freedom and justice and have brought home a warning which, more than the anonymous fate of millions, will, by its individual impact, make the Germans wary of Communist traps.

What is more, the incident shows that even in East Germany the Russians still feel the necessity of yielding, at least on the public record, to the impact of popular opinion when it is aroused sufficiently.—Reprinted from the Congressional Record, February 5, 1951.

Life's greatest tragedy is to lose God and not to miss Him.—F. W. Norwood.

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As he trudged his way to school that morning, he turned into the pine woods and

there, falling on his face in prayer, poured out his youthful heart to the Lord who has promised wisdom to all who trust Him. He asked the Lord to save him from the awful punishment which he was sure was to come upon him, and to instruct him. Immediately Homer was conscious of a hearing and answering from above, and with sweet peace in his heart, he went on to the schoolhouse.

When it came time for him to recite, he went through his lesson with such assurance and accuracy that he surprised the teacher. "Go to your seat; you surely saved your hide this day," growled the teacher. And Homer gladly made his way to his seat with all speed, thankful in his heart for a God who heard and answered a little boy's prayer.

That boy grew into manhood and became a well-known preacher. He said he never forgot the day when he turned into the pine woods to pray, and knew that it was God who answered him when he cried. He was barely eleven years old, but a life-long impression was made upon his heart. He never had cause in all his life to doubt for one instant that God hears and answers prayer, even for ignorant little boys.

Boys and girls, do you pray? Have you really learned to pray? Have you received answers to pray? Have you really come before the Lord expecting an answer? We trust you really will learn how to pray.

Your most loving friend,
Leota L. Knopp

God's Plan For Support of His Church

By Rev. Doyle D. Dipboye

Pastor of Walnut Street F. W. B. Church
Fort Smith, Arkansas, Route 1

"Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the whole tithe into the store house that there may be food in my house, and prove me herewith saith Jehovah of host, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3: 9-10).

The Lord did not put his church in the world to beg its way as a pauper. The church is the bride of Christ. We cannot think for a moment that our Lord left his bride unprovided for, or on charity. No, indeed! God provided for her support in a splendid way, and with his own money, the sacred tenth. He expects one tenth of our money and one seventh of our time.

The tithe is first mentioned in the fourth chapter of Genesis, and the incident

recorded here is discussed more fully in the seventh chapter of Hebrews. Melchisedek, king of Salem, preached of the most high God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings. To him also Abraham gave a tenth part of all.

Hebrews 7:1-2. Thou art a priest forever. Verse 17. Melchisedek was a type of Christ. It was Christ in Melchisedek who blessed Abraham, Gen. 14-19. And it was to Christ in Melchisedek that Abraham paid tithes. And here men that die receive tithes, but now Jesus Christ receives them, of whom it is a witness that he liveth (Hebrews 7:8). To Christ we pay our tithes today unless we turn out to be robbers (Mal. 3:12). Who has ever known a robber to be prosperous and happy? Nearly half of every average American family are broke or dependent on others for support before middle life. While less than six titheers out of every one hundred are dependent at the same age. God comes first and should be honored with our best.

You say tithing is only taught in the old

Bible. It was the only Bible Christ had. Did he obey it? He said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the Prophets. I am come not to destroy but to fulfill" (Matt. 5:17).

Turn to Matt. 22:15-22. The lesson here is that we owe a debt to the State and the Church. Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. The government has fixed the tax rate and God had fixed the church rate, the first one tenth.

Now turn to Matt. 17:24-27. Here Jesus paid tribute. He sent Peter fishing to get the money with which to do it. This tribute went to the Church and not to the State.

What was Christ's attitude toward the tithes? He commanded and taught men that they ought to pay tithes. There are two records of his teaching in the Gospels, Matt. 22:23, and Luke 11:42. Ye tithe mint and rue and all matter of herbs. These you ought not to have left undone. Jesus was a tither and he is supreme authority. Paul's attitude toward tithing is found in First Cor. 9:7 to 14. Other Scriptures, First Cor. 7:12, and Second Cor. 8:1 to 15.

Tithing is God's plan for saving men's souls from covetousness. Better make your offering according to your income, lest the Lord make your income according to your offering.

RUSSIA'S TREATMENT OF ESTHONIA

Take the case of Esthonia, a very small country whose people were intelligent, industrious, and God-fearing. They wanted to live in peace, but they were unable to defend themselves against the armed might of Russia, when Russia attacked.

Russia took the life savings of those who had been able to save. Thousands were deported to Siberia. The cities were bombed for target practice. The soldiers strafed those who were able to escape, as they fled. No woman was safe near the Russian army.

Russia's excessive use of the veto, her libelous accusations and negotiated delays in the United Nations denote a lack of sincerity in claiming a desire for cooperation.

We shall not prove our Christianity by trusting a nation strangled by a depraved political ideology which commits that nation to slave labor, lack of spiritual as well as physical freedom, a nation afraid of love and Christianity. N. M. Whitbeck, Saegerstown, Pa.—In The Christian Advocate.

"The continuing flood of immorality and crime accompanies an all-too-evident substitution of a secular, materialistic philosophy for the historic reliance upon divine guidance which has been a cornerstone of our democracy."—J. Edgar Hoover, head of the F. B. I.

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These things shall be! a loftier race
Than e'er the world has known shall rise
With flame of freedom in their souls
And light of knowledge in their eyes.

They shall be gentle, brave, and strong
To spill no drop of blood, but dare
All that may plant man's lordship firm,
On earth, and fire, and sea, and air.

Nation with nation, land with land,
Unarmed shall live as comrades free;
In every heart and brain shall throb
The pulse of one fraternity.

Man shall love man with heart so pure
And fervent as the young-eyed throng
Who chant their heavenly psalms before
God's face with undiscordant song.

New arts shall bloom of loftier mould,
And mightier music thrill the skies,
And every life shall be a song,
When all the earth is paradise.

There shall be no more sin, nor shame,
Though pain and passion may not die;
For man shall be at one with God
In bonds of firm necessity.

—John Addington Symonds

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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

Clarence Bowen Heads Ministers' Association Nashville, Tennessee

Our pastor was unanimously elected president of the Nashville Pastors' Association for 1951-1952 at its regular May session.

The association embraces more than 15 denominations in the city, and more than 150 churches. There are 155 ministers enrolled in the association.

Our pastor has served as secretary-treasurer to the organization for the past two years, and in the words of Dr. Thomas Barr, chairman of the nominating committee, "If he serves as well in the president's chair as he has in the secretary's we will get along wonderfully."

Other officers of the association are: vice-president, Rev. A. J. Davis, pastor of Meridian Street Methodist Church; and Rev. A. Garnett Day, pastor of Eastwood Christian Church.

The only other regular member of the association who is a Free Will Baptist minister is Rev. C. B. Thompson, pastor of Trinity Church. Others' names are on roll but do not attend regularly.

—A Member

GRAIN FOR INDIA... NOW

India's request for two million tons of food grains must be evaluated in terms of human lives. The effects of the worse famine since 1943, when 3 million people starved to death, are already being felt. There is no way to save the lives of the Indian people except by promptly fulfilling, from our surplus grain, India's urgent request. The situation is especially serious in Bihar state, where winter crops have failed. But other areas are also threatened, for shortage of food is a chronic problem in India.

India has taken rigorous measures to meet her food deficiency. She has, at heavy cost to her limited foreign exchange, purchased grain from all available markets in the world. Those markets are now exhausted. The situation is so desperate because three-quarters of the Indian's diet is grain. Yet it has become necessary to cut the food grain ration from 12 to 9 ounces per day.

The legislative measures required to supply the needed grains to India are now stymied in the House Rules Committee. Although President Truman sent a message to Congress some two months ago, asking for immediate legislation to make the grain available, little progress to make the grain available, little progress has been made; only the House Foreign Affairs Committee has taken favorable action. Yet the time factor is of the most crucial importance in this matter. "Famine will not wait" for legislative processes to take a leisurely pace.

To supply this food to India would cost \$150,000,000, about one dollar for each person in the United States. Is it the will of the American people to save a dollar and by default let an Indian die of starvation?

Is this the will of the people who poured billions into Europe through UNRRA and ECA? Is this the country that is now rushing \$38,000,000 worth of food to Yugoslavia?

Together with a large number of other non-governmental organizations, the trustees of The Church Peace Union have urged prompt ship-

ment of vitally needed grains to India as a deed in keeping with traditional American generosity. Humanitarian concern for a people in a desperate predicament—like that in which the Indians now find themselves—has ever been, and should surely continue to be, a basic motivation for our democracy.

The foreign policy of the United States must offer courage and hope to the people of the world. What we do about famine in India can symbolize the principles on which that policy should be based. Immediate shipment of grain to India would demonstrate to the world the American democratic faith that compassion for other people must find concrete expression in action that meets their needs. *

Our authentic heritage directs us to help peoples in need. Will we now betray that heritage? —Carmack in The Christian Science Monitor.

THE HOUSE INSIDE

I have a house inside of me;
 A house that people never see;
 It has a door through which none pass,
 And windows, but they're not of glass.

"Where do you live?" ask folks I meet,
 And then I say, "On Maple Street";
 But still I know what's really me,
 Lives in a house folks never see.

Sometimes I like to go inside,
 And hide and hide and hide and hide,
 And "doctor up" my wounded pride
 When I've been "treated rough" outside.

And sometimes when I've been to blame
 I go indoors and blush for shame;
 And get my mind in better frame,
 And get my tongue and temper tame.

I meet my Heavenly Father there;
 For He stoops down to hear my prayer
 To smooth my brow and cure my care
 And make me brave to do and dare.

Then after I have been made strong,
 And have things right that were all wrong,
 I come outside, where I belong
 To sing a new and happy song.

Then I can hear the people say
 "You're bright and bonnie, good and gay"
 And it's because I feel that way;
 But they don't know the price I pay.

—Boys' and Girls' Joy.

What About Free Will Baptist in Raleigh, N. C.?

First, I will say that some Free Will Baptists are more or less like the group who claim to support democracy and yet love communism. Here in Raleigh we find many who say, "I am a Free Will Baptist," but upon further questioning you find them to be of the opinion that the Free Will Baptist Church is made up of the poor people, and they are too great to go and worship with that group of poor people. Yet, when they get back to the old home church, they want the people to believe they love the teachings of Randall or Palmer; but, upon returning to Raleigh, they sit in the pews of the Presbyterian, or some Baptist Churches, or other denominations.

We have a great field of work, but it is so different from what many of our people think. We were listening to a story told some time ago. The story went like this: "Wooten is too little a man to be in Raleigh. If I were there, I would bring many into the church who are able to pay off the debt and have money left to throw away." I would like for that man to know just how hard that man lives for a short while here in Raleigh. He talked to me about his condition and told me he was having it hard. He also told me that the Free Will Baptist were a rural people that they would never have any influence in the cities of our great State. Now I do not believe a word of that. My reason for saying this is that some of the business men of this city told me that they never heard the gospel in their churches. The Bible was seldom preached.

Now we come to the time and place when we can say something about the work here, as it really is. Our Sunday School has been able to raise and pay on the debt here for the last four or five months about \$400.00. This is the Sunday School alone. Our offering runs on an average of \$15.00 per Sunday. It keeps on growing slowly, but surely. The Church Budget is \$200.00 per month, and we can say that the people do not seem to tire. They just keep on giving freely and from the heart. Some day this will be a great church. In a meeting of another church, one of the men spoke up and said that if the church in Raleigh failed, Hermon Wooten might as well crawl in a hole and stay there. That man certainly had lost sight of the faith we possess. It could have been much easier for the people here, if those that pledged their support had kept their promise. Nevertheless, we go on praising God.

We visited some of the outstanding men of our church last week; and, spoke of the calls we received to help the different causes. They said pass all of them by, and do all we can to pay on the debt of the church. I don't believe that I have ever served a church that had as many calls as

this church has had. Many of the calls come from men that have never asked their church to help the first time. Personally, we would be glad we could help all the different phases of our work. If all of our people would help us here, we would soon be able to help these causes.

Our Sunday School is going to make an appeal to all of the Sunday Schools of the State soon. This suggestion was offered by one of the leading men of the Central Conference. He stated that some of the

Schools would make waste paper of the letter, but many would help. So you see how some of our people feel about the work. He is an old man; but, God bless his heart, he wants to see the work go. He has been a staunch supporter of the work and says, if our people were not so complacent and indifferent, we could go on and do great things.

While we have been carrying this great load here we have been able to give the Cape Fear Conference a new church in Johnston County, without the first donation. This week, the Lord being willing, we will be able to finish the outside of the building, and to have the first meeting ever to be held in that section, beginning May the 27th. In the beginning of the work there we baptized four on one Sunday afternoon. Their ages ran from forty-five to sixty years. We were so happy that afternoon when all saw them marching down in the water. When we think of what it means to have a part in helping them to see the need of accepting Christ, my heart rejoices.

We are asking all who read this, and who would like to see the church here to become a great church, to sit down and send a card, and let us know that you are praying for them. Don't fail them. You can send a card, and it will be a great blessing to the church. If you don't care to write, just keep listening, you will some time hear that the Raleigh Church has paid the last dollar she owes, and well on her way to a new church building.

—The Pastor

A WORD OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks to all who were so kind and thoughtful of both my husband, Rev. W. L. Moretz, and myself during his recent illness in the hospital at Wilson, N. C., where he was taken from the State Sunday School Convention for an emergency operation. His brother ministers, the members of the churches he pastors, and people in general were most considerate of us in this time of trial.

My husband is back in the service again, and I am trusting the Lord for him, and for myself.

Mrs. Annie Laura Moretz
Swannanoa, N. C.

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"A TRUE STORY ABOUT MYSELF"

In the year 1916, my wife wanted to join the Free Will Baptist church. There was going to be church in six miles from where we lived, but the Devil influenced me to get her to wait awhile, as it would cost us \$3.00 to get a car to come from Blountstown, to where we lived at Scott's Ferry, Florida, and also \$3.00 to carry her up to the church.

I prevailed with her to put it off, as I could not go, and we would get a preacher to come down there sometime. I had to stay at home and turn the bridge for boats to pass. Cars were scarce those days, so we agreed to wait.

It wasn't because I did not have the money, for I was making good money. I got pay for turning the bridge and was also Postmaster at Scott's Ferry. And I had a little store and sold lots of goods.

A little later, she got in bad health and I began having doctors to treat her. I had six doctors to treat her, but she grew worse and worse. I was afraid she was going to die, so I began worrying over what I had done, keeping her out of the church. I began praying for her and also for myself. I felt that if she died in her sins, and went to hell, I would too. I thought of that Scripture which said, "Whosoever offendeth one of these little ones that believe in me, it would be better for him for a millstone to be hanged about his neck, and he be drowned in the sea." I prayed with all my heart, and it came to my mind to get my sister to help me pray. I did not hesitate to go. When I did this, the good Lord relieved me of my burdens, and by the next morning, my wife was better and got well.

She joined the Free Will Baptist church and was baptized. She lived a few more years and died. I felt that the good Lord gave her one more chance. I feel she is now resting in the Paradise of God. I feel so glad the Lord saw fit to save her soul, and also to set me free from that awful sin. I have tried from then until now

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never to be an hindrance to anyone accepting God.

I was so glad when the Lord set me free. Oh people, don't let the Devil do you like he did me, for I felt condemned.

Your brother in the Lord,
B. E. Coxwell,
Route 1, Box 20-Z
Tallahassee, Florida

Perfect Pattern

A. Rendle Short

We classify men as ordinary or specialists. The specialists we may further classify as good, better and best. The singular and impressive face about Jesus Christ, and that not only in the eyes of His devoted followers, is that in catalogue after catalogue of specialist the Lord Jesus has to be put "best." Indeed, He occupies a class by Himself, in that in the "good" and "better" flaws can be found, but not in Him.

This super-excellence stands out in His character. Men are seldom strong and sweet. He was both. There was a perfect example of the character that can love the sinner and hate the sin. How vehemently He rebuked hypocrisy, cruelty, irreverence, formalism and self-seeking, even when the great men of the day were guilty, and how tenderly He could deal with a little child or a penitent sinner, a Zacchaeus or a dying thief.

In one of his famous sermons, F. W. Robertson maintained that Christ embodied in Himself the perfection both of the masculine and the feminine characters, and if this fact had been appreciated the adoration of the Virgin Mary would never have found the place that it has in historic Christendom. The masculine character is well seen in His courage. To face for three years or more the certainty of death by torture, and yet to walk steadfastly towards it with face set as a flint, is a living martyrdom few, if any, have ever faced for the sake of an ideal. Yet there is an almost womanly tenderness in the way in which He takes little children in His arms, and weeps at Lazarus' grave, even when He is about to raise him.

He exemplified in His own character the fundamental virtues of faith, hope, and charity. He had faith that though He died, God would raise him from the dead. He had hope that out of the derelicts of humanity, broken by sin and despair—such as the harlot in Simon's house, the Magdalene with her seven devils, the publicans

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City Church Split Healed after 13 Years

A city church whose members split into two factions 13 years ago over doctrines and methods that led to a county court battle, today banded together last night, resolved to re-unite as a single body.

Congregations of the Cushing Free Will Baptist Church and the First Free Will Baptist church joined together last night and in secret ballot ratified the action of their respective church boards. The more than 100 representatives of the two groups also voted the pastorate to 27-year-old Rev. Everett D. Hellard, who arrived here a year ago from Breckenridge, Mich., to serve as minister of the First Free Will church in the 1000 block East Walnut.

To Pay Salary

The vote, also taken in secret, left the Rev. Carl Hembree, who has been serving the Cushing Free Will church in the 1100 block East Main, jobless, but parishioners supported a move to continue his salary until he is relocated.

"I can say that Mr. Hembree has been exceedingly cooperative in the merger program, and possibly has had more influence than I have in bringing it about," said Mr. Hellard. "Also, it should be pointed out that he has done a splendid job here, achieving a great many accomplishments in his service to the church."

Neither of the ministers were here when the church rift occurred in 1938, which two years later fueled the disagreement into court for a property settlement. The court returned a decision in favor of the East Main street group, awarding it property then valued at a figure exceeding \$2,000.

Other Efforts Failed

Embittered, the opposition pulled completely away from the church and formed another church while keeping the denomination intact. The losing faction constructed a church building in the 1000 block East Walnut and employed its own minister.

Although the disagreement did not

Rev. Everett D. Hellard Helps Unite Two Churches

Free Will Baptists have made the headlines in this section. You will find enclosed an article clipped from the headlines. This is something that has made the entire state of Oklahoma and other sections of the country to sit up and take notice of this happening.

Everett D. Hellard who pastored one of the churches last year has been elected as pastor of the entire group, as you will notice in the article. He is the same individual who was responsible for our furthestmost work north belonging to the National association. Serving in Michigan previous to this he was influential in bringing an entire Independent First Baptist Church into the Free Will Baptist ranks. He is now serving the consolidated body well, and has been influential in accomplishing a task that many others have attempted through the years.

Contributed by one who was connected with the work.

further widen during more than a decade which followed, several efforts to foster a reconciliation collapsed. More than once other ministers launched moves to bring the two sides back together, only to see them die out before a successful conclusion could be reached.

Last night's merger decision was hailed by church leaders on both sides as a real step to the future, bringing about a united church body. The combined membership will bring approximately 210 into the single church, which in the future will be known simply as the Free Will Baptist church.

New Building Planned

Church members said about an equal number took sides in the split 13 years ago.

The reconciliation immediately set plans in motion for a new, modern church construction program expected to pave the way for a \$20,000 building. Mr. Hellard said plans were already in the process of being drawn up and that work is expected

to get underway almost immediately. The church will be located on East Main street on the site of the present Cushing Free Will church.

While the church building project is underway, services will be conducted at the East Walnut church, it was announced.

Mr. Hellard said his election as pastor of the reunited church and the endorsed merger was exceedingly heart-warming and encouraging.

Bright Future Seen

"I feel we are banded together in one common cause to further religious teachings and worship," the minister said. "We are now one big family, prepared to work together in the best interest of the church and religious service."

Prior to coming to Cushing, Mr. Hellard served as minister in Breckenridge following his graduation from college in 1948. He is married and the father of two children.

Mr. Hembree, like the other minister, expressed gratitude over the banning together of the two church groups. He felt it would be better able to serve in the community and be able to render a more worthwhile service to the people of the Free Will Baptist faith.

DR. EVERETT'S ADVICE

An indignant Bostonian once rushed to Dr. Everett's house. One of the local newspapers had published an article severely criticizing this man. Should he demand a public apology, or file a suit for damages?

Dr. Everett listened quietly, then interrupted. "What should you do? My dear sir, do nothing. Half the people who got that paper never saw the article. Half of those who read it do not understand it. Half of those who did understand it did not believe it. Half of those who believed it were of no importance anyway."

Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anyone else expects of you.—Beecher.

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Do We Have Evangelists?

I notice every now and then where some Free Will Baptist church goes out to other denominations to get their evangelist to conduct meetings. Some go out and get those who belong to no denomination—those who don't care a whit about the success of the Free Will Baptist church and its institutions. Is it because our preachers are too small?

I have known churches to be hurt badly by calling in "Free Lancers." They usually insert some of their doctrine that causes friction. Now, don't think that I am after work. God has promised me all that I can do in the few brief years that I have before me. I have had work for more than forty years. But I am thinking of our young men who are preparing to devote their life to the work of the ministry, those who should be considered by all of the older ministers. Even if they do not have the experience, as others, we should use our own. I may be sticking out my neck, but it is not the first time.

I am a Free Will Baptist and I believe in using that which belongs to us. Whenever a man gets too big for our denomination, he is too big for me. This is not selfishness. I want the Free Will Baptists to grow and prosper, and I have never seen where any of the outsiders have helped us much.

BACK TO OLD PLACES

At the time of this writing I am engaged in a series of meetings at Mt. Zion, Pamlico County, in the Eastern Conference of North Carolina. My next meeting is at Bethel in the same county, where I have pastored in years gone by and conducted several revival meetings. It makes my soul rejoice to have the privilege of going back where I have laboured. God is blessing.

It is a great folly not to part with your own faults, which is possible, but to try instead to escape from other people's faults, which is impossible.—*Marcus Aurelius*

The deeper the feeling the less demonstrative will be the expression of it.—*Balzac*

Without Content, we shall find it almost as difficult to please others as ourselves.—*Greville*.

Give to a gracious message a host of tongues; but let ill tidings tell themselves.—*Shakespeare*

Renunciation

Sarah C. Lewis

I loved my Saviour gratefully,
Because He first loved me,
Continually I thanked Him for
His death which set me free:

And others I would sometimes tell
Of how He loved them so.
I did my "tithing" cheerfully,
And tried the Word to sow:

But there was something lacking, and
I knew it in my heart.
One day I came across a verse
Which made the tear drops start:

It said, our bodies to the Lord
A sacrifice should be,
And as I sat and read His Word,
He seemed to speak to me.

"I've bought thy body with My Blood,
And it is Mine," said He;
"I'd use it for My glory, wouldst
Thou keep it back from Me?"

I hesitated for a time,
With shame I tell it now,
I feared to take upon my lips
That solemn, final vow.

The devil said, "He'll fill your life
With misery and woe,
You can't do what you want to do,
Nor go where you would go."

"What if I can't?" I thought, "My Lord
Has earned the right to be
My guide through life; can I not trust
The Man who died for me?"

"I'll give up everything I own,
Or ever hope to have;
Accept me now, I pray Thee, Lord,
Make me Thy true bonds slave.

"I had desires, ambitions, hopes,
Which meant so much to me;
I'd planned my course, Thou knowest,
Lord,
Just what I'd hoped to be:

"But Thou hast conquered. Everything
I on the altar lay,
If my poor life can be of use,
Accept it, Lord, I pray."

How can I tell the joy and peace
Which o'er me then did roll;
Or how the Holy Spirit took
Possession of my soul?

I found a peace which could exist
In sunshine, or in rain,
A joy which flooded all my soul,
E'en in the midst of pain.

"And when I stand before Thee, Lord,
All in Thy beauty dressed,
I know I'll see in everything,
Just how Thy way was best."

"What? kow ye not that your body is
the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in
you, which ye have of God, and ye are not
your own? For ye are bought with a price:
therefore glorify God in your body, and in
your spirit, which are God's" (I Cor. 6:19,
20).

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

An interesting report has been rendered by Chief Probation Officer John S. Cowdill, in which he gives reasons why San Mateo County, California, has a high juvenile delinquency rate. He places at the top, "religious illiteracy," and says:

"Nine out of every ten youngsters received in the Probation Department have never been in a church." This is probably the case throughout the country.

Four Juvenile Delinquency Causes:

"For other reasons for the growth of Juvenile delinquency," says Cowdill, "are

(1) The alarming increase in the divorce rate. During 1946, there was one divorce for every three marriages.

(2) The fashions in morals that are being set by Hollywood. Hero worship in youngsters is being perverted, and movie heroes and heroines on whom youngsters pattern their morals are viewed against a glamorous background in semi-nudity and with their second or third spouse.

(3) The tremendous increase in the number of pornographic magazines.

(4) The fact that commuting fathers have little time for their children, except on week-ends, and a tendency to too great a proportion of the job of rearing the children to be thrust on the mother." During the war, mere children earned adult wages and learned adult sins.

When will the churches realize that they have one of the greatest challenges that ever faced any era? We ought immediately to begin nation-wide campaigns to get millions of boys and girls who do not now attend, into the Sunday schools.

To take care of them, there ought to be special training classes for men and women in teaching the Bible, salvation, and the ethics of the Christian life. Unless the churches will become aggressive and seek to cure the religious illiteracy of the rising generation, they will have great guilt before God and history.—*Editorial in The Watchman-Examiner*.

A living Christ in a living man is a living sermon.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY

For the youth of the church today, doors of opportunity are constantly opening, due to the fact that many young people are becoming more and more interested in becoming better acquainted with Bible truths. Along with the study of other things pertaining to life activities and vocations, they are seeking to become better acquainted with Spiritual things.

One door of opportunity is **"The Youth for Christ Rally."** This youth organization is finding support in many sections of the country among the young people, as well as the older people. This organization gives opportunity for the youth to express their interest and great concern for study, preparation, and testimonials concerning religious truth and personal concern about salvation and Christian service. As a result of these youth rallies in many sections, many young people have come to know the Lord in the pardoning of their sins, and many have dedicated their lives to Christian work.

Another door for youth activities in weekly Bible study is the **"Young People's League."** This has been established for years among a great many churches for the young people of the church and community. This is a door of study of Scripture Lessons each week. Interesting and worthwhile topics are studied and discussed by those young people who have formed themselves into League classes. They are deriving great spiritual benefit from these weekly studies, and their knowledge of the Scriptures are constantly increasing. As a result they become better young people of the church and community. Their minds are opened to see opportunities of spiritual service to other young people of the church and community.

The **"Mid-Week Bible Story League,"** for young people is also a door of opportunity for the youth of the local church and community. This door of opportunity serves to give expression to young people in **Bible-Study**, and in Bible-story telling in the weekly assembly in the home church. Specific Bible stories are studied by the group each week before coming to the mid-week meeting. With the opening hymns, prayers, and Bible reading of the Scripture lesson, the members of the group then take part in the evening program by relating their individual Bible story to the group; thus making the meeting interesting and greatly beneficial to all present. In this way, **"Mid-Week Bible Story League"** has something to look forward to each week with preparations of different Scripture passages to talk on for the good of all present. It is really a door of opportunity for the young people of the church and Sunday School of the local church.

In concluding this editorial, we will give one more example of a door of opportunity for the youth of the church. This is **"The Young Woman's Auxiliary."** Many

young people are using this organization with a great deal of success and pleasure. They have definite goals toward which they work from time to time, and map their programs in advance of their regular monthly meetings. They come together in these monthly meetings for the transaction of their routine business, for the giving of interesting short programs concerning missions, Christian education, and other church activities. This door of opportunity is proving a great success with the young girls in quite a number of our churches in the various states. The work which they are doing for the cause of Christ is gratifying.

These doors of opportunity, mentioned in this editorial, can and should be utilized by a great many more of the young people of the church. From such religious activities, carried on by these organizations, much good is being derived. We urge more of the young people of the church to form themselves into some of these organizations, and begin a noble work for the cause of righteousness in the world. If they will do this, we feel certain that they will greatly profit, as others are profiting from such religious activities, and moreover they will realize much joy in taking part in these meetings. Young people like to be together, and there is no better way to enjoy a good time together than to set in order, and carry on some of these **"Youth Projects."** The training received from them during the youthful years will have lasting effect upon the youth when they become married and settled down in life.

GETTING READY FOR BIBLE SCHOOL

As the public schools are now closing in the various sections of the country, Sunday School superintendents, teachers, pastors, and church people in general are getting busy, making purchases of Vacation Bible School literature, and are laying plans in their individual churches for opening the schools. The children each year look forward with a great deal of pleasure to these study courses in religious instruction. Most all of them take on to this work with pride and pleasure, and consequently they reap great benefit both in a spiritual and a social way. It is all done with hpleasantry, and great sense of joy.

We have here at the Press supplies of suitable literature for such Bible schools in the churches for the children and the young people. Many have been by the Press and have selected their supplies for their pupils. Others have mailed to us orders for the materials which they needed. We are expecting a rush of orders for the next several days for this purpose from a great many of our Sunday Schools over the country. As long as our supplies last, we shall be very glad to fill all orders that come to us.

Middlesex Orphanage

APRIL RECEIPTS FOR 1951

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing, but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

GENERAL FUND

Central

Bethany	\$ 10.00
Hull Road	14.00
La Grange	19.97
Harrells Chapel	5.00
Marlboro	7.20
Auxiliary Convention	103.32
Rose Hill	16.30
Kings Cross Roads	2.83
Greenville	39.69
Gum Swamp	5.06
Winterville	12.50
Spring Branch	5.00
Pleasant Hill	1.00
Aspin Grove	17.00
Saratoga	4.21
Dilda's Grove	10.00
Piney Grove, Beaufort County	1.02
Watery Branch	10.00

Total ----- \$284.10

Albemarle

Auxiliary Convention ----- \$ 44.00

Jacks Creek

Glen Alpine ----- \$ 18.00

Eastern

Wardens Grove	\$ 9.80
St. Marys	23.17
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	3.00
Arapahoe	104.73
Kinston	25.85
Davis	12.50
Union Chapel	30.49
Royal	7.97
Mt. Olive	3.94
Auxiliary Convention	125.00
Friendship	24.40
Core Creek	34.90
Wintergreen	2.00
Sneads Ferry	2.87
Beulaville	14.41
Morehead City	10.00
Folkstone	6.92
Welcome Home	3.00
Antioch	10.00
Oriental	12.80
St. John's Chapel	10.00
Ruth's Chapel	24.09

Total ----- \$503.66

French Broad

Hazeltreen	\$ 44.00
Laurelton Chapel	7.00
Asheville	12.90
Horney Heights	5.00
Averys Creek	5.40

Total ----- \$ 74.30

Western

Friendship ----- \$ 7.78

Orphanage Memorial Chapel	27.86
Marsh Swamp	10.00
Branch Chapel	7.17
Wilson	9.26
Union Grove, Wayne County	50.00
Auxiliary Convention	68.57
Holly Springs	5.50
Calvary	18.28
New Sandy Hill	1.00
Oak Grove	38.08
Total	\$243.50

Cape Fear

Smithfield	\$ 3.61
Powhatan	5.00
St. Paul	17.68

Total ----- \$ 26.28

Piedmont

Wayside	\$ 24.40
Marion	5.00

Total ----- \$ 29.40

Pee Dee

Auxiliary Convention ----- \$ 17.01

Conference Uncertain

Roseboro ----- \$ 5.00

Miscellaneous

The Duke Endowment	\$3,214.47
Parents and Relatives	147.40
Rev. M. L. Cummings	5.00
W. K. Ballentine	10.00
Refunds	77.86
Young People's Friend	1.00
Farm Cash Sales	804.00
Coupons	56.61
Mrs. W. M. Carroll	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman	2.00
Mrs. Mattie Barnhill	5.00

Total ----- \$4,328.34

CLOTHING FUND

Eastern

Cabin Auxiliary	\$ 40.00
Arapahoe Auxiliary	40.00

Total ----- \$ 80.00

Western

Free Union, Nash County	\$ 40.00
Wilson Auxiliary	40.00
Holly Springs Auxiliary	40.00
Edgemont Missionary Society	40.00
St. Marys Auxiliary	30.00
Friendship Auxiliary	40.00
Pine Level Auxiliary	40.00

Total ----- \$270.00

Central

Greenville Auxiliary	\$ 30.00
Antioch Auxiliary, Wayne County	10.00
Free Union Auxiliary, Greene Co.	10.00
Black Jack Auxiliary	10.00

Total ----- \$ 60.00

French Broad

Swannanoa Sunday School ----- \$ 40.00

Albemarle

Malachi's Chapel Auxiliary	\$ 10.00
Mt. Tabor Auxiliary	30.00

Welcome Bible Class, Malachi's Chapel	40.00
Total	\$ 80.00

Cape Fear

Prospect Auxiliary	\$ 10.00
St. Johns Auxiliary	40.00
Lee's Chapel Sunday School	52.65
Corinth Auxiliary	40.00
Total	\$142.65

MUSIC FUND

Kinston Auxiliary (Eastern)	\$ 5.00
Greenville Auxiliary (Central)	5.00
Smithfield Auxiliary (Cape Fear)	5.00
Grimley Auxiliary (Central)	1.45
Little Rock Auxiliary (Western)	5.00

Total ----- \$ 21.45

FUND TO RETURN GIRLS BLDG.	
Kenly Auxiliary (Western)	\$ 30.00

SHEETS FUND

Bethel Auxiliary, Johnston County \$ 5.00

CHAPEL FUND

N. C. F. W. B. Sunday School Convention & Institute ----- \$146.96

ALBEMARLE COTTAGE FUND

Fairmount Park ----- \$ 50.00

BEDS FOR COTTAGE

Reedy Branch Youth for Christ ----- \$ 22.85

TOTALS

Total General Fund	\$5,573.59
Total Clothing Fund	672.65
Total Music Fund	21.45
Total Girl's Building Refurnish- ing Fund	30.00
Total Sheet Fund	5.00
Total Chapel Fund	146.96
Total Albemarle Cottage Fund	50.00
Total Beds for Albemarle Cot- tage Fund	22.85

Grand Total ----- \$6,522.50

BUDGET RECEIPTS

Eastern Conference	\$ 7,945.86
Central Conference	6,106.36
Western Conference	7,076.50
Cape Fear Conference	2,298.74
Albemarle Conference	811.59
French Broad Association	950.52
Rockfish Association	325.72
Pee Dee Association	373.36
Jacks Creek Association	265.71
Piedmont Association	848.29
Toe River Association	39.50
Western Yearly	21.00

Total ----- \$27,063.15

DONATED COMMODITIES

Maury, Household Supplies	\$ 1.00
Edgemont Auxiliary, Clothing	15.00
Free Union Auxiliary, Nash Co. Household Supplies	10.00
Clothing	7.50
Mrs. Jack Tart, Glasses	1.00
Mildred A. Harrell, Household Supplies	3.50
Beaverdam Auxiliary, Sheet	2.50
Tar Heel Hardware Company, Farm Supplies	12.00
W. R. Sawrey, Lard	10.00
Ayden Circle No. 1, Clothing	7.50

Total Value ----- \$70.00

WALTER McD. CROOM, Treasurer

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LASTING IMPRESSIONS

By ERNEST G. WINSTEAD

On March 11, 1944 a family of four frightened children arrived at the Orphanage. They were Loumetta, Winnifred, Robert and myself. My first impression of the orphanage is one which still lingers in my mind today. There were only six buildings on the campus at that time, a boy's dormitory, girl's dormitory, dining hall and pump house, smoke house and the superintendent's home. In addition to these there were several livestock barns around the campus.

This first day the boys were strange and I must admit quite a few of them were mischievous. You will understand how I got that impression when I tell you of my initiation into the regular routine of Orphanage life. Several of the larger boys got me to go "snipe hunting" with them. They left me in the woods holding the bag while they returned to the house and short-sheeted my bed.

For a little while getting up early and working was pretty hard for me to do but after a while I got in the swing of things and managed pretty well. I started to school in the fifth grade and had to study very hard to pass on to the sixth. School life in the grammar grades was pretty much the same. I made pretty fair grades and soon got up into high school. Now my life grew merrier. High School was quite a bit different from the lower grades in that I had a better variety of subjects and extra-curricular activities to choose from. My first year in high school was happier than any year I had known before. I was elected to several offices and I passed all of my five subjects.

This year I ventured into the field of

Agriculture through the Future Farmers of America Organization. I was very much interested in my work in the Agriculture Department and put forth all my efforts trying to become familiar with all the valuable training offered in this department. I was selected as a member of the Seed Judging Team my first year and each succeeding year. I was also Treasurer of the F. F. A. during my sophomore and junior years and in my senior year I was elected President of the Chapter and Secretary of the Nash-Edgcombe Federation. During my Junior year I was a delegate to the State Convention of F. F. A. and in my Junior and Senior years I was member of the Livestock Judging and Parliamentary Procedure Teams. The Parliamentary Procedure Team was Federation winner in my final year and participated in the District Contest. I feel that I accomplished a great deal in my agriculture work and am proud to have had an opportunity to have this course.

Other highlights of my activities while in High School included a part in the Junior Class play and serving as Marshall at Commencement time. I was a member of the Rumbler and Pioneer Publications staff and played Basketball. I was selected as Best all Round Boy in High School as a Junior and received a medal at the annual presentation of awards program preceding the graduation exercises in 1950. As a Senior I was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by my Classmates. I shall endeavor to live up to these expectations in my future life's activities. All in all I would say that my four years in high school were pleasant ones.

At the Home I was a member of the Concert Class in 1949 and toured the mountain area. I enjoyed the visits in the various churches and communities and the fellowship with the supporters of the Home. I was received wherever I went with a warm welcome and made to feel that I was a part of their family.

Now that I am about ready to leave the Home I will give you my last impression and probably the one I will remember the longest. "Old faces have disappeared and new ones are seen both among the children and the staff. The campus has a new look with the Albemarle Cottage for Boys and the Orphanage Memorial Chapel nearing completion and the new dairy barn which was completed last year. The boys and girls who were small when I came have grown up into fine looking boys and girls. I have really enjoyed my stay at the Orphanage and I appreciate all the advantages that have been given to me. I feel fortunate in having had the Tabernacle Missionary Society of Goldsboro as my sponsor. They have given me all that I could ask of an "aid." It is this impression of the Home that will linger with me for years to come. As I venture forth into the world of tomorrow I am not fully decided which course in life to follow. I am expecting "Uncle Sam" to call me very soon and since I prefer selecting my own branch of service I am considering volunteering my services to my country. When my tour of duty for my country has been completed I hope to further my education in a higher school of learning. No matter where I go nor what I attempt to do, I will never forget the opportunities which have been afforded me by the people of the Free Will Baptist Denomination. I wish to convey my heartfelt thanks to all of you for everything you have done to make the years of my youth ones to be treasured in memory.

THROUGH THE YEARS

By CHARLES H. HARRELL

It was a cool evening in January, 1938, when I first arrived on the Orphanage campus with my brother and two sisters. I was only five years old so I cannot remember very much about my first impression of the Home. I can remember that there were only two dormitories, a superintendent's home and several buildings used for carrying on various phases of the work here.

The following September I entered the first grade in school. Being only six years old with a new home, a different environment, and being a little bit bashful I had trouble with my school work and was forced to repeat my first year's work. I was sad about this but I realize now that it was best for me to repeat this grade in order for the foundation for my future years to have a firm setting.

After passing all my grades up to the eighth I was just beginning to take a part in the physical education training sponsored by the local school through its ball clubs. However I was destined never to fulfill my ambition to become a star on the team. While working in the field cutting hay with a tractor and mower during the summer before I entered High School I was severely injured in my right leg when the mower struck me just about my ankle. This changed many things in my life. Now I could not run and play like the other kids. Since this accident in 1946 I have had four operations on my leg and foot trying to repair the torn tissues and nerves so that I could walk normal again. I would like to express my thanks for the fine medical treatment I have received. The doctor who first treated me had a great deal of sym-

pathy and understanding of a young boy's desire to keep his foot and decided to make every effort to save my leg. He did an excellent job and with the aid of specialists at Duke Hospital it is now fairly certain that I will not lose the foot.

During my years in high school I have taken a part in as many activities as I was given an opportunity to have a part in. I was an active Boy Scout during my freshman and sophomore years and was a member of the F. F. A. Chapter for two years serving as President of my F. F. A. Class as a Freshman.

As my high school work progressed I became interested in the various organizations in the school. As a junior I was Class Reporter and a member of the Pioneer Staff serving as Assistant Business Manager of this yearbook publication. I was Master of Ceremonies in the Junior Play.

It was during my Senior year that I began to come into my own. I was elected President of my Class and President of

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Cragmont

News and Views

Questions You Will Want Answered

When? June 4 through August 25, 1951

For Whom? Ministers, teachers, Christian workers, family groups, and all church groups.

What ages? Nine and up. (Children younger must be accompanied by parents)

What is the nature of the 1951 program? Devotions, lectures, addresses, forums, singing, and fellowship. There will be important details released in later articles, which will be of especial interest to each age group. In the meantime, write immediately, indicating what week you want to attend.

What must be brought? Bible, toilet articles, towels, and outdoor clothing for re-

creation, such as, soft ball, croquet, horse shoes, mountain climbing and sightseeing.

What will it cost me? Average cost for five days is \$20.00. This includes transportation on Cragmont bus on its regular route, room and board, linen and insurance. Spending money and meals on road are extra. A registration of \$1.00 is required with application (this will be refunded, on request, if you later are unable to attend.)

Write, if you are not clear as to details, or for any other reason, as follows: prior to June 1—Raymond T. Sasser, 207 W. Broad St., Wilson, N. C., from June 1 to August 25—Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, N. C., Telephone number, Black Mountain 3604.

Cragmont Is Calling All Juniors

Cragmont is calling—all juniors, age 9 through 12 for the week June 11 through 16. Rev. C. H. Overman will have a real program ready for you. Start now to make your plans to attend this big assembly for the juniors. Bring your Bible, toilet articles such as tooth brush and tooth paste, towels and soap. Also bring note book and pencil, and plenty of play clothes for soft ball, mountain climbing, croquet and other means of recreation. Rev. Overman is originally from Union Grove church in Wayne County. Now he is at our Bible College in Nashville, where he is studying hard to be able to be a full time Christian soldier. You leaguers and Sunday school boys and girls of the junior age be ready to take the Cragmont Bus early Monday morning, June 11 for the big Juniors Week. It will be a week you'll never forget. The route the bus will take will be announced in a few

days, in the meantime, write for reservation right away.

June 4 is just around the corner for the ministers. Have you written Rev. R. N. Hinnett, Micro, N. C., for reservation? Better hurry, remember only 30 can ride the bus, and only \$5.00 for the round trip, which is less than the gas to drive your car. (If less than 30 take the bus, the cost is slightly more.)

Family groups—you are talking about your vacation. Cragmont is the place to go. Write for reservation, or if you are not sure just when you can go, well just pack your bags and go anyway. Room will be found for you, and you'll enjoy the home cooking and Christian atmosphere, and here's news, and views are grand.

Before June 1, write Raymond T. Sasser, 207 W. Broad St., Wilson, N. C. After June 1, write Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, N. C.

wherever our women and children must go for the necessities of life.

4. It is the only disease which we commercialize, the annual drink bill being close to 9 billion dollars.

5. It is the only disease which is voluntarily self-imposed. Not one of the four million excessive drinkers, most of them alcoholics, in America, ever became an alcoholic without wilfully taking a drink and continuing to drink. This is not true of any other sickness.

6. It is the most deadly of all diseases for it destroys, as Jesus said in Matthew 10:28, "both soul and body in hell." No other sickness, however malignant, can kill a man's soul. But the disease of alcoholism

THROUGH THE YEARS

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the Teen-Age Club. I had advanced to the position of Editor of the Pioneer (Year-book) and became a member of the Rumbler Staff (School Paper) with the responsibility of printing the Publication each month. In addition to these offices, I drove the Orphanage school bus and sang with the Glee Club. I was voted by my Senior Classmates as the Most Studious and the Cutest boy in the class. My High School days are ones upon which I look with pride and a deep sense of satisfaction because I have endeavored to be a credit to myself, my school and the Orphanage.

One of the most important things in my life was when I accepted Jesus Christ several years ago as my Saviour. I am thankful that He saved me and I am trying to live my life day by day as He would have me to.

During my stay here at the Orphanage I have traveled with the Concert Class for five years. Traveling over the state I had the opportunity to meet many fine people who were supporting the Home and the friendships formed therefrom are very dear to my heart.

Before I close this article I would like to tell the supporters of the Orphanage that you have given me everything—A home, clothing, and most important, an education. You, through your contributions, have reared me from a little boy. You have taken care of me for thirteen years and four months and I will be forever indebted to you, The Free Will Baptists of North Carolina for the sacrifices you have made to give me an opportunity that might otherwise have been denied me.

On the 21st of May I will graduate from High School which means I will leave the Orphanage. My plans at present are incomplete. However, I am planning to work my way through college and this fall I will enter East Carolina College in Greenville, N. C., to begin my college career. I plan to become a commercial teacher upon completion of my college work. Wherever I go and whatever I do I shall never forget that the Orphanage and the training I received from within its doors is responsible for all that I am or can ever hope to be. I shall endeavor to live my life in such a manner as to be always a credit to this Institution which has been the only home I can ever remember.

will and does, as evidenced by the estimated cost of crime in the State of Massachusetts alone, resulting from liquor, of 61 million dollars in one year, so say nothing of the intangible by-products.

7. Finally, we are glad to say this is a disease which is curable for all who wish to escape its malignancy. Thank God, there is a remedy for this disease available to all. There is no incurable case in the sight of God.—Temperance League of America.

AN UNUSUAL DISEASE

If drunkenness, or alcoholism, is a disease then we would like to compare it with other sicknesses in seven respects:

1. It is the only disease which we advertise to the tune of almost 130 million dollars annually.

2. It is the only disease which we propagate to the tune of 3 billion gallons of liquor consumed annually, or more than 20 gallons per man, woman, and child in the United States.

3. It is the only disease which we legalize to the tune of 482,033 retail liquor permits in drug stores, groceries, hotels, and

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

MRS. MATTIE E. SMITH
Vanceboro, N. C.

We find in Ephesians 5:14 these words: "Awake thou that sleepest, and rise from the dead, and Christ shall give the light."

That is the thing for everyone to do—wake up from sleep, open our eyes so we can see the light. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (Jon. 8:12). Again he said, "Yet a little while in the light with you; walk while ye have light, lest darkness come upon you; for he that walketh in darkness know not whither he goeth, while ye have light believe in the light that ye may be the children of the light" (Jon. 12:35, 36).

"If we say we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth" (I Jon. 1:6). In First John 2:6, we read these words, "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk even as he walked." "He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness, even until now."

Dear readers, if we want eternal life, and to reign with Christ forever after this life is over, then we are not to be reaching out for the things of this sinful world. We are to turn our backs upon the things of the world and follow Jesus. Remember, our garments are to be unspotted from the world. The Psalmist says, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful" (Ps. 1:1).

God's people are to love the sinner, and to pray for him. But they are not to do as the sinner does. God's people are to help the sinner to come to Christ. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (Jon. 14:6). Isaiah said, "Come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord" (Isa. 2:5). Micah asked the question, "What doeth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Mich. 6:8). So, let us pray for a closer walk with the Lord.

Boy in School: "Patrick Henry was a young man. He had blue eyes and light hair. He was a lawyer. He was married, and he said, 'Give me liberty or give me death.'"

A student came home from college in his sport sedan. His father asked if he passed everything, and the son replied, "All except wo Studebakers and one Pierce-Arrow."

What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult to each other?—George Eliot

WNAC EXHIBIT

WHERE?—At Free Will Baptist Bible College Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee.

WHAT KIND?—One of yours and other Auxiliary plans or pieces of good work.

WHY?—Because exchange of ideas stimulate future effort.

WHEN SEND?—By June 20, 1951.

WHERE SEND?—To WNAC Headquarters, Box 965, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

(For further information contact WNAC Executive Secretary at the above address.)

Carteret Union Report

Carteret County Union meeting convened with Beaufort Church on Saturday, April 28, 1951. The theme for the day was: "Proving Our Love for the Master."—John 14:15.

The devotional service was led by Rev. L. E. Styron, pastor of the church. The visitors and the ministers were enrolled: Rev. T. C. Smith, R. H. Jackson, L. E. Styron. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The list of churches was called with all twelve responding to the roll call. Rev. T. C. Smith was selected to preach the union sermon at the eleven o'clock hour. Those present enjoyed the message very much. Following the message, we had dinner out on the church ground.

The union reassembled for the afternoon session, and in the absence of Rev. W. E. Anderson, Brother Elmer Garner conducted the devotions. Rev. R. H. Jackson delivered a wonderful message on the subject "Proving Our Love by Our Gifts." He spoke on the behalf of the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, stating that their need is great for financial help. A special offering was taken which amounted to \$100.00.

Brother Elmer Garner made a splendid talk on the subject: "Proving Our Love through the Unified Church." Our Obituary Committee reported the home-going of Mary Ellen Hardy of Merriman, N. C., and Brother J. F. Styron, Davis, N. C. We trust that their memory will be a benediction to each of us.

The afternoon prayer service was conducted by Rev. L. E. Styron, and a testimonial service was held in which many present testified to the blessings of the Lord. They renewed their pledge and faith in Christ. Music was rendered while the Finance Committee was out, preparing to make their report. Several special selections of songs were sung by the congregation, which were enjoyed by all present.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

Received from churches, \$85.00; Missions to support Cuban student, \$45.00; Public offering, \$31.64; Special offering for the Bible college, \$100.00. Total, \$261.64.

DISBURSEMENTS

To Cragmont, \$5.00; Orphanage, \$30.00; Superannuation, \$5.00; Church Finance, \$10.00; Superannuated ministers' wives, \$10.00; Home and Foreign Missions, \$20.00; Bible College, \$100.00; Missions to support Cuban student, \$60.00; Christian education, \$5.00; To the secretary, \$5.00; Total, \$250.00; Balance in the treasury, \$11.64.

The union extended to the Beaufort Church thanks and appreciations for the kind hospitality shown in entertaining this union meeting. The union closed with prayer. The next union will convene with Davis Church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in July, 1951.

Ralph Wilkins, Moderator,
Dela Golden, Secy.-Treas.

North Carolina League Convention to Convene At Shady Grove Church

REV. R. P. HARRIS
Corresponding Secretary

The annual session of the North Carolina State League Convention will convene with Shady Grove church in Durham County, June 15 and 16, 1951. Since the National League Convention begins July 3 and lasts several days it became necessary for our date to be changed from that of July 3 and 4 to another one. The committee decided that the next best date would be June 15 and 16, as this was the date when the National League Convention has been being held. This arrangement will make it possible for those in our state, desiring to attend both the state and the national meeting, to have the privilege of doing so without conflict.

All Leagues in the state planning to represent should write to Rev. R. P. Harris, P. O. Box 1265, Durham, N. C., for a Report Blank unless you have one already on hand. I have about 100 names of churches having at one time had a League. It would be most helpful for our records if the Corresponding Secretary of your League would write to your State Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Harris (Address above) informing him that you have a League and all other information that might be helpful for the State Program.

The State League Convention program has been made out and will be announced in just a few days. Some very noble speakers will appear on the program, and there will be other things of interest to our young people.

He who sings frightens away his ills.—Cervantes.



THE RESTORATION OF JERUSALEM

(Lesson for June 3)

LESSON: The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah. Ezra 1:2-3; 6:14-16; Nehemiah 4:6; 8:1-3.

GOLDEN TEXT: Isaiah 40:31.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

Chronology of the Postexilic Period. The following outline, with dates, of the postexilic events, may prove helpful.

539 or 538 B. C.—Cyrus takes Babylon.

537-536—The return under Zerubbabel. Arrival probably in the spring.

536, October—The altar of burnt offering set up.

535—Foundation completed with joy; then work soon interrupted.

521—Darius I (Hystaspis) begins to reign.

520, autumn. Haggai and Zechariah exhort the people, and the building of the temple is resumed.

515, early spring. Temple is completed and dedicated.

486-465—Reign of Xerxes I (Ahasuerus) during which time the events of the book of Esther occurred.

458—Ezra leads back a caravan of Jews to Jerusalem.

458-445—During this period an attempt to rebuild the walls was frustrated. Ezra 4:7-23.

445—Nehemiah hears evil tidings.

444—March. Nehemiah sent to Jerusalem by Artaxerxes.

444, July-September—Wall rebuilt in 52 days.

444 late September. The law read by Ezra.

433—Nehemiah returns to Persia

432—Nehemiah's second return to Jerusalem and reformation.

Here Old Testament history ends.

Alexander the Great conquered Palestine and visited Jerusalem and was met by the high priest Jaddua just a century later, in 332 B. C.

Note the broad scope of the lesson and the fact that it includes the work of two different generations of post-exilic Jews. Note that the return was in 537 B. C., and the building of the walls and reading of the law in 444 B. C., nearly a century later.—Arnold's Commentary.

1. It is well for God's people when their human rulers recognize Him as the supreme Ruler (Ezra 1:2).

2. Obeying God and fulfilling our chief occupation (vs. 2).

3. Although God's calls and invitations are universal they are specifically addressed to those who are interested enough to hear them (vs. 3).

4. Although Cyrus had commanded the Jews to rebuild the Temple, they considered it a command of God (6:14).

5. God will enable to bring to completion the work with which He is well-pleased (vs. 15).

6. Not only our homes of worship, but even our homes should be dedicated unto the Lord (vs. 16).

7. God protected the Jews by His power, but He also enabled them to rebuild the wall of the city (Neh. 4:6).

8. It may be necessary to hold street meetings in order that all who desire may hear the Word of God (8:1).

9. No gatherings are more important than those in which the Word of God is taught (vss. 1, 2).

10. It is important to give the meaning of the Word of God to those who are unfamiliar with it (vs. 3).—Selected.

11. As "the people had a mind to work," so let us pray that the Sunday School pupils, and the church members, and all followers of Christ may go forward for Christ in this world of modernism, skepticism, communism, doubt, individualism and the like. The opposition to Nehemiah's work for God's people was devilish, blasphemous, and maliciously contemptible, but God, through his servant, brought victory for the good of his people.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12 When Cyrus captured Babylon he found and took possession of the sacred vessels which Nebuchadnezz-

zar had taken from the house of the Lord when Jerusalem fell into his hands. King Cyrus delivered these to the Jews to be replaced in the Temple when it was finished. It was a day of great rejoicing for the people when the work was finished and the vessels were restored to their places in God's house. They observed the day of dedication with prayer and thanksgiving, and general rejoicing.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

A Revival After Long Waiting

Some years ago a devout woman who was a member of a church in Detroit, Michigan, felt that she had prayed through for a revival in that place. (It was a church in which the writer has preached more than once.) This woman had a sort of vision of her own children and the children of other members praying until they became victorious Christians. But year after year passed, and revival meetings were held, without the gracious results which she believed God had promised her. Nevertheless the woman maintained her faith that a revival would come.

Then, a few years ago, after sixteen years of waiting, there was a mighty moving of the Spirit of God in that place, and the revival came. What the handmaid of God had seen in a vision was literally and abundantly fulfilled. No wonder her soul was exultant as she saw that her prayers and labors were not in vain!

In the case of Ezra in our lesson, there were also years of waiting after his return to Jerusalem before the time was ripe and a real revival came. But after Nehemiah had inspired the people to arise and rebuild the walls, there followed a sincere turning to God. See Nehemiah 8 to 10.

When Watching Was Needed

We are told that, because of the plots of enemies, Nehemiah both prayed and set a watch while the walls were being rebuilt. See Neh. 4:9. We need to pray, and sometimes we need to watch too. This fact is illustrated by the following incident reported by G. W. Ridout:

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THE LIFTING-UP

"And when they had lifted up their eyes they saw no man save Jesus only" (Matt. 17:8). Blessed indeed was the experience of the favoured three, as they were thus taken up into the holy mount!

Many are talking about "mountain-top experiences," in these days, but somehow they do not seem to have experienced the prime necessity—the "lifting up of the eyes." It is not enough to be on the holy mount, any more than it is sufficient to move in the most spiritual of circles. There must be the individual, personal lifting up to the higher sky-line, for the blessed sight of "Jesus only."

And we need that higher sky-line. Some of us have been moving a long time on "mountain-tops," as far as association with choice saints be concerned. But our progress has long ago died away into slow motion, and we have come a tragic distance from, "mounting upward with wings." The higher realm has tended to put many into the spiritual dumps, and a good deal of the saintliness has faded away into commonplace formula. The mountain-top is the place of the higher sky-line, the place where the "eyes of the heart" need be lifted up on high, to catch the personal glimpse of the risen, glorified Lord. It matters not what other saints see and send back. It matters not what the mount means for them. Each one of us needs that personal lifting, that shall really link us with the Lord. Otherwise the whole experience will pass away into that dreamy sort of meditation which colours everything with that strange haze that conspires to crowd the Lord into the place of theological abstraction. Of course, we have a "mystery religion"; for who could ever possibly tell out to the full, the glory of our glorious Lord? But let us beware lest it become so mysterious that we hesitate to come to clear grips with it. Perhaps there we have indicated the essential difference between merely moving upon a mount, and being measured there with the lifting up of

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the soul for the higher sky-line, for the vital touch of "Jesus Only."

What a gracious message in those words "Jesus only"! Of course, they have been so often heard, that one questions as to the weight of wonder that is left to them. We have the "Jesus only" group, in which the dear Lord could hardly feel at home. We have the "Jesus . . . and . . ." group; that pitiful company that began with the Lord, but petered away into pow-

It is a simple thing to find and upon which to lay firm grasp; yet how profound because of the manner in which it reaches into the crux-heart of Christian living! "Jesus only". . . why, the Christian world is filled with devotional writing upon those two words. But what is merely devotional, will all too quickly turn demotional, if the writing be not "dipt with personal pen into flaming ink." He verily needs be central and crucial in every possible term. And in that vital centrality shall He be fully able to radiate His presence, through the service and witness which is thus rightly impelled and inspired. After all, men in this dying world are truly dying for the sight of a Christian who has so died to himself, that the life of the Lord may be truly manifest. Many a poor soul had been cursed by the complications of a religion that has so many secondaries that it cannot get clear and free for a vital view of the Lord Jesus of their profuse profession.

Beloved, it is more than good and profitable to let all else go. We shall have to leave all anyway, when we wing forth of this weary world. And there shall be no loss, if we have determined to occupy, not only a place on the mount, but the deeper place of the uplifted eyes and the higher sky-line, and subscribe in deepest truth to the holy, spiritual meaning of, "Jesus ONLY." For, in blessed reality, beloved, when it is truly "Jesus," then it is not, "only"—it is "everything"! His is the sweetest Name, with the richest salvation, the most complete assurance, and the most precious of provided promises!

A good thing to remember,
And a better thing to do,
Is to work with the construction gang
And not with the wrecking crew.

Alcohol makes men colorful—gives him a red nose, a white liver, a yellow streak, and a blue outlook.

The best education in the world is that got by struggling for a living.—Wendell Phillips.

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erlessness because of the addition of many sagging secondaries. We have the "Us only" group; the elite and the exclusive who are forever calling down fire upon all supposed Samaritans, and so tire themselves in the task, that they have no strength to call down holy fire upon themselves for vital enduement-baptism. We meet many of them "on the mount"; but we seek in vain for some of this number who will take that second, deeper step of "lifting up their eyes." The lack of the lifting has been their loss. They have left the indescribable sweetness of fellowship and communion with Jesus only.

PERFECT PATTERN

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and the prodigals of His parables, He could make saints. Certain virtues, such as forgiveness of injury, humility, and an all-embracing lovingkindness that extends to friend and foe alike, we might almost say that He brought new into the world. He is the perfect pattern.

He is the perfect pattern, too, of such simple human virtues as industry without fret. Especially in the second Gospel, we see Him in a whirl of work, but always gracious, ready to help or heal.

Then what of the miracles? If they stood by themselves apart from the remarkable Character we have been considering, if they were recorded of some mere ordinary individual in history, the modern type of mind would reject them as legendary. But if the other evidence goes to show that He was more than a man, that life was Deity as well as humanity, it is all but certain that His power must have flashed out occasionally—if God came to earth, something unusual must have happened.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

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"Brother Blakeney, of India, once told of an experience he and a party of friends had while picnicking in an Indian jungle. First, they spread their lunch out on a tablecloth and, feeling devoutly thankful to God for the privilege of the little outing, they had a protracted time of praise and prayer when they asked the blessing over the food. Upon opening their eyes, to eat their repast, they discovered it was gone. And looking up into the trees round about they found the thieves, a troop of monkeys, who had swooped down and stolen everything while the folks had their eyes closed in prayer. Brother Blakeney said they decided thereafter to watch and pray!"—Arnold's Commentary.

Whenever a man's friends begin complimenting him about looking young, he may be sure they think he is growing old.—Washington Irving.

EIGHTH COMMENCEMENT FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

The baccalaureate sermon was preached on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, May 20, by the Reverend Robert Crawford, pastor of First Church in Bryan, Texas. The graduation exercises were held Friday evening, May 25, at 8 o'clock, with Dr. Clyde W. Meredith, president of Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, delivering the commencement address.

Historic Occasion

This eighth commencement of the Bible College was a historic occasion for two reasons. It was the first time in more than forty years that a Free Will Baptist institution had conferred an academic degree and marked the graduation of the first four-year class of the Bible College, which consisted of the following members: Wesley Calvery, Waco, Texas; Marie Hanna, St. Louis, Mo.; Walter Reynolds, Creswell, N. C.; Adam Scott, Mountain Grove, Mo.; and T. O. Terry, Jr., Cordova, Ala.

Commencement Held in New Auditorium

All commencement services were held in the recently-constructed auditorium. This building has been erected since February and meets a long-felt need in the work of the College. This building has been

made possible by the gifts of our people since last October. It was erected at a cost of \$24,000.

Degrees, Certificates and Diplomas

Besides the five Bachelor of Arts Degrees conferred on the four-year class, the following received certificates and diplomas as indicated: Teacher Training Diplomas (Evangelical Teacher Training) — Wanda Conkey, Patty Creech, Dorena Davis, Wanda Edwards, Ruth Floyd, Christine Hooks, Helen Johnson, Jane Kettelman, Patricia Norris, Eloise Phillips, Jane Reeder, Mary Belle Smith, Tresca Wiggs, Lucy Wisehart, Kenneth Carter, Billy Sherrill, Cadel Dowdney, Donald Ellis, Wm. B. Hughes, Irvin Hyman, Fred Kirby, E. B. McDonald, D. J. Merkh, Roy O'Donnell, Olin Phillips, R. E. Picirilli, Reedy Saverance, N. R. Smith, Jr., Ralph Sumner.

Two-Year Certificate in Bible: Wanda Edwards, Janie Sumner, Irvin Hyman.

Two-year Diploma in Bible: Dorena Davis, Helen Johnson, Roy O'Donnell, Mary Belle Smith, Cathern Smith.

Mrs. Pernita White Passes

Eliza Pernita Daugherty White, daughter of the late Charles R. Daugherty and Dora E. Evans, was born on September 29, 1888, and died on May 2, 1951.

In 1904 she married Claud H. Worthington who died on March 10, 1943. They spent most of their married life in Pitt County, and were members of Bethany F. W. B. Church.

Three children survive: Tomie H. Worthington of Wilmington, N. C., Dora E. Griffin, and Ruby I. Briley of Ayden, N. C. There are 16 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. There are three sisters: Bonnie Tripp of Virginia, Pearl Jones and Effie Merriath of Vanceboro, N. C. There is one half-sister, Donnie Banks of New Bern, N. C., and one brother, Roland Daugherty of Georgia.

In 1948 she married R. W. White of Charleston, S. C., who survives with 4 step-sons, and 3 step-daughters. For the past two years she made her home in South Carolina. The remains were placed at rest in the family plot in Ayden, N. C.

Dear Mother, you had your greatest wish, To be working until the very last; You never faltered from your task, great or small,

For you never thought of yourself at all.

—Written by her daughter,
Mrs. Dallas H. Briley, Ayden, N. C.

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A WISE CHOICE

"I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life." Deuteronomy 30:19.

A wealthy old gentleman residing in London, on one of his birthdays invited his servants into his house to receive presents. "What will you have," said he, addressing the groom, this Bible or a twenty-dollar note?"

"I would take the Bible sir, but I cannot read; so I think the money will do me more good," replied the hostler.

"And you?" he asked the gardener.

"My poor wife is so ill that I sadly need the money," replied the gardener with a sigh.

"Mary, you can read," said the man, turning to his cook, "Will you have this Bible?"

"I can read sir, but I never get time to look into a book; and the dollars will buy me a fine dress."

Next was the chambermaid but she had one Bible and did not want another. Last came the errand boy.

"My lad," said the kind benefactor, "Will you take these twenty dollars, and replace your shabby clothes by a new suit?"

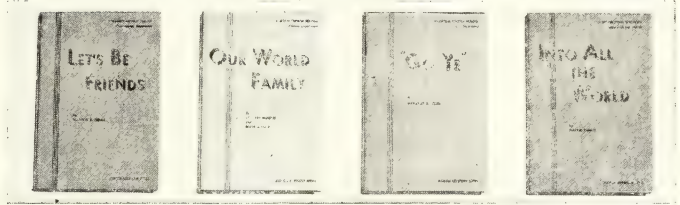
"Thank you, sir; but my dear mother used to read to me that the Law of the Lord is better than thousands of gold and silver. I will take the good Book, if you please."

"God bless you, my boy, and may your wise choice prove riches and honor and long life to you!"

As the lad received the Bible, and unclasped its cover, a bright gold piece rolled to the floor. Quickly turning its pages, he found them thickly interleaved with bank notes; while the four servants discovering the mistake of their worldly covetousness, hastily departed in chagrin.

Life is made up of choices. We have to choose every day what we do or not do. We must decide between both great and little things. There are the great decisions of life that must be made one way or another. Every person must decide to be a Christian or a sinner; to be saved or lost; to spend eternity in Heaven or Hell; to live holy or sinful; to walk with God or in sin. Happy and wise will be the person who early in life chooses to be a Christian and to walk with God.—Faith and Turst

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PENNY'S QUARTER

MARY ELLEN ARCHAMBEAU

"Hurry, Penny; we'll be late for Sunday School!" called Sally.

Penny ran to her bedroom, opened her little savings bank and grabbed a quarter. Down the stairs she flew, and out the door to join her waiting pal.

"Didn't forget your collection money, did you?" asked Sally.

"No, I brought it. I hope we get lots of money for China today. Miss Brown says the boys and girls over there are waiting for some more missionaries. Maybe our class can raise enough to send one person."

"Wouldn't that be wonderful?" exclaimed Sally.

Just as they walked into Sunday School the bell rang. They rang a song, and the children recited the Bible verses they had learned. Then the superintendent asked for the collection.

The boys and girls had been asked to earn their own missionary offerings; and each week someone told all the others how he earned his money.

Penny's face burned. She hoped she would not be asked any questions today.

"Penny," said the superintendent, "will you tell us how you earned your money this week?"

Her face grew redder, her hands felt cold, her knees shook. Why did this have to happen?

She was silent for a moment; then she replied slowly, "I stayed with Mrs. Crafton's baby while she went to a birthday party last night."

She looked at Sally. She and Sally had gone roller skating the evening before.

"That's fine. God appreciates every penny we earn for Him," remarked the superintendent.

As Penny took her seat, she tried to swallow the big lump in her throat; but it just would not go down. Sally was watching her with a puzzled look.

When the time came to go to class, Penny was almost in tears; but she bit her lip and went with the others. Miss Brown asked Jimmy to pray, and he asked the Lord to bless all the sick people, and especially Mrs. Crafton's baby.

Penny's heart almost stopped. What was the matter with Mrs. Crafton's baby? Would they talk about it in class?

"When did Mrs. Crafton's baby come home from the hospital," Miss Brown asked, looking at Penny.

"Day before yesterday," replied Penny, squirming.

"I'm surprised to hear that," exclaimed

Miss Brown. "Mrs. Crafton called me just a few days ago, and said the baby was very sick with pneumonia. It seems strange that she would go to a birthday party."

Penny just could not bear it another minute. She began to cry; then, between her sobs, she told the truth to Miss Brown and the whole class.

"I didn't earn my collection money at all; I took it from my bank. But I felt ashamed to say so, and I told a lie about it. I'm sorry! Will you please forgive me,"

"Of course, we'll forgive you," replied Miss Brown kindly. "But even that isn't enough. Let us ask Jesus to forgive you, Penny."

While they all knelt in prayer to God, Jesus forgave Penny. She was so happy, she laughed and cried as she told what had happened.

Sally and Penny skipped all the way home from Sunday School. Penny told Father and Mother the whole story, and they laughed and cried too.

"Now, my little girl belongs to Jesus!" cried Mother, planting a kiss on her cheek.

At bedtime, Penny knelt and thanked Jesus for washing her sins away and coming into her heart. Then she fell asleep, singing, "I'm so happy, and here's the reason why—."—*The Burning Bush.*

The worst moment for the atheist is when he is really thankful and has nobody to thank.

BUT ONLY GOD CAN
MAKE A TREE

MOLLIE ZACHARIAS

"But only God can make a tree,"
The poet sings so truthfully.
And only God can make a flower,
And only God can send the shower
To make it bloom in loveliness,
That leads men's souls to righteousness.

And only God can make the dawn,
The rosy clouds and dewy morn.
When all His creatures wake to praise
The opening of the busy days.
When birds and beasts and earth and man
Aspire to follow God's great plan.

And only God can make the sun,
That ripens grain when rain has done;
He gladdens hearts of man and beast
When day is closed and toil has ceased.
And only God does send His rest,
With which both man and beast are blessed.

And only God has given me
The lucid eyes to see the tree
And flowers and dawn and sun and rain,
And birds that trill their glad refrain—
All, all His handiwork to love.
An inspiration from above.

—The S. S. Banner.

Fourth Union Report

The Fourth Union of the Central Conference of North Carolina met with Antioch Church in Wayne County on April 28, 1951. Rev. W. L. Hart led the devotions. Mrs. J. C. Edmundson gave the welcome address, and the response was by Howard Cayton.

The ministers present were: W. L. Hart, E. L. Abrams, C. D. Hamilton, T. P. Ellis, A. G. Baker, and Hubert Burress. The visiting ministers were R. W. Allman of Third Union of the Western Conference; W. L. Moretz of the French Broad Association, Ralph Clegg of the Fifth Union of the Western Conference, Earnest A. Kelle, Cape Fear Conference. Fifteen churches represented with an offering. Only one church did not represent.

The union voted to go to Watery Branch Church in July, 1951. Brother Moretz reported on the conditions of the orphanage at Middlesex. An offering of \$35.54 was raised for the Orphanage. By motion W. L. Hart is to represent Fourth Union in the Church Finance Association. Brother E. L. Abrams delivered a wonderful message at the eleven o'clock hour. His scripture was taken from John 3:14.

The devotions for the afternoon session were conducted by Rev. W. L. Hart. By motion each church is to bring an offering each sitting of the union to be used as an educational fund within the Fourth Union. The money is to be paid out on the vote of the union. An offering to start the fund was raised to the amount of \$21.43.

The reports of the committees were accepted. After a standing vote of thanks was extended for the kind hospitality shown this union by Antioch church and community, the union adjourned to meet with Watery Branch Church in July.

TREASURER'S REPORT

On hand from last union, \$54.24; Received from churches, \$99.50; Offering for orphanage, \$35.54. Total, \$184.28.

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid out, \$5.00; Clerk and Press, \$6.00; Treasurer, \$5.00; Programs, \$1.50; Orphanage, \$32.80; Orphanage offering, \$35.54; Education, \$8.20; Superannuation, 8.20; Missions, \$8.20; Church Finance, \$8.20. Total Paid out, \$118.64. Balance in treasury, \$70.64.

Howard Cayton, Treasurer

Rev. T. P. Ellis, Acting Mod.

Hubert Burress, Clerk

The habit of using liquor by men in office has occasioned more injury to the public than all other sources. Were I to commence my administration again, the first question would be, "Do you use ardent spirits?"—Thomas Jefferson.

Consider the turtle. He makes progress only when his neck is out.

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June 30 Deadline for Foreign Mission Quota

Several states have already exceeded their Quota's for Foreign Missions for this year, but the most of them have several dollars yet to raise before going over the top.

We have a little over thirty days left in which to raise our quota for this fiscal year. Remember we close our books on June 30th, so please send all offerings in time to reach us by that time.

Strong demands are coming from each of our fields to increase their budgets. No doubt these requests are justified, but we can only do what our people enable us to do through their support. Would you please be reminded to pray for our Missionary Program and also to give one more time before June 30th.

Rev. Raymond Riggs
Promotional Secy.-Treasurer

The habit of using liquor by men in office has occasioned more injury to the public than all other sources. Were I to commence my administration again, the first question would be, "Do you use ardent spirits?"—Thomas Jefferson.

What you are to be, you are now becoming.

Conducting Revival at Sandy Plain Church



REV. AND MRS. WESLEY CALVERY, WACO, TEXAS

Young People's Revival at Sandy Plain Church

The young people of Sandy Plain F. W. B. Church wish to invite the people far and near to attend our Youth Revival which will begin on June 3, 1951. It will be conducted by Reverend Wesley Calvery of Waco, Texas.

The Reverend Calvery is a graduate of the Free Will Baptist Bible college in Nashville, Tennessee. The purpose of this revival is to bring lost souls to Christ, to revive the church people, and to bring them into a closer walk with Christ Jesus.

We have been praying that this will be the greatest revival meeting ever known to this section, and we do believe that God is going to bless the meeting in a great way. There will be many special features during the revival, such as special music, singing by the evangelist and his wife, and by the church and the young people.

During this week of the revival there will be a Vacation Bible school conducted each morning, beginning on June 4. All children, 4 years old and up, and all young people are invited to attend.

It is our hope that you will be at each service every night of the meeting, and that you will pray for the meeting.

The young people of Sandy Plain Church

TRI-COUNTY YOUTH FOR CHRIST RALLY

Several months ago there was organized in Pitt, Greene, and Lenoir counties a Youth for Christ organization. Programs have been presented in the various churches every other Saturday night since. The attendance has been good, but as is so often the case there is room for improvement. Some of the purposes of Youth for Christ are to win young people for the Lord, to train them for service, and to broaden our fellowship as we work together.

The next program of Youth for Christ will be presented at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church in Greene County at 7:45 p. m. June 2. Members of numerous Sunday Schools and churches in this area will have a part on the program. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

For the benefit of those not familiar with the location of the Church, the following route is suggested. Go to Castoria on the Snow Hill to Walstonburg highway and take the new unnumbered highway west one mile to Wooten's Cross Roads and turn left on road which at this writing is being prepared for paving. Free Union is about one mile from Wooten's Cross Roads. Or, as there are numerous roads leading from the Snow Hill to Walstonburg highway to Free Union, you could make inquiry in that area.

Rev. C. L. Patrick

Presenting the Free Will Baptist Press

Mr. Dunn came with the Press in August, 1916 as Editor of the Free Will Baptist. He served in this capacity for five years. Also, from the beginning he began to assume the duties of Business Manager.

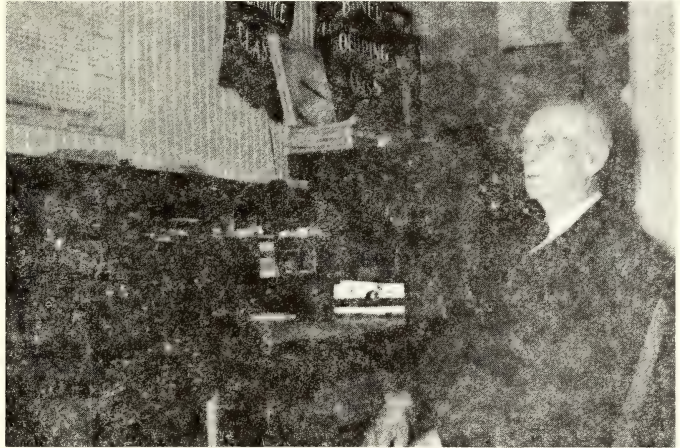
The business began to grow slowly and in 1921, the duties being too great for one, Rev. E. T. Phillips was again elected Editor and Mr. Dunn continued on as Manager.

For the next twenty years, until the beginning of World War II, the press experienced a steady and solid growth in services rendered and in volume of business done.

From 1941 to 1951 the growth of our business has been much greater than in former years. It being apparent now that this year's business will gross \$100,000.00 or more.

Plans are now being laid and studied with a view to increasing the number of periodicals for our Sunday Schools and other Auxiliary groups. It has been and still is our sole purpose and intent to serve our people throughout the Nation as well as circumstances permit. Your solid patronage and support will insure a greater measure of service and blessings to our entire group.

Completes Thirty-Five Years Service to Institution



MR. C. K. DUNN, SR., EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Front row, left to right: Rev. R. N. Hinant, President; Rev. S. A. Smith, vice-president; Mr. C. K. Dunn, Executive Secretary-Treasurer; Rev. D. W. Alexander, Business Manager.

Back row, left to right: Rev. R. B. Spencer, Secretary-Editor; Rev. J. W. Alford, and Mr. Kirby West.

These brethren have shown great interest in the Press and the denomination. These men are all recognized leaders in

various fields of our denominational work, and have held prominent offices in their conferences, state conventions, and other organizations. They represent Free Will Baptist bodies holding stock in the Press corporation, these bodies of orthodox Free Will Baptists being the real owners of the Press, which is strictly a non-profit-sharing corporation, organized for the purpose of publishing religious literature for the advancement of the cause the church represents.

Mt. Bethel F. W. B. Church Rockingham, N. C.

The Mount Beulah Church of Richmond County celebrated Mrs. C. W. Brown's seventy-second birthday. She is one of its oldest members. The morning worship was an inspiration. The sermon was delivered by her grandson, the Rev. Charles W. Brown, Pastor of the Saint Paul's Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabeth City, N. C., after which the congregation was invited to Mrs. Brown's home, there were about two hundred relatives and friends there for lunch. Mrs. Brown's son, the Rev. Noah Brown, is pastor of the Mount Beulah Church. She also has two other sons who are ministers, the Rev. Paul Brown and the Rev. Jessie Brown.

Mount Beulah church is making great progress. While visiting there we found a great spiritual atmosphere among the people of the church. They have one of the finest choirs it has been my privilege to hear.

Miss Sudie Copeland,
Elizabeth City, N. C.

Stalin won't stop; he must be stopped.—
William C. Bullitt.

Give us men and women who will translate their ideals into conduct and character.

How poor are they that have not patience.—Shakespeare



REV. R. B. SPENCER, EDITOR OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Rev. R. B. Spencer was elected on March 10, 1936, as editor of the Baptist paper, to succeed Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, who had edited the paper for one year, following Elder E. T. Phillips' retirement due to illness and advanced age. Brother Blackwelder resigned the position as editor to accept

the pastoral care of East Nashville F. W. B. Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

Brother Spencer got out his first issue of the Baptist the second week of March, 1936, and he has been the editor of the paper ever since that date. The circulation of the Baptist then was eighteen hundred, and

since that time the subscriptions have grown to a weekly circulation of forty-two hundred.

Not being fully occupied with his editorial work each week to get out the paper and also seeing the need of our Sunday Schools for an Advanced Sunday School quarterly above the Senior grade, he and Brother C. K. Dunn, the Business Manager set up plans by which the Advanced Sunday School quarterly was begun.

Brother Spencer's first lessons were written, beginning with and for the first quarter of 1940. Since that time he has continued to edit the Baptist paper each week and to write the lessons for the Advanced Sunday School quarterly. For the first quarter of 1940, the Business Manager printed two thousand copies of this quarterly, and the most of them were sold to the adults and young people of our Sunday Schools.

Since that date, the Advanced quarterly has been used freely in our Sunday Schools throughout the denomination. There has been a steady growth in the sales of the quarterly during these twelve years of its use. The Press is now printing and distributing 32,000 copies each quarter, and sometimes the Business Manager has printed additional copies to fill the needs of some of our Sunday Schools, after the supply had been sold.



REV. L. E. BALLARD, EDITOR OF LEAGUE AND YOUTH PUBLICATIONS

Rev. Loy Everett Ballard, editor of F. W. B. L. quarterlies and "Youth's Banner", is western North Carolina's contribution to the staff of the Press, having been born and raised at Weaverville, near Asheville. He came to the Press as a full time editor in October, 1947, after having edited some of the league quarterlies from time to time over a period of years. Mr. Ballard began his editorial experience as editor of "The Young People's Friend," published by the leagues in the early days of the movement,

first from Asheville, then from Greenville, N. C. He later operated "The Eureka Publicity Service," in Asheville for some years, doing printing for various organizations. At the same time he and Rev. W. L. Moretz published "The Free Will Baptist Messenger," a monthly news journal for the Free Will Baptists of the mountain section. Later Mr. Ballard worked for three years at the N. C. Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C., where he "resurrected" The Young People's Friend as an organ for the orphanage.

Superannuation Report

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Convention Free Will Baptists for April, 1951.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand April 1, 1951	\$1,218.
Receipts for April	92.

Total to account for \$1,311.

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to superannuated ministers	\$225.
Operating expenses	42.
Paid to the National Board	5.

Total disbursements \$272.

Balance on hand May 1, 1951 \$1,039.

RECEIPTS ITEMIZED

Free Union Auxiliary	\$1.
LaGrange Sunday School	9.
Smithfield	3.
Mount Euclah	16.
Davis	5.
Gum Swamp Sunday School	3.
Friendship (Johnston Co.)	1.
Cramerton Auxiliary	5.
Greenville	15.
New Sandy Hill Auxiliary	1.
Pleasant Hill Intermediate League	10.
Core Creek S. S.	12.
Highland Pines	2.
Rose of Sharon S. S.	2.
Pine Level	7.

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer



REV. J. E. WOOTEN, EDITOR OF SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

In October, 1935, Rev. J. E. Wooten became associated with the Free Will Baptist as editor and writer of Sunday School Literature. It was at a time when our country was beginning to emerge from the depression following World War I. New ideas were rapidly shaping themselves in the public mind and furnishing impetus to the general demand that pre-war methods and approaches to life's daily problems give way to more direct and comprehensive methods of acquainting the individual with the forces of life which determine, directly or indirectly, his course, character, and ca-

reer. The demand for changes and improvements has been just as urgent in the field of religious education as it has been in the field of secular education, economics, or sociology.

Mr. Wooten has labored these many years, in cooperation with the Institution with which he is connected, in an effort to produce and furnish to the public such publications and helps as will enable this generation, and other not yet born, to play their part in life well to the benefit of men and to the glory of God.



VIEW OF THE BOOKSTORE

This is a picture of a section of the Free Will Baptist Book Store, with Mrs. Mary Davenport in the center. Mrs. Davenport came to work for the press in the year 1909, and serves in the capacity of store

and mail order clerk. The store handles a good line of religious books, Vacation Bible School supplies, and many church, Sunday School and league supply items. The store does a large volume of business.

WORLD PEACE

J. S. Wilson
Wilson, N. C.

Peace is good for everyone at all times and in any place. It is good in the home, the school, the shop, the church, and in all social and governmental relationships.

In war there is no peace, for the word "war" means death and destruction. It means strife and confusion, and the loss of property, of money, and of love for others. I desire to entreat all nations to quit waging war. I beg that they disarm, and beat their war materials into useful agriculture machinery. We should teach others to learn war no more.

In Isaiah's day some tried to reconstruct Israel, but they had a hard task. In Zachariah's time it was tried also, but ignorance and selfishness led the leaders to failure. The people would not follow God's commands. We have intelligence now, but this age is too intelligent for the nations to have wars. If the war lords would teach the way of peace, love and kindness, then the young men would not have to go to war, and fight. The young men should be taught that it is wrong to fight, to take life, and to destroy property. Intelligence should be merciful, while ignorance is prone to spill blood without just cause. It seems to be easy for few men to declare war for others to fight, but it is tragic, for the young men to have to fight such wars.

Think of it! Every young man who falls in battle breaks his mother's heart, and great sorrow is added to grief. If the war lords would come together for peace, thinking of millions of mothers who are sitting in tears, then we believe that some way would be reached by which peace can be restored to the nations. Let us pray that the war lords may work for peace instead of war, and that peace may soon come to all people everywhere.

Chartered Bus to Nashville, Tennessee

We have arranged to charter an Air-Conditioned Greyhound bus to the National Association which will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, in July.

The bus will leave from Dothan, Alabama. The regular fare for the round trip from Dothan to Nashville is \$15.99, and the amount each on the chartered bus will be less than \$10.00.

Anyone in south Alabama, south Georgia, or Florida, interested in going on this bus, please write to Chester A. Huckaby, Route 2, Chipley, Florida. Mail your ten dollars, or money order to Wayne Hicks, Sneads, Fla., not later than June 15. If for any reason we do not get the 37 persons to take the trip on this bus, your money will be refunded.

Yours in Christ,
Chester A. Huckaby



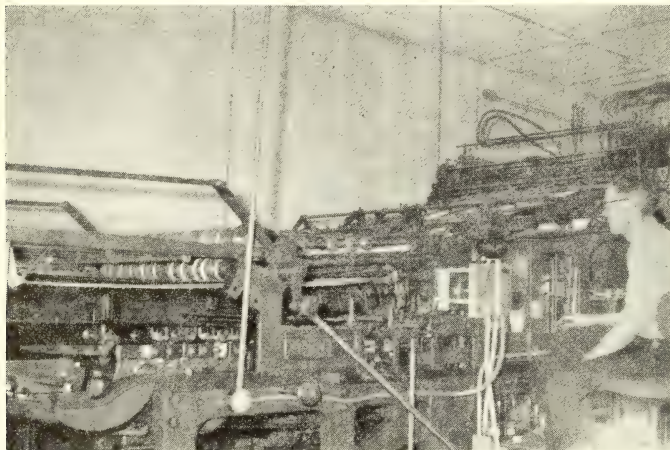
MRS. MYRTLE B. JONES, LITERATURE AND SUBSCRIPTION CLERK

Mrs. Myrtle B. Jones began her work with the Free Will Baptist Press in March, 1932. She now handles all subscriptions to the Free Will Baptist, our church paper, and books all orders for the Sunday School literature.

Mrs. Jones also helps make shipping labels for the Sunday School quarterlies. She helps with the proof reading of Sunday

School and League quarterlies, and also helps to fill special orders of merchandise not carried in stock, which is ordered sent directly to customer.

She has watched the Press grow, during these nineteen years that she has been with the company, stronger year by year, and has seen it become a thriving denominational business.



ONE OF THE LARGE PRESSES IN OPERATION

In this picture is shown the new press on which most of the Sunday School and Free Will Baptist League literature is printed. This press was purchased last year. It is a modern press, capable of turning out a large volume of work. The old press, of similar design but some smaller, is now used for printing The Free Will Baptist, Youth's Banner, and other publications as needed. The operator shown in this pic-

ture is L. Wilbur Dunn, who has been employed by the Free Will Baptist press for around thirty-one years as a pressman and make-up man.

Mr. Dunn's years of experience makes it possible for him to get the maximum of service out of the big press. Visitors are always interested in having him demonstrate the press in action.

IMPORTANT!

Give Attention, North Carolina Leaguers!

We are endeavoring to arrange a "Motorcade" to go to the Fourth Nationwide F. W. B. L. Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, leaving New Bern, N. C., early in the morning of Monday, July 2nd. We considered a chartered bus, but it developed that some could only go for the league conference, others could go for the league and S. S. Conference, while some planned to go for all the national meetings. To meet this condition, it is now planned to arrange a motorcade in sections. All cars enlisted will travel as a motorcade to Nashville. Then a section of the motorcade will leave right after the S. S. convention, while the third section will return to N. C. after all the meetings are over.

Here is the "pooling" proposition: All leaguers desiring to go in the motorcade will register with Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Box 86, Ayden, N. C., sending with their application \$5.00 to apply on the cost of their transportation. The total "sharing" cost has been estimated at \$20.00 for the round trip, but may vary slightly either way, depending upon the mileage. Mileage will be figured from some agreed upon point, near center of loading area. The \$5.00 deposit will be returned in case the motorcade fails to "motor!"

Those having cars which they are willing to use for the trip will register with the undersigned, stating the time they will choose to return. Each car carrying five paying passengers will be guaranteed 50 per mile, plus the driver's expense while in route (not while in Nashville). Cars must be in good condition, and driven by a careful driver. Trip insurance will be made available to all passengers. Mrs. Ballard will be the chaperon of the party on the trip to Nashville. She will assign passengers to cars, and will reserve the right to change assignments as may be thought best along the way. Arrangements will be worked out for chaperons for the returning sections. We hope to have not less than ten cars and fifty passengers. Write us at once.

L. E. Ballard, Box 86, Ayden, N. C.

Why Worry?

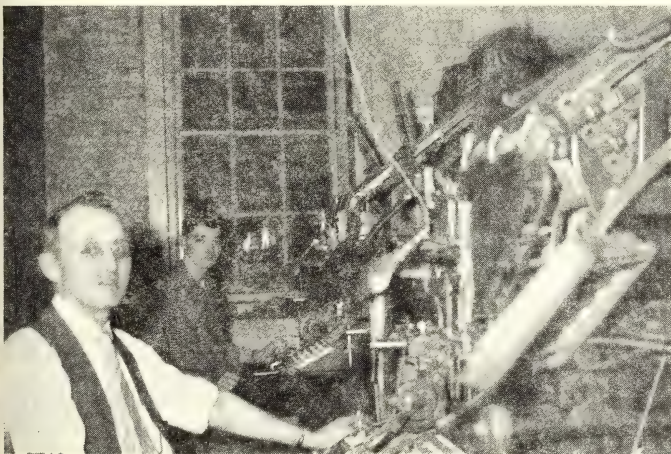
J. Arthur Rank is said to have his own special way of handling worry. He decided to do his worrying on one single day, Wednesday, and he has what he calls his Wednesday Worry Club. When a worry occurs to him on any other day, he writes it down and puts it in a box. And, of course, when he opens the box on Wednesday, he finds that most of the things he was disturbed about have already been settled.—Dr. Norman Vincent Peale and Dr. Smiley Blanton, "The Art of Real Happiness."



THE FINISHING DEPARTMENT

Here we have a view of the finishing department. To the left in the picture is Kenneth Long, who operates the folding and trimming machines, and assists in general with the finishing work. Mr. Long has been an employee of the Press since 1947. The shadowy figures in the background

are Miss Edith Dunn and Mrs. Sybil Forbes at the stitching machines. Miss Dunn has been working for the Press for the past three years, while Mrs. Forbes became an employee in the year 1946. They work generally through the finishing and mailing departments as the need may demand.



NERVE CENTER OF OPERATION; THE LINOTYPES

The above picture shows the operators at work on the Linotypes. In the foreground is Mr. Wade Long, who has been with the Press since 1945. Mr. Long is also a Pressman and he specializes in intricate make-up.

Before coming to the Free Will Baptist Press, Mr. Long had spent twenty-two years in the employment of other printing establishments, including the local newspaper. Because of this experience and training, Mr. Long can perform most any duty required in the shop.

On the back machine is Mr. Russell Wooten, the latest addition to the staff of the Press, who started to work here in early 1949. He devotes full time to the operation of the Linotype, and has become a very efficient operator.

The volume of business done by the Press requires the operation of both linotype machines a big part of the time, yet it has not been many years since a part-time operator could do all the machine composition for the denominational publications.

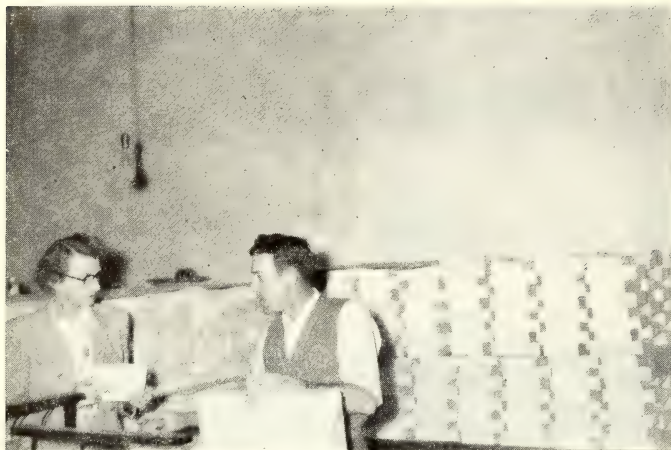
Final Report on February Cragmont Drive

New Sandy Hill Ladies Auxiliary	\$1.00
Long Ridge F. W. B. Church	\$6.56
Smithfield F. W. B. Church	3.60
Bethlehem Church	5.00
LeGrange F. W. B. S. S.	5.99
Smyrna Chapel Church	9.35
Wooten's Chapel Church	1.00
(Cape Fear Conference)	
Stoney Creek F. W. B. Church	5.00
(near Goldsboro)	
Central 2nd Union S. S. Convention	5.22
Carteret County Union	5.00
Fourth Union Auxiliary	5.00
Third Union of Eastern Conference	10.00
Goldsboro F. W. B. Church	18.00
Hopewell F. W. B. Church	20.00
N. C. F. W. B. S. S. Institute	250.00
5th Eastern S. S. Convention	25.00
Davis F. W. B. Church	2.00
First F. W. B. S. S. of Rocky Mt.	\$2.27
Marlboro, N. C., S. S.	2.70
Oriental F. W. B. Church	15.17
Willett L. Moretz	5.00
Edgemont F. W. B. Church	27.50
Kinston First F. W. B. Church, League,	
and S. S. and Auxiliary	95.00
Dawson Grove Church	35.00
Sandy Plain S. S.	5.00
Wilson F. W. B. Church	61.32
St. Mary's F. W. B. Church	55.50
F. W. B. Mission, Washington, N. C.	15.00
Fellowship Circle of the Wilson F. W. B.	
Church	10.00
2nd District (of the Western) Auxiliary	
Convention	4.00
Mrs. J. C. Smith	2.00
Greenville F. W. B. Church	4.79
Piney Grove Ladies Auxiliary	10.00
Marlboro S. S.	2.81
Sweet Gum Grove Ladies Aid	11.00
Davis F. W. B. Church	2.00
Bethel F. W. B. Ladies Auxiliary	5.00
(Johnson County)	
Rockingham Aleo F. W. B. Church	5.00
(Piedmont Association)	
Beulaville F. W. B. Church	5.00
Goldsboro First F. W. B. Aux.	5.00
LaGrange F. W. B. Ladies Aid Society	10.00
Marlboro S. S.	3.13
Pleasant Plain S. S.	21.75
Enfield F. W. B. League	12.53
Eastern District S. S. Convention	25.00
Antioch Ladies Auxiliary (Central)	5.00
Elm Grove Church (Pitt Co.)	16.36
Edgewood Church	5.00
Edgewood S. S.	5.00
Edgewood Auxiliary	5.00
Oak Grove Church, Pee Dee Ass'n.	9.88
Brices Creek Church	5.00
(Craven Co., Eastern Conf.)	

Total	\$882.98
Previously Reported	\$1429.93

Grand Total	\$2312.91
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Fountain Taylor, Treasurer
Mrs. L. E. Ballard,
Campaign Manager



VIEW OF SHIPPING DEPARTMENT

In this picture Leon A. Dunn, Bookkeeper, is discussing a problem with Mrs. Mary Davenport, mail order clerk. Mr. Dunn came to the Press in 1949, after graduating from Smithdeal-Massey Business College in Richmond, Virginia. In a very efficient manner, he has handled the records and

books of the Press, receiving the commendation of the auditor for the excellent set of books kept for the past two years. In connection with his work as bookkeeper, Mr. Dunn is also paymaster and handles the general correspondence of the organization.

Attention, Second Vice-Presidents

The plates, which are to be sold for the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, are now ready to be placed in each home. The picture is of the New Administration Building of the F. W. B. Bible College.

This is a project of the W. N. A. C., which was voted in the executive Committee meeting, while the National Woman's Convention was in session in California last July. The price of each plate is \$2.00, and the holder is twenty-five cents. Each purchase of a plate will be an offering to the Bible College.

Also the time for Daily Vacation Bible School is here again. If your plans are not made for D. V. B. S., please do so now. If you have never planned for one, please contact your Second Vice-President of the W. N. A. C.

2nd Vice-President of W. N. A. C.

Mrs. Verdun Bingham
1922 N. Lewis Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Theodore Roosevelt believed that the teachings of the Bible influenced nearly every individual who has contributed to the welfare of the human race. Here are his words: "Almost every man who has by his life-work added to the sum of human achievement—of which the race is proud, of which our people are proud—almost every such man has based his life-work largely upon the teachings of the Bible."

LIST OF STOCK OWNED IN THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS

(Each Share Sold for Ten Dollars)

HOLDERS OF STOCK	NO. SHARES
Individuals	317
Churches	65
Eureka College	3
Mount Moriah Conference	1
Auxiliary Conv. of East. N. C. Conf.	5
Woman's Home Mission Soc., Jakin, Ga.	5
Cumberland Association, Tenn.	20
State Convention of North Carolina	11
Eastern N. C. Conference	187½
Third Union M. of East. N. C. Conf.	28
Fifth Union M. of East. N. C. Conf.	171½
Central N. C. Conference	173
Second Union M. of N. C. Central Conf.	180
Fourth Union M. of N. C. Central Conf.	22
Albemarle Union Meeting	6
Western N. C. Conference	27½
First Union M. of Western N. C. Conf.	29
Second Union M. of West. N. C. Conf.	13
Third Union M. of Western N. C. Conf.	5
Cape Fear Union M.	9
Carteret County Union M.	1

Grand total Shares 1339½

P. S.—Total number of shares owned out of North Carolina are twenty-five.

A wise man is never less alone than when he is alone.—Swift

Set about what thou intendest to do: the beginning is half the battle.—Caesar

Schedules of Cragmont Assemblies

Black Mountain, N. C.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

June 4-8

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, President-Director

SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

June 11-15

Rev. Fred Rivenbark, Director
Juniors and Intermediates (age 9-16)

OPEN TIME FOR GROUPS

June 18-23

Raymond T. Sasser, Registrar

INTERMEDIATE, SENIOR, AND ADULT CONFERENCE

June 25-29 inclusive

Rev. Bruce Barrow, Director

VISITORS AND DELEGATES

to National League, Sunday School, Woman's Auxiliary, and National Association in Nashville, Tennessee: July 1-15 inclusive.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, Director

YOUTH CONFERENCE

July 16-21

Revs. Rashie Kennedy and J. B. Narron,
Sponsors and Directors

SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE FOR YOUTH LEADERS

July 23-28

Rev. Burkette Raper, Director

OPEN TIME

July 30 thru August 4

Raymond T. Sasser, Registrar

FAMILY SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

August 6-11

Rev. S. A. Smith, Director

THE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

August 13-20

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Director

SECOND FAMILY SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

August 20-25

Fountain Taylor, Director

Some folks think they are bearing their cross when they are only putting up with themselves.

TO HIS FAITHFULNESS

Paul had a good word of reminder for the Corinthians. They had been led out of the darkness of Corinth to the marvelous light in Christ. They were bound by sin, but now they were blessed by the Sin-rear. Ah! what marvelous change; and one that should ever have been fresh and living in the heart. Ever could it have carried the holy flush "first-love," as the reality to be measured and continually recalled to mind. But perhaps they of Corinth are like we of America! We rejoice, but do not remember. We are glad that we are saved, but somehow, it does not become the "singing salvation," sounding back and back and back again, the note of thanksgiving praise unto the Lord:

Thank you Lord for saving my soul,
Thank you Lord for making me whole.

Thank you Lord for giving to me,
Why great salvation so full and free,

... and while we find it easy to sing that in the conclaves and rallies, sometimes find it hard to remember to oft sing when alone with ourselves, and the Lord. We should remember to return for the giving of thanks; and for the most of us, the Lord must stand upon the dreary highway and lift His holy heart with a plea, "were there not ten answered? but where are the nine?" Many of us alas! belong to that "anxious and dishonourable society of forgetful nine," and the Lord is weary more than grieved because of sorrowful slight.

It was so with Corinth and Paul offered them the word of reminder: God is faithful by Whom ye were added into the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord" (I Cor. 1:9). Paul would remind them of the faithfulness of God. They could always "bank upon" God, for naught could fail of His promises, seeing and understanding that they are framed and underscored with the precious blood of the unblemished Lamb. And they had the proof of His faithful-

Edwin Raymond Anderson
45 Clifton Avenue
Waterbury 10, Connecticut

ness, because of their new position in a new creation. And I suppose that many of them went about with "high head," so far as knowledge of the truth were concerned. But then beloved, let us remember that high head often indicates low heart; and while we can "bank upon" God, the logic must be pushed to the place of probing: can He bank upon us? God is faithful, but are we faithful? Or are we fitful instead? He has sealed His promises to us; but then, many of us have just promised Him our heart and all, in the emotion-flux of meeting-session, but alas! have never sealed it with the outpouring of total consecration and full surrender.

How well, beloved, how well do we sing, "What a friend we have in Jesus!" Now, that is a sweet and precious message in song, but it is only half the picture. Several time have I heard Gospel groups sing the message, "I'll be a friend to Jesus", and how often have I wished that it could be sung over and over in many more places; especially in some of our gatherings, where we are great on doctrine but ghostly on practice, with a

theology which is frozen short before it reaches the Spirit-filled conclusion of holy, life-moulding doxology.

But God is looking for faithfulness, for He wants to "bank upon" us for the furtherance of His testimony in this drab and barren scene. "Moreover it is required of stewards that a man be found faithful"; and towards the close of the Word we read the exhortation, "be thou faithful unto death." But some of us manage to be everything, except faithful. Some are fitful, other are fizzles, others are famous, but faithfulness is a rare jewel indeed. For there is no "thrill" nor "glamour" connected with faithfulness. It bestows no outward halo of credit, for there is no sound of applause for performance. It speaks of "day-after-day" work that is hard and trying, in difficult places, where there is hardly a sign of turning to the Lord. It speaks of missionaries in far-off lands; of country preachers in nearer counties, seeking to serve a crop of starched saints, long settled on their lees, and solid sinners who see nothing to be concerned about. But for all of that, it is the jewel of faithfulness that is caused to shine amidst the desolation, and the bearers thereof shall reap the true and worthy reward... "well done thou good and faithful servant."

Paul would remind the Corinthians of this, for how easy to forget! And really, would there be a different message for us to this late day? We forget what the Lord has done for us, and with it, we forget what we are to do in return for the Lord. "God is faithful" ... and we manage to say "Amen." But ah! for the "other side" when it comes to the crux-core of our faithfulness! And therein we forget as if that could settle the matter. But He never forgets, and with grief and wounding, makes the error known to us in many ways, at divers time. How unutterably tragic when the redeemed fail the Redeemer, and when the saints become so sinful, and when the Lord must shed tears over and over again.

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The Elders' Conference

By George C. Clark
(Sam. 8:4-7)

It was at the Elders' conference,
Held at Ramah long ago,
That the House of Israel voted
For a king to fight their foe.

God, we know, had fought their battles,
With a strong and mighty hand,
From the shores of Egypt's bondage
To the blessed promised land.

As they took their seats of honor
In a land made free for them,
There they made their requisition
To be ruled like other men.

"And the Lord said unto Samuel,"
Hearken thou unto their plea;
Let them have their kings of terror,
And thus, you know, they're leaving me.

So the Lord gave His permission
For the anointing of King Saul,
Though He knew it meant disaster,
Yet He hearkened to their call.

Saul was seeking only asses,
Which had strayed away from home,
When he met the prophet Samuel;
To whom, we know, King Saul was shown.

"Found are thy father's asses,"
Were the words that Samuel said,
As he took the vial of ointment,
And anointed Saul upon the head.
Surely Saul had found his asses,
Just as Samuel said he had;
But were they not the House of Israel
For whom Samuel felt so sad.

There are many untamed asses,
Who are seeking for a king.
They don't like the one in Heaven;
They want one that can be seen.

They want land; they want churches.
"We need parsonages," they say.
But it's God they are rejecting,
As they journey on their way.

When the church was recommending
That possession should be sold,
It had victory and suspended
Ananias from the fold.

All the false priests down in Egypt,
Who obeyed old Pharaoh's call,
Were exempted church-house taxes;
This was through and by the law.

Theocratic is God's government
For His saints here on earth.
But monarch has been requested
By some who have the second birth.

You may have your Elders' Conference
And cast your votes for Brother Saul,
But he will take the voice of Jesus,
As now He speaks to one and all.

So remember at your next conference
When you vote on sons of men,
That Christ Jesus is still living,
As your Priest, King, and Friend.

You will need no man to rule you
When His spirit comes to guide.
Just place your faith alone in Jesus
'Til He takes you as His bride.

—Selected

Cragmont Bus Schedule For the Ministers' Conference

Arrangements have been made for the Cragmont Bus to make the trip to Cragmont to take all of the ministers in this section of the state who wish to go. The following is the schedule:

The bus will start from Greenville Free Will Baptist church at 6:00 A. M. on Monday morning June 4, 1951, and leave the following places at the time mentioned:

Leave—
Greenville Free Will Baptist Church, 6:00 A. M.

Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, 6:20 A. M.

Kinston First Free Will Baptist Church, 7:00 A. M.

Goldsboro First Free Will Baptist Church, 8:00 A. M.

Smithfield Free Will Baptist Church, 8:30 A. M.

Raleigh Free Will Baptist Church, 9:00 A. M.

Arriving at Cragmont about 5:00 P. M.

The bus will leave Cragmont for the return trip on Friday morning, June 8, about 7:00 A. M., and will return the same route, arriving back at Greenville about 6:00 P. M.

I suggest that those of us in each section arrange to get together and go together to the nearest place in the schedule to meet the bus. We can get someone to take us, or we can leave our car parked until we return. I will try to have some one make arrangements at each place, for those who wish to leave their cars, to park them at a safe place.

Please let me know as early as possible if you plan to go on the bus, and if so where you will get on the bus. Let me know this when you send your Registration Fee. Please remember that it is necessary that you register in advance if possible.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. L. Johnson,

Promotional-Secretary

Phone: Wilson 38499

While we agree that selecting a few paragraphs from Scripture in a hit and miss fashion is not the best aid to progressive learning, we do not agree that it is a pulpit failure in this respect that has led to the development, as one has said, of Bible study in Sunday school classes.

This we do know, if there is not intensive teaching of His Word and if the old Book is not kept at the very heart of all our work, dire times are ahead for us and we are definitely on our way to greater failure and darkness.—The Baptist New Mexican.

GOD SEES YOUR TEARS

There may be times, O troubled heart,
When weeping seems in vain,
As Satan drives in you a dart
That causes awful pain;
But don't despair. God sees your tears,
If mingled with your prayers,
And soon He'll send sweet peace that cheers
And proves to you He cares.

God sees the tears you humbly shed
For wrongs that you have done,
When on your knees beside your bed
You call upon His Son;
Or somewhere else you weep and sigh,
Confessing all your sins,
Who doesn't will that one should die,
But that in life he wins.

God sees your tears when things go wrong,
Or friends prove untrue;
When you no longer have a song
And days seem dark and blue;
When disappointments seem your lot
And life's outlook is grim;
When visions seem to blur and blot
And hope becomes quite dim.

God sees the tears that fill your eyes
And trickle down your cheeks;
Therefore the Christ who dwelt on earth,
Each need of man to meet,
Can fill the lonely heart with mirth
That weeps down at His feet.

Life's Greatest Joy

Have you ever helped another?
Ever earned a grateful smile?
Ever asked a weary brother,
In to ride with you a mile?

Have you ever helped another?
Of your riches and your worth?
If you haven't, then you've really
Missed the greatest joy on earth.

Has a thrill of pride possessed you?
Have you felt your pulses run
As a weaker brother blessed you
For some good that you have done?

Have you seen eyes start to glisten
That were sad before you came?
If you haven't, stop and listen,
You have missed life's finest game.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT FREE UNION IN GREENE COUNTY

Saturday, June 2, will be Children's Day again at the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church in Greene County. The program will begin at 10:30 a. m. Through the years this has become the most important day in the church program. The young people under the direction of an adult program committee present a fine program each year. During the noon hour lunch is served by the local church. You are invited to observe Children's day with us.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, Pastor

A Word to Christian Parents

Dear Christian Parents,

If you have not read Rev. J. C. Griffin's Notes and Quotes in March 28th issue of our Free Will Baptist magazine, I beg you to read same.

The family altar should be established in everyone's home. Eternity alone can tell the influence of a Christian father and mother. If there is any good in me, I attribute same to the training I received from my parents.

From early childhood until the scattering of our family my father, or mother when father was away from home, read to us from the blessed Book, then knelt with us in prayer. I thank God they did, for I realize it will not be long now before the death angel will call me into the great beyond. I shall meet them and we'll rejoice together, because they taught me the true way of life by their living and at the family altar.

Yours in Christian faith,
Katie Sawyer Jackson

My plans were made, I thought my path all bright and clear,

My heart with song o'erflowed, the world seemed full of cheer.

My Lord I wished to serve, to take Him for my guide;

To keep so close that I could feel Him by my side.

And so I traveled on.

But suddenly, in skies so clear and full of light

The clouds fell thick and fast, the days seemed changed to night;

Instead of paths so clear and full of things so sweet,

Rough things and thorns and stones seemed all about my feet;

I scarce could carry on.

I bowed my head and wondered why this change should come,

And murmured—"Lord, is this because of ought I've done?"

Has not the path been full enough of pain and care?

Why should not my path again be changed from dark to fair?"

But still I traveled on.

I listened—quiet and still, there came a voice—

"This path is mine, not thine, I made the choice;

Dear child, this service will be best for thee and me,

If thou wilt simply trust, and leave the end to me."

And so we traveled on.

Mrs. Katie Sawyer Jackson

Human freedom is the scarcest and most precious commodity in the world today.—Walter R. Courtenay.

Saint Paul F. W. B. Church

We would like to make a report concerning our church, because God has wonderfully blessed us in the past five months.

We made a vow as a New Year's resolution, requesting God to give us at least one soul a week. So far there have been thirty souls confessing Christ. Thirteen of these united with our church.

Our Sunday School is continuing to grow. We are in desperate need of Sunday School space. We are making plans to build a new church, which will seat approximately 300 people, with 8 or 10 Sunday School rooms.

We would like for everyone who reads this to pray for us that we may be led by the Lord in this building project.

We would like also to announce that a man of this church, (Willy Twiddy), has been licensed by our pastor. He is a fine man, and with your prayers, he is going to make a fine minister.

The Ladies Auxiliary is also making great progress. They have just closed a study course directed by Mrs. J. C. Griffin, a wonderful woman of God. We feel that her time spent in Elizabeth City with us will pay great dividends in God's Kingdom.

We are happy to report that our pastor, Rev. Charles W. Brown, is doing wonderful work here. We thank the Lord for this wonderful man of God who is not afraid to preach Christ and him crucified.

We pray that the members of our church will become more consecrated and more dedicated to the work of God.

Rev. Charles W. Brown, Pastor
Shirley Spruill, Reporter

The Pacific islanders place all American films in one of two classifications: "bang-bang" or "kiss-kiss."—Thomas Nickerson.

WNAC EXHIBIT

WHERE?—At Free Will Baptist Bible College Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee.

WHAT KIND?—One of yours and other Auxiliary plans or pieces of good work.

WHY?—Because exchange of ideas stimulate future effort.

WHEN SEND?—By June 20, 1951.

WHERE SEND?—To WNAC Headquarters, Box 965, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

(For further information contact WNAC Executive Secretary at the above address.)

Rules for the "Declamation Contest"

Participants are to be between the ages of 12-18.

Each state in our convention may represent with one speaker. The declamation must be on Stewardship. It may or may not be original. The time limit will be 10 minutes. Five points will be deducted for each minute or fraction thereof over the allotted time.

The contestants will be judged on the following basis: Presence (poise and sincerity)—25 points; Composition (accuracy and effectiveness)—50 points; Oratory (powers to thrill, quicken and compel)—25 points;

Attention state second vice presidents! Any state that will be represented, should mail the contestant's name and the title of the declamation to the National Second Vice President not later than June 15, 1951.

A medal will be given to the winner, and also to the runner-up.

Second Vice-President of W. N. A. C.

Mrs. Verdun Bingham,
1922 North Lewis,
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Church in Marion, North Carolina, Backs Wilson

We think it a fine gesture on the part of the Free Will Baptist Church of Marion, N. C., in underwriting the monthly salary of Miss Volena Wilson. It is also commendable of Miss Wilson to know that her home church is behind her. If we do not have the support of those who know us best, I question the extent of our influence among those abroad.

The Marion Church has also sent \$500.00 toward the passage expense of Miss Wilson to India.

Let us not forget however, that there is more expense involved than actual passage and salary. There is travel expense upon arrival, rents, language school expense, etc., which must be met by the board. Repatriation money is also needed in case of emergencies. Also, money for furloughs.

Perhaps other churches would like to assume partial support of this new Missionary, which hopes to sail before too long.

Rev. Raymond Riggs
Promotional Secy.-Treasurer

"We shall do much in the years to come.

But what have we done today?

We shall give our gold in a princely sum.

But what did we give today?

We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,

We shall plant a hope in place of fear,

We shall speak the words of love and cheer,

But what did we speak today?

Every Christian of every age and calling is appointed as an ambassador for Christ.—James H. Brooks.



Jesus and His Ministry

(Lesson for June 10)

LESSON: Luke 4:14-22; 19:10; Mark 10:45; John 3:16.

GOLDEN TEXT: Mark 10:45.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

There are two outstanding things in this study, namely: Christ's definite purpose for coming to the world. Second, he had a definite work to do for mankind. The student will observe in the study of the lesson the great concern Christ had for the lost, the poor and needy, the diseased and suffering, and the Devil possessed and benighted souls of earth. As God's Son and the Saviour of mankind, Christ set forth in his ministry the spirit of love and tender compassion for everyone, regardless of race, position or standing among others in the world.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. Jesus came to accomplish His work among the people to whom He was sent.

2. Jesus came as the Anointed One, the One whose coming the Prophets of old had foretold.

3. Jesus came to preach in the power of the Spirit of the Lord.

4. Jesus came to point out what the Scriptures had said about Him.

5. Jesus came to focus the attention of all men upon himself.

6. Jesus came to fulfill all the things the Prophets had written about His first coming.

7. Jesus came to speak with words of grace to all who would hear Him.

8. Jesus came to reveal to men their hardness of heart.

9. Jesus came to bring the light of hope to the Gentiles.

10. Jesus came to render service to needy mankind.

11. Jesus came in obedience to the will of God.

12. Jesus came to give His life a ransom for many.

13. Jesus came to save all who would believe on Him.

14. Jesus came as the supreme expression of the love of God.—Selected.

15. If Christ had been thinking about his own popularity when he preached on that Sabbath in Nazareth, he would have chosen another text. He would have given some good moral maxims and said nothing and implied nothing about himself. But Jesus chose to give his own fellow townsmen some understanding of his mission on earth. He did so by means of an application to himself of a great passage from the book of Isaiah. No doubt he said more than Luke's brief record records. There is no evidence that at that time he openly proclaimed his Messiahship, but the very fact that he applied definitely and specifically Old Testament Scripture to himself was startling. The implied comparison which he made between himself and Elijah and Elisha (vs. 25-27), and his assertion that no prophet is acceptable in his own country, indicated at least that he assumed the role of a prophet. Even this was too much for the people of Nazareth to accept, and in wrath they were ready to throw him from a cliff to his death. In rejecting him they shut out of their lives the richest blessings possible to men.—Arnold's Commentary

16. Nicodemus, who was a Pharisee and also a ruler of the Jews, had approached Jesus by night with a question for personal information. Jesus taught him the great truth of salvation through the New Birth. Following that discussion, He declared His Father's reason for sending Him into the world. Simply put, it was His great love for sinful men. The simple condition which every individual must meet is faith in Him whom the Father sent. This verse sets forth the facts that unregenerated man is helpless and in a perishing condition; that only God's love can reach him and supply him with salvation, and that even His love expressed through Christ cannot avail unless the individual exercises trusting faith in Christ.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

1. Disregarding God

I know a mother who has an idiot child. For it she gave up all society, almost everything, and devoted her whole life to it. "And now," said she, "for fourteen years I have tended it, and loved it, and it does not even know me. Oh, it is breaking my heart!" Oh, how the Lord might say this of hundreds here! Jesus comes here, and goes from one to another, asking if there is a place for Him. Oh, will not some of you take Him into your hearts?—D. L. Moody.

2. The Father's Concern

One Sunday night D. L. Moody preached in a big circus tent near the Columbian Exposition in Chicago from the text, "The Son of man is come to seek and to save * * lost." After he had finished, a little boy was brought to the platform by an officer who had found the child wandering in the crowd, lost. Mr. Moody took him in his arms and asked the crowd to look at the lost child. Said he: "The father is more anxious to find the boy than the boy is to be found. It is just so with our Heavenly Father, for long years He has been following you, oh, sinner. He is following you still!" At that moment a man elbowed his way to the platform. The boy saw him and, running, threw himself into his father's outstretched arms. The multitude that witnessed the scene broke into a mighty cheer. "Thus," cried Mr. Moody, "will God receive you if you will only run to Him today."—The King's Business.

The Finished Product

I recently met the finished article of the liquor trade; he was lying in the gutter.

He had no hat; the hat trade was suffering.

His coat was full of holes; the tailoring trade was suffering.

The man had holes in his boots; the boot trade was suffering.

He had no shirt; the linen trade was suffering.

He was dirty; the soap trade was suffering.

Indeed, I can hardly mention an industry in this country which was not affected by that man's insobriety.—Lief Jones.

Woman's Auxiliary Institute

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Director
Camilla, Georgia

The first Woman's Auxiliary Institute in the state of Georgia was held the week following the fifth Sunday in July, 1950, at Camp Mount Bethel, four miles north of Ashburn, Georgia. The Institute was a success in many respects. The attendance was not as large as we had anticipated, but it was fairly good considering the time of year, etc. The majority of our churches in Georgia are rural, and at the time of the institute the people were very busy in tobacco. Those of you who have lived in tobacco belts know that it takes all hands and "the cook" to get it ready for market.

The courses taught in the institute were: Personal Soul Winning, Stewardship, Auxiliary Manual and Missions. The courses in Stewardship and Auxiliary were taught by Mrs. Chester Pelt of Marianna, Fla. We were indeed fortunate to have our own beloved missionary, Miss Laura B. Barnard to teach our course in Missions. The course in Personal Soul Winning was taught by Mrs. K. V. Shutes.

We began the day by having our morning devotions thirty minutes preceding breakfast. These services were conducted well by the different ladies attending. Classes were held from 8:30 in the morning until noon, with the exception of a fifteen minute recess period, and fifteen minute singspiration period. We had one class period after lunch and the rest of the afternoon was spent in relaxation, play or whatever one wanted to do.

The evening Vesper Service was one of the most striking events of the institute. Each evening just about sunset we went to the "Rock" for this service. The "Rock" is a very sacred place to all who have attended any of the sessions of Camp Mt. Bethel. The Vesper Services were conducted by a different lady each evening. I think the most striking one of these services was the last one when we pantomimed "Rock of Ag-

es." I believe none of the ladies there will ever forget that scene. We were all brought very close to the Rock of Eternal Ages through this service.

After vespers we returned to the dining hall of the camp for our evening service. Mrs. Pelt led us in a very lively song service after which Miss Barnard gave us an inspiring Mission Message, and showed us pictures of the work in India. Our hearts were strangely warmed by each of her messages.

Every woman attending this first Auxiliary Institute expressed herself as having enjoyed it, and receiving much good from it. At the close of the Institute I asked the women if they would like for it to become an annual affair, and everyone replied, "yes." Then at our Woman's State Auxiliary Convention in November it was voted to have the Auxiliary Institute annually.

We would like to take this means of extending an invitation to every Free Will Baptist woman in Georgia, or any other state to attend our Woman's Auxiliary Institute this year at Camp Mt. Bethel, four miles north of Ashburn, Georgia. The camp committee has assigned us the week following the third Sunday in July, or July 16-20. We especially urge all state, district and local officers to at-

tend it at all possible. If you would like to prepare yourself for better service in your Woman's Auxiliary then by all means you should attend the Institute.

The courses for this year will be the same as last year with one more added. Rev. T. B. Mellette, who is Camp Director for this year, will teach the new course. It will either be a course in Bible Doctrine or one from a book of the Bible, which ever he chooses. He will also bring the evening messages. The other instructors will be Mrs. Myron Shiver, State Woman's Auxiliary Convention President, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Third Vice-President of the state, and probably Miss Dot Harvey, former State President.

Those who attend will need to bring two sheets, one pillow-case, both cloth and towel, soap, notebook, pencil and Bible. The fee will be one dollar per day or five dollars for the week. That is the cheapest board that I know of anywhere. Women, why not plan now to take your vacation at Camp Mt. Bethel during the week of the Institute?

I would like to remind all of our local auxiliaries that there was a resolution passed at our State Convention, that each local auxiliary contribute five dollars to the expense of the Woman's Auxiliary Institute for 1951. If you haven't already sent your five dollars to the state treasurer please do so immediately. The address of the state treasurer is: Mrs. S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Georgia. Be sure when you send your five dollars to earmark it for the expense of the Woman's Auxiliary Institute.

It would be nice for those who have home canned foods to tithe out of it to the camp, to be used in all of the encampments. Many of you ladies on the farm have chickens, or other meat you might like to contribute to the camp. These things could be collected by your auxiliary and sent to the camp by someone attending either of the sessions.

Please, don't forget the date of the Woman's Auxiliary Institute, July 16-20, 1951, and the place Camp Mt. Bethel, four miles north of Ashburn, Georgia. We're looking for you!

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SECRET SINS



"Our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance."—Psalm 90:8

In this Psalm Moses, the man of God, tramples upon the pride of humanism. God inhabits eternity and is the Rock of Ages. Man's days are as the grass that withereth. His sins arouse God's anger. But God's mercy endureth forever.

Right in the center of the Psalm, we have the startling words: "Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee; our secret sins in the light of thy countenance." We sing, "Beneath the cross of Jesus . . . the shadow of the Cross is the blazing searchlight of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Cross of Christ is the searchlight of God. It reveals God's love and man's sin; God's power and man's pollution. As there is a straight line from every point in the circumference of a circle to the center, so the Bible doctrine of salvation, in all its wide circumference and with all it includes of a new heart and a new society, a new heaven and a new earth, leads back in a straight line to the center of all: The Lamb that was slain before the foundation of the world.

At the Cross of Calvary all of God's holiness, all of His love and all of man's sin met in our Saviour, never to meet again. All of humanity's iniquity was set before Jesus on the Cross. He bore our sins in His own body on the tree.

Secret sins are surely not those that are hidden from God, because He knows all, nor are they the sins that are hidden from our neighbors. They are the sins hidden from ourselves. Luther's rendering, "unrecognized sins," gives the exact meaning. "If we say we have no sin we deceive (only) ourselves."

There are many kinds of sin, but all sin is rebellious in its very nature; it is the transgression of God's law. And the Bible is the only sacred book that deals fundamentally with this subject. In a sense, the Bible

might be called an Encyclopedia on sin. An omnibus of biographies of sinners! It tells of sin's origin, its consequences, its character, its punishment in this world and hereafter. Best of all, and most of all, it tells of its forgiveness.

Secret sins are the most important because, like germs of disease, the germs of sin breed in darkness. "Leaven," Jesus called it: the leaven of the Pharisees, hypocrisy; the leaven of the Sadducees, unbelief. Hypocrisy and unbelief are like cancer in the soul.

Now what is the light that reveals our secret sins? "The light of Thy countenance." God the Father has no form or face or body or likeness; yet Moses on the Mount of Transfiguration with Elijah saw the face of God of which he speaks. It is the face of Jesus Christ, whose eyes are as a flame of fire yet tender as a mother's love, and in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge and love. He is the express image of Divinity, the glory of the invisible God.

The X-ray of the Cross goes far beyond the whole spectrum of the Old Testament—beyond the red rays of David in the Psalm 51, the purple of Moses in Psalm 90, and the violet of Isaiah 6. "I am undone . . ." It pierces through everything. This is best seen by illustration. Think of Mary Magdalene at the feast when Jesus looked at her; of Peter in the hall and by the lake; of Simon the

Evangelize

Give us a watchword for the hour,
A thrilling word, a word of power.
A battle-cry, a flaming breath
That calls to conquest or to death.

A word to rouse the church from rest,
To heed the Master's high behest.
The call is given: Ye hosts arise,
Our watchword is, Evangelize!

The glad Evangel now proclaim,
Through all the earth, in Jesus' name.
To dying men, a fallen race,
Make known the gift of gospel grace.

The world that now in darkness lies,
This word is ringing through the skies:
Evangelize! Evangelize!

In Britain during the War, when sweets were rationed, there was a marked decrease in maternal and infant mortality, in dental defects in children, and in mortality from diabetes and cirrhosis. It is reasonable to suppose that some of these benefits arose from abstinence from sugar.

Pharisee; of Saul on the road to Damascus.

It is not strange that the greatest saints have always felt themselves the greatest sinners, because they lived and prayed nearest the searchlight, the Cross! St. Paul, John Bunyan, Pascal, St. Francis of Assisi!

Paul was not of the perfectionist school. His sense of sin grew with his years. Sin appears exceedingly sinful to him daily. Romans 7 is more than a theological discourse; it is a page torn from Paul's diary, wet with his tears. It humbles us, increases our daily penitence and humility. It pours contempt on all our pride. It gives us more compassion for those who are ignorant and out of the way. We are touched with the feeling of their infirmity because we, too, are tempted.

"Judge not that ye be not judged." The infinite pity of Jesus Christ is due to the fact that He (Who was made sin for us although He knew no sin) saw reflected in His own heart on the tree the sin of the whole race. In that mirror, on the Cross, He saw at once all God's justice, all man's sin, and all God's love. Then burst His mighty heart! And there flowed forth blood and water!

And He became "of sin the double cure to cleanse me from its guilt and power"!—Samuel M. Zwemer, D. D.

ATTENTION

Ladies' Auxiliaries, Sunday School classes, and Leagues wishing to earn some extra money for their treasury, we have just received a shipment of Scripture Text Christmas Cards. Each box contains 21 cards. We can sell you these for .60 cents a box (in lots of 10 or more boxes) and you can sell them for \$1.00 per box. Now is the time to sell.

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"ALL ROADS LEAD TO NASHVILLE!"

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On hundreds of letters going out from the office of the National Promotional Secretary, the office of Rev. C. F. Bowen, Public Relations Director for the national meetings, the office of the National Woman's Auxiliary, the National Free Will Baptist League Board members, the National S. S. Convention officials, "Youth's Banner," and many other agencies and individuals, there appears a yellow and blue sticker announcing that "All Roads Lead to Nashville, Tennessee." These little stickers are a reminder to Free Will Baptists of all ages and walks in life that the National bodies of the denomination will meet in Nashville during the period from July 3 to 12 this year. Here is the schedule of the meetings:

Fourth Nationwide Free Will Baptist League Conference, 3-5.

National Sunday School Convention, 6-7.

Giant conclave of all delegates and visitors, 8.

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, 9-10.

National Association of Free Will Baptists, 10-12.

All these meetings will be held at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, except the "Giant Conclave" on Sunday evening, July 8, which will be held in the War Memorial Auditorium. Of this great meeting, coming in the midst of the series of annual assemblies, the Rev. C. F. Bowen has this to say:

"The greatest mass meeting of Free Will Baptists in the history of the denomination is being planned for Sunday evening, July 8, in the War Memorial Auditorium in the heart of downtown Nashville, within easy walking distance of most of the recommended hotels.

Coming in the middle of the "ten glorious days," this meeting promises to draw a record crowd of more than 2,000 to hear inspiring messages, gripping testimonies, and stirring music.

During the forenoon, the visitors will attend the morning service at a local Free Will Baptist church of their choice and hear a message from one of the guest ministers.

This July 8 will indeed be a red-letter day for Free Will Baptists as the city goes out of its way to open its warm hear to them."

BUSY MAN



REV. HENRY MELVIN,

Business Manager of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, is busy these days in connection with the building of the new college auditorium, and making preparations for the entertainment of the 1951 National Association and other meetings to which the college will be host in July.

"THE HOUR HAS COME"

By Rev. W. S. Mooneyhom
Member National F. W. B. L. Board

"In every battle there is a crisis, ten or fifteen minutes only, on which the outcome depends. To make proper use of this short space of time means victory; its neglect, defeat!"

Thus wrote the French emperor, Napoleon.

His words fit our current situation. In the age-long battle between the forces of righteousness and the armies of sin, a crisis has come. "To make proper use of this short space of time means victory; its neglect, defeat!"

Realizing the full importance of 1951 as the crisis year, the fourth nationwide League conference, which meets this quarter will have the keynote, "The Hour Has Come."

In just a few days from the time most

of you read this hundreds of Free Will Baptist young people will be gathering in Nashville, Tennessee, for the opening session of this great conference. They will come, knowing that individually and denominationally, it is our hour.

It is our hour for great revivals. Not in two generations have we seen evangelistic campaigns such as we have witnessed the past year. Modern man is becoming humbled. He sees that the trouble is not international or economic, but moral and spiritual. He is ready to try God, and thousands have done so this year.

It is our hour for personal proclamation of the gospel and pulpit preaching of it, for the world is waiting for our message.

"In every battle there is a crisis . . . on which the outcome depends." Leaguers, the hour has come! Of inspiration to help make this hour your greatest hour, the fourth Nationwide League conference offers the best.

There will be messages, timed to challenge you to give yourself to the highest calling; drama that will make your heart burn with passion for a world oppressed with sin, and music that will lift you to new heights of worship.

There is no greater testimony to the success of the League conferences than the fact that those who attend them keep coming back year after year. This year's session will be held in the new auditorium at the Free Will Baptist Bible college.

As leaguers from all over our denominational territory begin to leave their homes and churches in just a few days for a trip that will bring them all together July 3-5 in the conference city of Nashville, why don't you join them and make this hour of fellowship and inspiration your hour?

Which is Right?

1. Lot's wife escaped from Sodom, was destroyed by fire, turned into a pillar of salt or drowned in the river.

2. Abraham sacrificed an ox, a lamb, a son, or a ram on Mt. Moriah.

3. Isaac's wife's name was Rachel, Sarah, Dinah or Rebekah.

4. Jarot was the father of Isaac, the uncle of Abraham, or the brother of Esau.

5. Esau sold his birthright to Abraham, Lot, Isaac, or Jacob.

6. Esau sold his birthright for a sirloin steak, a new bow and arrow, or a mess of pottage.

Are You Going to Nashville in July?

Great Day for Free Will Baptists

Liberty Association, North West Fla.
Piney Grove Church

On April 8, 1951, Free Will Baptists of Florida and many from the State of Georgia, and Alabama assembled at 3:00 P. M., Central Standard time to dedicate this six room parsonage to the Lord.

The following program, under the direction of Chester A. Huckaby, was presented as follows:

Opening hymn: "Our Best," led by song director, Ernest Owens.

Expressions of Gratitude, by a charter member, Brother George Owens.

Hymn: "Doxology"

Prayer by John M. Rich, Moderator of Liberty Assn.

Oration: Rev. Rufus Hyman, former pastor. His subject was: "Move forward"

After some announcements by Robert Owens, Dan Guy offered the benediction.

Piney Grove church is the first one in the Liberty Association to build a parsonage for the pastor, but we are looking forward in the near future to the time when God will be pleased to see his people build a parsonage at each Free Will Baptist church in the State. Piney Grove has also an education building. This the church people are hoping to enlarge in the very near future.

On April 8, the Sunday School had a rally with 219 members present in the Sunday School. This church has moved forward since its organization in 1896. It now has a full-time pastor.

We are asking the Christian people to pray with us that this, and all of our churches may move forward for the glory of God.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
Rev. Chester A. Huckaby

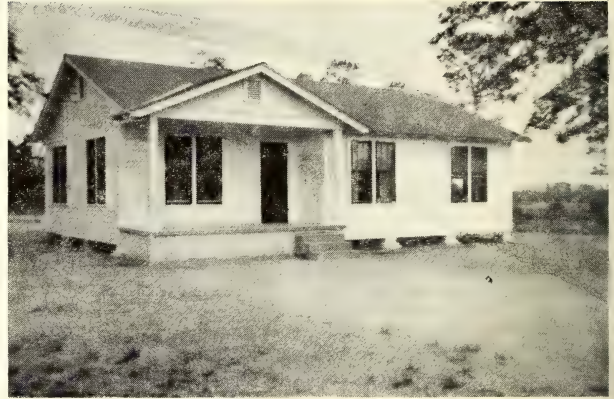
What Pericles Said

When praised by the Athenians, Pericles, their great statesman, said: "The most praiseworthy fact of my life you have not mentioned; it is this: no Athenian has ever been caused to put on mourning through any act or word of mine.

There are thousands of men, blind guides of the blind, who have caused their fellow men to put on mourning because they have robbed them of their faith. Of all banditry the very worst is that which robs a man or woman of saving faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

A deleted Gospel is not merely a diminished Gospel, it is a destroyed Gospel. A Gospel without the supernatural is like a watch without a mainspring. It may retain the outward form, but it is not rhythmic with the spheres. It does not do the one thing a real watch does, that is, keep time.—Dr. A. L. Conrad in The Wesleyan Methodist.

PARSONAGE AT PINEY GROVE CHURCH, FLORIDA



Midway District of Georgia Auxiliary Convened with Open Pond Church

The Auxiliaries of the Midway District held their regular annual session March 29th with Open Pond Church of Jakin, Ga. Mrs. Winnie Hudson, our president, called the meeting to order. The devotional was given by Mrs. Dunning of Open Pond. Mrs. Margie Hudson welcomed the people, while Miss Willie C. Johnson, of White Pond Church responded.

The president's message was challenging and inspiring. The churches having delegates to this convention were: Cedar Springs, Macedonia, Mt. Zion, Open Pond, Oak Grove, Patmos, and White Pond. There were several visitors from the Martin Association, the Florida State President, Mrs. Chester Pelt, and our State Field Workers, Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Harvey were with us in the convention.

The different committees of the convention were appointed after which the Patmos Church presented a period of music consisting of a duet in song and a musical reading. The Open Pond Church presented a play on "Stewardship" which brought a very inspiring lesson to all present.

Rev. J. B. Lovering brought the morning message. During the noon hour the Open Pond church filled several tables with delicious food which was enjoyed by the entire crowd.

During the afternoon session a business meeting was held. Reports from the five district vice-presidents were given. These made us see the need to press forward in our Ladies' Auxiliary work. The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Winnie Hudson; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. John Barnes; First V. P., Mrs. B. C. Craft; Second V. P., Mrs. S. F. Boyd; Third V. P., Mrs. H. H.

Reeves; Fourth V. P., Mrs. Robert Pyle; Fifth V. P., Mrs. O. B. Everson.

The meeting date of the District Convention was changed from Thursday before the fourth Sunday in March to the first Friday in October. We will convene with Patmos Church in October of this year, 1951. This was done in order to have our District Convention nearer the State convention which is in November. This year the State convention will be held in Glennville, Georgia. The delegates appointed to the state convention were Mrs. Doris Sheffield, M. O. E. Everson, and Mrs. J. B. Mellette.

Our State President, Mrs. Edith Shiver, asked that all auxiliaries "help support the State Bible Camp, 'Mount Bethel,'" which is located three miles from Ashburn, Georgia, on the Cordele highway. This camp is used for a Youth Training Camp. Ministers' Camp, Woman's Auxiliary Camp and others that the churches may see fit to use it for. The women will have a week of training there this year, the third week of July. All women are invited to attend the week of training in the Master's work.

Doris Pace of Open Pond church will first place in the Stewardship Declamation contest. She will represent the Midway Association at the State Convention in November.

We feel that a day of work for the Lord was well spent, and pray to go forward "Laboring Together with God."

Mrs. Edith D. Shiver
Elmodel, Georgia

The Job for the Churches

"We are not going to have a revival religion in America until the Church faces social evils like the liquor traffic. It is making an appeal to the churches of America. The solving of the liquor problem primarily your job." (Bishop Ralph C. man).

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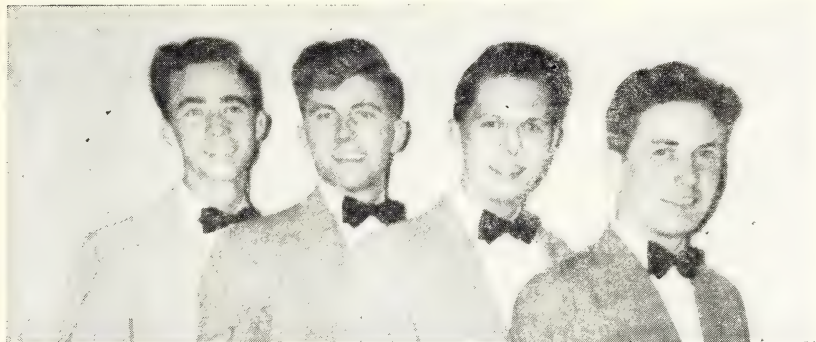
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ITINERARY FOR GOSPELIER QUARTET IN NORTH CAROLINA

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June 24—Piney Grove, Pitt County, Central Conference	3 P. M.
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June 26—Elm Grove, Pitt County, Central Conference	8 P. M.
June 27—Little Rock, Wilson County, Western Conference	8 P. M.
June 28—Free Union, Greene County, Central Conference	8 P. M.
June 29—Saratoga, Wilson County, Central Conference	8 P. M.
June 30—Daniel's Chapel, Wilson County, Central Conference	8 P. M.
July 1—Greenville, Pitt County, Central Conference	11 A. M.
July 1—Howell Swamp, Greene County, Central Conference	3 P. M.
July 1—Smithfield, Johnston County, Cape Fear Conference	8 P. M.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 1951

NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

A Successful Revival at Union Grove Church, Durham Co., N. C.

The Reverend Roy T. Hall of Danville, Virginia, held a revival meeting for us at Union Grove, Durham County, North Carolina, beginning May 13 and continuing through the twentieth. Several nights of the meeting we saw many souls go to the altar, seeking peace with God. The evangelist preached the gospel with great power.

One thing that contributed greatly to the success of the meeting was a series of prayer meetings which were held each night (sometimes two services) prior to the beginning of the revival. Our church was really in the spirit of a great revival, and the interest among the church people is still growing stronger.

There were six souls received the Christian fellowship of our church on profession of faith in Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. One came by letter, and we do feel that there are several more who will be added to the list of saved souls as a result of the success of this revival meeting.

Rev. E. B. Williams, Pastor

You can't fly with the owls at night and keep up with the eagles in the daytime.

LET'S GO TO NASHVILLE

Those who plan to attend the national meetings at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, should get their reservations for rooms in immediately.

ACCOMMODATIONS . . .

A limited number of private homes will be available, for those who prefer them, at a nominal cost and will probably include breakfast. Those desiring hotels or tourist courts will find ample provisions for their needs. In reserving rooms, please observe the following:

(1) Write directly to the manager of the hotel and state your desires, giving a second choice in room, and asking for a confirmation.

(2) State when you will arrive at the hotel.

(3) Get your reservation in before June 16th, if at all possible. If later than this date, you run the risk of not getting reservations.

(4) If you prefer a room in a private home, write to Rev. L. C. Johnson, Hospitality Chairman, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee, for details.

You will be responsible for your own meals while here, and a list of recommended eating places will be furnished you upon your arrival.

For further information, write to Mr. Johnson, address above.

HOTELS . . .

Hermitage, Ed Doty, manager, Single \$5-\$10; Double, \$8-\$10. Dormitory rooms 4-6 persons, \$3.

Andrew Jackson, Leon Womble, manager Single, \$4-\$10; Double, \$7-\$10. Dormitory rooms, \$2.50.

Noel, Ben Bass, manager. Single, \$4-\$9 Double, \$7-\$10. Dormitory rooms, \$2.50. James Robertson, J. B. Moore, assistant manager. Single, \$3.50-\$9; Double, \$6.50-\$10.00. Dormitory rooms, \$2.50.

Sam Davis, J. C. Pritchett, manager. Single, \$3.50-\$6; Double, \$6-\$10. No dormitory rooms.

Tulane, Royal Coats, manager, Single, \$3-\$5; Double, \$5-\$7; Dormitory rooms, \$2.

Maxwell House, F. M. Woods, manager Single, \$3-\$6; Double, \$5-\$8. Dormitory rooms, \$2.

Note: All dormitory rooms are for 4-6 persons. Rates listed above are, of course daily rates. There may be some variation. Inquire about prices.

TOURIST COURTS . . .

Alamo Plaza, L. B. Harrison, manager, \$6-up.

Nashville Tourist Court, Franklin Road, \$6-up.

Note: There are many other courts available upon your arrival. For further assistance, call Mr. Johnson at 9-1283.

C. F. Bowen,

Public Relations Director

PROGRAM FOR NORTH CAROLINA STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

PLACE: Shady Grove, Durham County

TIME: June 15 and 16, 1951

THEME: "Souls for Christ"

President and host pastor, Rev. David Wooten

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 1951

7:45—Devotional by the Shady Grove Leagues

8:00—Welcome address by pastor or member of church

—Response by visiting Leaguer

8:05—Bible drill, June Marie Rivenbark leading

8:25—Singspiration and testimonies

8:50—"God's Call to Youth" by Rev. Earl Glenn

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

9:30—Opening Devotional, speaker to be arranged

9:45—Reading of minutes

—Appointment of committees

—President's message

—Recognition of preachers and delegates

10:05—"Why Win Souls?" Rev. N. Bruce Barrow

10:40—Rev. Henry Melvin, Business Manager, Free Will Baptist Bible College

10:50—Business

11:20—"Souls for Christ around the World," Rev. Rashie Kennedy

12:00—Lunch

1:15—Free Will Baptist Bible College Students Devotions with Robert L. Edwards leading

—"Qualifications of a Soul Winner," Bobby Jackson

2:00—Business

2:20—"How to Win Souls," Rev. F. A. Rivenbark

3:00—Evangelistic Message by Rev. W. A. Hales

Music on June 16 will be under the direction of Eugene Waddell featuring the Gospeliers from the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee

God Give Us Such Men

O God, give us men! Strong and stalwart ones;

Men whom highest hope inspires, men whom purest honor fires,

Men who trample self beneath them, Men who make their country wreath then

as her noble sons, Worthy of their sires.

Men who never shame their mothers,

Men who never fail their brothers;

True, however false are others;

O, God give us such men.

"The Return of Christ"

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."—John 14:3.

These are days of uncertainty, a time when "men's hearts are failing them for fear," a time of "distress of nations, with perplexity." National leaders crouch in nervous anxiety wondering what the next step should be or shall be. Clouds of chaos and confusion hover over all the world. That present world conditions cannot exist much longer is a fact that faces the universe. Though many solutions to our world problem have been offered, peace is not yet restored to the earth. We, still remaining firm believers in the Word of God, take courage in the promised return of the Prince of Peace. We yet anchor our hopes in the One who said, "I will come again."

I. The Fact of His Coming

Nothing is more certain or more real to me than the personal, bodily return of the Lord Jesus. This is a truth most precious. It is a fact that is more thoroughly established than that of His first coming. It is claimed that one out of every thirty verses in the entire Bible refers either directly or indirectly to His return and that to every one mention of His first coming there are eight mentions of His second coming. Then surely if we believe in the Christmas story of how Jesus was born in a stable and cradled in a manger the first time He came, we will also believe that He will come again, cradled in clouds of glory to receive His own. It is true that the world laughs this doctrine to scorn and even many church folk deny the promise of his return, but to the true Christian it is still a precious certainty.

This teaching is not a part of some new doctrine which sprang into existence after Christ's ascension, but it has been planned, taught, and believed since the beginning of time. Job is said to be the oldest book in

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(Winner of J. Enos Windsor Award
for best sermon on the
Second-Coming)

the Bible and yet in Job 19:25-26 we read, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." So surely Job knew and understood something concerning the second coming of Christ. Also we read in Jude 14 that Enoch, who lived before the flood saw it. "And Enoch, also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints." Also among the early Christians there was, perhaps, no doctrine that was more the object of firm belief, and the ground of more delightful contemplation, than that their ascended Master would return. The early church fathers, namely; Polycarp, Clement, Ignatius, Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Tertullian, and others, taught almost uniformly the same "blessed hope" of His coming.

Leaders of the Reformation believed in Christ's soon return. Martin Luther is quoted as saying "I ardently hope that amidst these internal dissensions on earth, Jesus Christ will hasten the day of his coming, and that he will crumble the whole universe into dust." John Wesley leaves us no doubt as to his faith in the second advent of Christ when he said, "How knowest thou that He will delay? Perhaps He will appear, as the day-spring from on high, before the morning light. Oh, do not set Him a time; expect Him every hour. Now He is night, even at the door." Also, George Whitefield believed firmly this truth as he said: "Because he tarried for awhile to exercise the faith of his saints, and give

sinners space to repent, scoffers are apt to cry out, 'where is the promise of His coming?' but perhaps today, perhaps this midnight, the cry may be made."

Charles Wesley was, and is known, as the "Millennial Poet." His songs abound with pre-millennial views. He literally wrote hundreds of such songs. The following is just a verse from one of his songs:

"Lo! He comes, with clouds descending,
Once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand thousands saints attending,
Swell the triumph of His train,
Hallelujah,
God appears on earth to reign."

During His earthly ministry, Christ kept this fact concerning His second advent constantly before the minds of his disciples. His teachings were very clear on this point but somehow they failed to grasp the full meaning until after His ascension, when that seemed all that was left to believe.

It was a settled fact with the disciples as they tarried in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father. Immediately after Pentecost they all sold their possessions and began making ready for Christ's return. So devoutly did they believe in His soon return that they were shocked by His delay. The apostle Paul told young Titus that he was "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." I am willing to hang my hopes on the promise of Christ, "I will come again," because I believe that He who has promised cannot lie. Surely it is the only solution to the condition of our chaotic world today. There will be no substantial peace on the earth until Jesus has ushered in His Kingdom of righteousness.

II. The Manner of His Coming

At Christ's ascension while the grieving disciples were yet looking
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"THE RETURN OF CHRIST"

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steadfastly toward heaven, two men in white apparel spoke to them saying, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." It will be a literal coming, not a mere figurative one as some believe. It is to be the same Jesus who went away. The One who was born of a virgin, who was baptized in Jordan, who was tempted of the Devil, who bore our guilt on Calvary and conquered death, hell, and the grave by His resurrection from the dead. Yes, it shall be Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.

There are three theories held and advocated by some concerning the nature of the Lord's return. I would like to merely mention these and let you search the Scriptures for the answer. They are, namely: (1) His coming again was a spiritual coming, and was consummated on the day of Pentecost. (2) His coming again is a spiritual coming and takes place when the repentant believing sinner is regenerated and accepts Christ into his heart. (3) His coming again takes place at the death of a saint when Christ shall personally receive them into heaven. We believe that the second coming is not spiritual, but a real, literal, personal and future coming; and "to those who look for him, will he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

It will be a visible return. We shall see Him as He is in His glorified body. Perhaps I should pause just here to remind you that Christ's first coming was not merely an event of a single day, but a series of events leading up to our salvation, so shall His second coming be. First outstanding event which may happen any day now is the Rapture of the church when "the dead in Christ shall rise and we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air." It will be an unexpected event. He will come like a thief in the night. Then let men

quit setting dates for it and speculating about it. Not even the angels in heaven know the hour when He shall return.

His coming will be gloriously triumphant. "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory."—Matthew 25:31. After Christ comes for His saints or the church, His bride, then we shall all go to the Marriage Feast of the Lamb and there we shall ever be with the Lord. He shall return with His saints a few years later to set up His millennial kingdom on earth. The glorious thought even yet is that we shall abide with Him forever, even rule with Him over the earth. If you are a part of the Bride of Christ, you should stand daily before the mirror of God's Word to make sure you are ready should the Bridegroom come unexpectedly. Christ shall descend "with power and great glory."

III. The Purpose of His Coming

Believing in the promise of Christ's return will bring one into consistent Christian living. We shall ask ourselves the question constantly, Would I like to be found doing this when Jesus comes? "Watch and pray, lest that day overtake you as a thief in the night." Then again, this doctrine brings great comfort and joy to our hearts for it gives blessed assurance of meeting once more our friends and loved ones who have died in the Lord. The Apostle Paul after giving a lesson to the church at Thessalonica on the Second Coming, said "Comfort one another with these words." We should be praying the prayer which John prayed on the Isle of Patmos near the end of His heavenly vision, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." He was eager to see these things come to pass which he had beheld in vision.

The purpose of Christ's first coming was "to seek and to save that which was lost" yea, "to give His life a ransom for many," but the purpose of His second coming will be to conquer the last foe of His kingdom, death. According to I Corinthians 15:25-26, "he must reign, till he hath

put all enemies under his feet, The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." Truly, "death shall be swallowed up in victory" when Christ returns with resurrection power to fulfill His promise of eternal life.

A further purpose of His return is to gather the saints into the Father's house. We shall receive brand-new glorified bodies like unto the Lord Jesus. We must dress up as we enter the palace which Christ has prepared for us. It will be Coronation Day. We shall reign with Him a thousand years before eternity begins. Hallelujah!

His coming will clear many difficulties according to I Corinthians 4: 5 "Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts; and then shall every man have praise of God." He will bring salvation and rewards to the believers, but damnation and judgments to the unbelievers. Thus, we ought to be prepared and watching for His coming. Believers shall be rewarded according to their faithfulness at His coming. "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory which fadeth not away." This crown of glory is eternal life and is for believers only. Are you a firm believer in the finished work of Christ on Calvary? Have you accepted the merits of His shed blood, which are applied by faith and which effects your eternal salvation?

As Noah warned the people of his day to flee into the ark for safety, I warn you in love to flee for refuge to the Rock of Ages while yet you may. In that day of the Lord many shall be crying "Lord, Lord, open unto us" as did the five foolish virgins, but it shall be too late. Get ready to meet thy God. "Behold the Bridegroom cometh!"

Every man needs to inspect his convictions from time to time lest they degenerate into prejudices.

Never listen to what "they say." "They say" is usually a smoke screen that scandal mongers use to hide gossip and lies.

"Way and the Walk"

Two words from two prophets of old keep coming back and back to mind as words that need to be driven home for our lot and portion in these latter times. The first is from that statesman-prophet, Isaiah, and he declared, "He will teach us of His ways and we will walk in His paths" (Isa. 2:3). And the other is from that prophet of the broken heart and the head a fountain of tears with weeping for the people, Jeremiah who he declared, "Show us the way wherein we may walk" (Jer. 42:3). Both prophets are very much needed in his day! Statesmanship has seemingly slid downhill into "apemanship" with portfolios of peril and plunder. Then, too, God's people have forgotten how to weep for the slain in the tanks, and for the riot and ruin that in has blasted in the midst, having long ago embarked upon the "fundamentalistic desert-passage of great earlessness." I suppose both Isaiah and Jeremiah would receive rough treatment were they to return! The nations have excluded the Lord from the picture, and by large, the churches in the nation have excused the Lord into some dim, dusty corner, in the picture. Neither has sought for, or cared to follow His ways. An increasing woe from His hand of wrath has been the sure, grievous answer from heaven!

And yet it is good to remember that, in the midst of all ruin, the Lord as His own remnant, not according to our plan, but rather according to His grace. The pleasure of the Lord with those who yet make Him central, and crown Him as Lord, in far deeper measure than polite "Sunday theology." For them, there is strength and courage and comfort in these two words from these two prophets. There is a way. There is a walk. We are warned not to waver, and we are welcomed to the warmth of divine grace for the whole heart-setting hereunto. Let us then make it personal. The hour is late, and the Lord is even at the door. Let us walk according to His paths, and seek ac-

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According to His ways, whatever others may think. For us, He is to be the Crux, the Core, the Center.

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Both of these prophetic petals are prayers; have you noted that? Prayers from the depths of the heart, prayers that desperately admit the need of His guiding hand through this world wilderness. And of course, they are not popular prayers, for they leave nothing for pride to perch upon. Especially that prayer of weeping Jeremiah, "Show us the way wherein we may walk." How that shows us up! and yet with that kind of showing that is required, so that the power of the Holy Spirit of God may have full room and free rein for these hearts and lives of ours. We need His power for the surrounding perils. We need His flame for our oft fainting. We need His girding for our over-and-over groaning. We are like little children in the night, and need the light from above, and the Calvary-pierced Hand blessedly linked onto ours. And all of it comes full and free from the preciousness of This One blessedly identified as "the Way the Truth and the Life" (John 14:6).

"Show us the way." We need to pray ever so much for this today. There are so many tangled threads

~~~~~ Walking with God

"To talk with God no breath is lost; Talk on!

To walk with God no time is lost; Walk on!

To toil with God no strength is lost; Toil on!

Little is much if God is in it.

Man's busiest day is not worth God's minute;

Much is little, everywhere,

If God the business does not share.

So work with God and leave the rest:

Who works with Him does most and best."

and petty paths that peter away into pity and peril; even for a good deal of church life and work. So many leaders have become losers, and we nigh faint for the soul-refreshing sight of "no man save Jesus only." There are plannings a-plenty, and what a melange of motion is whipped up! Only to leave us tired and weary, wondering as to whether the dear Lord was ever able to lay hold upon the heap. But then, it is good to know that we can always press thru the throng and touch Him, finding Him anew and afresh. And in such holy attitude, He will show us the way wherein we should walk.

"One step I see before me, 'tis all I need to see,

The light of heaven shines more brightly when earth's illusions flee."

We truly say that He is the "One-step-at-a-time Lord." Blessed balm and gracious guidance, with most holy hope and assured anchorage!

"Wherein we may walk" . . . nothing "spectacular about that. Nothing here said about "mounting upward with wings," or some strange "out-of-this-world" fancy-flight of faith; nothing like that. The Lord strikes the realistic note through His prophet-servant. It is the daily walk, day after day, one step at a time, while here below as strangers and pilgrims. "A glory for the grind," as some would say; but so rich a gleam of glory brings sweet days of heaven upon earth.

And His way is the way leading to recovery and revival. We draw near to Him, discounting all else, and He more than draws near to us, with a nearness that could never be framed within the compass of language. And it may be the lonely path, with few caring to travel. There is the high cost of "powdered" pride, smitten self and flayed flesh, everything crushed to submissive nothingness. But then, how the dear Lord so graciously more than makes us for all and everything!

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Words We Appreciate

Sometime back we received a letter from Brother M. B. Hutchinson, the author of the St. Claire Bible Class lessons published in the Free Will Baptist, in which he spoke of the writings of this scribe in such complimentary terms that we are referring to the remarks of Brother Hutchinson with our sincere thanks: "Since 1914 I have read your writings and have enjoyed the same, and we agree in our thinking. Hope that you will continue to write for many more years." Thank you so much, Brother Hutchinson. I can say the same in regards to your St. Claire Bible Class writings.

This Old Typewriter

It was in 1914 I purchased this "old typewriter" when I was working in the office of the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden. I bought it myself due to the fact that the Press did not have sufficient funds to furnish Elder E. T. Phillips, the Editor, and myself with a typewriter each. He being the Senior and a greater servant, with many years of sacrificial service, I purchased my own machine and bossed my own job.

Well, the typewriter has been used largely for the Lord's work at my own expense. You can hardly tell the "o" from the "e" and the "c" looks much like the "o" and the "e." The letters are so sharp that they cut through a stencil and the plug falls out, but I am still pegging away for the Lord.

Everybody Does Not Agree

While Brother Hutchinson, along with hundreds who have written and complimented our feeble efforts, I have been criticised severely for opposing some worldly amusement, and have been called "narrow" because of my opposition. But thanks be unto Him who said, we "can not serve God

and mammon." It is either Christ or Satan. I am opposed to everything that Satan advocates. I am whole heartedly in favor of everything that Jesus advocates. If I believe that Jesus would do a thing, I can do that thing.

The Narrow Way

Jesus tells us about a "narrow way" and says, "few there be that find it." Brother, I want to be narrow enough to walk with Jesus in that way. I want to be found in that way when the church is raptured, thus I am opposed to many things that I see some church members and even religious leaders engaging in what they call "recreation."

Sometimes church circles, along with teachers and preachers in the lead, actually gamble and play games that are not based on righteousness. because I have condemned these things I have been criticised. Well, we are told to "count it joy." I do praise the Lord for such criticism.

I believe in good wholesome socials where decency and order prevail, but many of the things done even in socials are Satan-inspired, like hugging, kissing, sitting in the laps of opposite sex, dancing to the music of the devil, playing cards, and especially gambling. A teacher or a preacher that allows and guides in such, needs to go to an altar and repent, or accept the Lord Jesus as Saviour. I cannot imagine a saved

person following the desires of the flesh to the extent of participating in the things that some, according to reports, engage in.

So High and No Higher

I have preached for more than forty years that "the pew cannot be lifted higher than the pulpit, nor the pupil higher than the tutor."

Leadership

I believe that all leadership should be in perfect fellowship with the Master Teacher. Now I say, uncompromisingly, that no man can teach the way of truth unless he is in the way himself. No person can teach what they do not know. So to teach Christ, one must know Christ. To know Christ one must believe in Christ with all that is taught in the Word of God concerning Christ. What do you think of a teacher who does not know the Lord Jesus Christ in the pardon and forgiveness of sin? I know that the devil is glad to have teachers in the pulpit and in the classroom. Thus, the devil becomes "the angel of light" by using the unsaved teacher or preacher.

Even though one has been born again, and that one turns to the "carnal mind" rather than following the Holy Spirit, he or she is not fit to teach or preach. I have said and I say it again, that I rather that a child of mine would play in the back yard all day Sunday, than to be taught in a class room by a teacher that lived after the world. Thousands and thousands are in hell and many thousands are on their way to hell, due to the fact that they have been taught false doctrines by carnal and worldly-minded teachers.

"The carnal mind is not subject to God neither indeed can be." A mind that is not subject to the will of God cannot teach the will of God. To teach that which is not the mind of God is to teach the mind of the devil. So, preacher, or teacher, whoever you may be, get right with God or quit the preaching and teaching. Read Matthew 6:24 and 7:21, also Romans 8:1-14 and I Cor. 3:1-9.

Alcohol makes men colorful—gives him a red nose, a white liver, a yellow streak, and a blue outlook.

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: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

"Seek and Ye Shall Find." It has been observed that some ministers are using this teaching of Christ to seek re-election as pastor. It is said that one pastor, upon learning that his church (about half of the membership) was wanting a new pastor, went out over the community to canvass for re-election.

When he had made his rounds, he learned that the church people were about equally divided on the question of letting him go and getting a new pastor. The more he canvassed, the more strife and division grew in the church.

We think that when a church is ready for a change in pastors, the present incumbent should be wise enough to go to another field of labor in which he is wanted. House to house canvass in a church community, either by the present pastor for re-election, or the preacher who wants to pastor a certain church, is poor religious ethics. Let the call come from the church, directed by the will of God, and not from soliciting votes, like a political game. We have no record that the apostles vied with one another for pastoral care of churches. They sought to preach the Word, and to win the lost to Christ.

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"Loyalty to An Ideal." Individual loyalty to Democracy and what it means to personal freedom is expected to be adhered to by people of the Democratic way of life. Those who are deeply concerned about privileges and values which Democracy holds out to them are loyal; but those who are indifferent to democratic principles are unconcerned about loyalty.

Such is often the case, with some people, with respect to religious activities. If some cannot have their way about some things in their church, they become disloyal, and leave the church. Such is the sign of self-interests more than loyalty to church principles and religious teachings. When self gets in the way, loyalty to a cause, or an ideal is discarded.

Martin Luther, for example, ever remained loyal to an Ideal—The Freedom of Worship. The world has been greatly blessed by his loyalty of conviction to Christian principles. The depth of a person's interest or love for the church, for Democracy, for Christian principles is shown by the way he manifests his loyalty to that cause. Too many people are unstable in their ways for their own good.

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"The Faithful Few." There is always to be found in the average church the small group of members who are called "The Faithful Few." The pastor can depend on them to do their Christian duty. The community can trust them to look after the poor and the needy, and to aid upon the sick and the suffering. The bereaved ones can be assured that they will visit them and sympathize

with them over their sorrows. And the church can look to them to see about the pastor's salary, the church repairs, the building program of the church and the like.

But what about the rest of the church members? How do they feel? What responsibilities do they share in the financial and spiritual phases of the church program? Paul said, "Let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him. Let him give as the Lord has blessed, and he will receive in return joy and gladness for his faithfulness to the cause of Christ."

In order for the average church to be able to enlarge the number of the "Faithful Few" among it's membership, it will be required to teach the whole duty of all church members, and insist upon tithing as the best way to enlarge and strengthen the few until the whole church is contributing to all the important causes of Christian service.

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NOTICE

The Free Will Baptist Press has secured the services of Rev. Floyd B. Cherry of Durham, North Carolina, to write an additional Sunday School quarterly to be known as The Young People's Quarterly.

Brother Cherry is well known among our people and we feel that he is well prepared to do this work. We plan to have this quarterly ready for the Fourth Quarter of 1951.

D. W. ALEXANDER, Business Manager

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE!—RULES REGARDING USE OF PICTURES IN THE BAPTIST PAPER

First, individuals, local churches, Sunday Schools, Young People's Leagues, Woman's Auxiliaries, District and State conferences and associations are to bear the expense of running their pictures in the Baptist paper, whenever they wish to have them published with their articles. The cuts will be sent to owners, if desired. We will have cuts made, if desired.

Second, The Press will bear all expense of picture-cuts, which are to be used as publicity matters, in the Baptist paper in connection with the leading phases of the National work and of the Orphanages. As far as possible, delays should be avoided in mailing manuscripts and pictures to us.

Note: Several days are required for the engravers to make the cuts, therefore you should mail manuscripts and pictures to us early, so that we can publish your articles as soon as possible. This became effective June 6, 1951.

D. W. ALEXANDER, Business Manager
R. B. SPENCER, Editor

:- Department of Foreign Missions :-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
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The Work In Cuba Goes Forward

Our Dear Co-Laborers:

In the words of Paul to the Galatians, we too, "Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in (our) prayers..."

As I am writing here on the porch of our home at the school and observing the much activity on this very hot afternoon, my heart is made to rejoice at the goodness of God.

Some of the boys are plowing around orange trees, others are painting in preparation for our annual convention and graduation, others are tending the animals, etc. Some of the girls are doing the school ironing, others are in the different teachers' homes working their three hours. Mrs. Wilfong is keeping the typewriter busy here in the office, and I am keeping my eye on Jo Ellen as she crawls around over the floor with her toys. There are very few moments when our school is not humming with activity. The day is full from six o'clock in the morning until ten at night.

As I sit here and observe all this I think of a few years back when this was only high grass and much mud. What a transformation the Gospel has made, not only in the outward appearance of land and houses but in the hearts of many who have come to live with us and become a part of our family. I wish I could tell you about each of the students, the home from which they have come, the lack of preparation they have had, and the miracle God is working in them and through them. They are going out like princes.

This has been a busy month for us. Besides the much activity at the school, the workers report much blessing throughout the fields. Two lovely chapels have been dedicated, and one of our pastors came to the

school to tell us about the revival announced in his church. He was so utterly weary when it came time for evening service, after three Sunday Schools during the day, that he hardly knew how he was to preach. They had only sung the first hymn when a recent convert, a woman from a very cultured wealthy family, asked to say a few words. She was bubbling over and it seemed to set fire to the service. When she sat down there was one after another to testify. One woman told how she had so much sewing that she started to sew on Sunday morning and the machine wouldn't run. She called her husband and he worked with it for quite a while but found nothing wrong, still it would not work. Finally she knew it was the Lord and left her sewing and went to Sunday School. Monday morning the sewing machine worked perfectly. Thus the testimonies went on and on. Our worker gave an altar call. Many were saved and the Christians began to confess their faults one to another. It was almost twelve when they left the church. This young worker is unable to answer all the calls that come to him "to come over and teach us." He is only one—there are many like him. They are giving their lives and energy to reach their own people. They need your prayers. Oh, that God would raise up a Moody in the Island of Cuba from among their own people.

The 25th to 27th of this month we have our annual convention and graduation. Wish it might be possible for you to be here. These are days of great feasting to us. They are also days of much responsibility and work, so please won't you remember to pray for us especially in those days that the Lord shall pour out His Spirit upon us, and lay more heavily than

before the responsibility of the work upon the natives. We are expecting Brother Kennedy and Brother Alford from North Carolina with us for these days. I am sure they want to know that you are remembering them.

We have seven students graduating this year. They have been some of our best students. We hate to see them leave the school, yet the fields are so white and are clamoring for them that we rejoice to know that soon hundreds more will be able to have the Truth through their ministry.

Tommy and Nina are graduating from Toccoa the first of June. If you are near, am sure they will be so happy to have you for their graduation. They will be going to our Bible College in Nashville next year. Barbara has one more year in high school. The Lord has been good to them during their high school years, blessed their lives richly, and supplied the needs out of His unknown treasury. We praise Him for it.

During the summer we expect to do some extensive evangelizing. There are many towns, villages, and out-of-the-way places that as yet have not had the Gospel. We hope to reach them through open-air services and visitation. Please pray for our students as they shall be scattered over the fields with new responsibilities. Also pray with us for the supply of every need in carrying out this work.

May "the exceeding greatness of His power . . . which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead," be manifest in each of your lives and ours in these days which are so close to His coming.

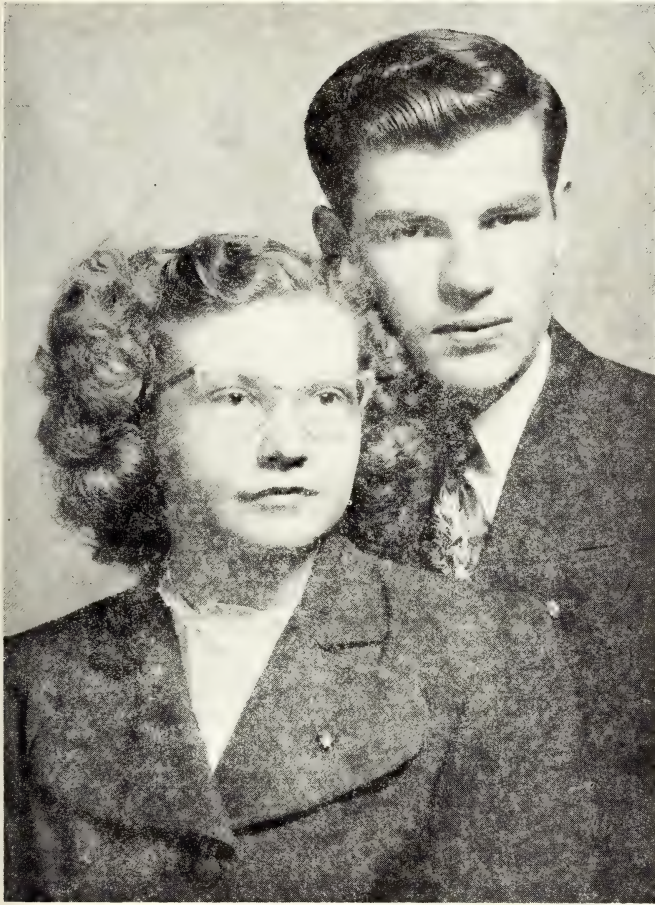
Yours for greater service,
Mrs. Mabel Willey

Announcement

Friends, this is to let you know that I am available for pastoral duty on First, Second, and Third Sundays for another year. If you would like to get in touch with me, please use the address below.

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Candidates for Foreign Mission Field in India



MR. AND MRS. CARLILE HANNA

Herewith is the likeness of Mr. and Mrs. Carlile Hanna who have offered themselves as candidates to The Foreign Mission Board to go to India. The Mr. is from South Carolina and the Mrs. is from Missouri. An ideal combination when united in the Lord, and consecrated for His services.

As most of you know, couples are badly needed in India and we are praying that if the Lord wills that this couple go to India, that all their needs will be provided. They

are now at the discretion of the Home Mission Board to work when needed and called, until they have completed their preparation and final approval. Please remember them in prayer and we trust that their home churches and states will see fit to use them and if, and when they go to India, their support will be underwritten.

Rev. Raymond Riggs
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

SOWING AND RIPPING

On the way to Sunday school Daddy thought he would improve the time by teaching his son, Austin, the golden text: "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Austin repeated it several times after his father, and he seemed to

have mastered the wording.

During the Sunday school class, the teacher asked Austin if he could repeat the golden text. Indeed he could—and this is the way he said it: "Whatsoever a man sows always rips."

IMPORTANT!

Give Attention, North Carolina Leaguers!

We are endeavoring to arrange a "Motorcade" to go to the Fourth Nationwide F. W. B. L. Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, leaving New Bern, N. C., early in the morning of Monday, July 2nd. We considered a chartered bus, but it developed that some could only go for the league conference, others could go for the league and S. S. Conference, while some planned to go for all the national meetings. To meet this condition, it is now planned to arrange a motorcade in sections. All cars enlisted will travel as a motorcade to Nashville. Then a section of the motorcade will leave at the close of the F. W. B. L. Conference and another section will leave right after the S. S. convention, while the third section will return to N. C. after all the meetings are over.

Here is the "pooling" proposition: All leaguers desiring to go in the motorcade will register with Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Box 86, Ayden, N. C., sending with their application \$5.00 to apply on the cost of their transportation. The total "sharing" cost has been estimated at \$20.00 for the round trip, but may vary slightly either way, depending upon the mileage. Mileage will be figured from some agreed upon point, near center of loading area. The \$5.00 deposit will be returned in case the motorcade fails to "motor!"

Those having cars which they are willing to use for the trip will register with the undersigned, stating the time they will choose to return. Each car carrying five paying passengers will be guaranteed 5c per mile, plus the driver's expense while in route (not while in Nashville). Cars must be in good condition, and driven by a careful driver. Trip insurance will be made available to all passengers. Mrs. Ballard will be the chaperon of the party on the trip to Nashville. She will assign passengers to cars, and will reserve the right to change assignments as may be thought best along the way. Arrangements will be worked out for chaperons for the returning sections. We hope to have not less than ten cars and fifty passengers. Write us at once.

L. E. Ballard, Box 86, Ayden, N. C.

NOTICE!

This is to announce the change of my address from 204 Lyon Street, Durham, North Carolina, to my new address: Rev. Paul R. Williams 1208 Franklin Street, Durham, N. C. Telephone No. 91887.

If any church desires my services over the week-end, we will be glad to accommodate you.

I am yours for Christian service,
Rev. Paul R. Williams

"The Safe Way of Life"

Much time is used these days by people hunting an easy way in life, but they are failing to find it. They may find a way in which there is not much labor or responsibility, but they will find some hardships. There is no way in life without some burdens, and the burdens of life make it hard. Therefore Christ said, "Come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek, and lowly at heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." That is the easiest way in life, and the only safe way.

Moses' life was not an easy one, but it was a safe way. To be in that safe way he had some work to do. It was a great undertaking. Moses could not have it by himself, but he went to the One who gave him the plan, and the power; and, by using what was given him, he succeeded in preparing Israel for safety. This was not an easy job. But he did it by listening to his instructor. A great lesson here for us. As Moses found favor with the Lord, so will he do for us if we will listen to him. God will not tell us to do any thing that he will not make us able to do, therefore, we have the assurance that to him that believeth, all things are possible.

Noah's life was not an easy one, but it was a safe one. He faced many difficulties, and much opposition, but the Lord was his protector, and made him able to overcome every test. God used him as a messenger to them that were in danger. Some would not believe so they were lost. The warning did them no good, and so it is with so many today. They just will not be warned. They think they know best; and, because of that they are missing the real blessings of life, and are going into destruction.

Job did not have an easy way, for he lost his possessions, and his health, but he was safe because he was in the care of the Father. He would not let the Devil go but just so

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far. In the first test Satan was not allowed to touch his body, and the next time he could not take his life. That tells us that Paul knew what he was talking about when he said, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as are common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able: but with the temptation also will make away to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

John the Baptist had a dangerous way, the way in which he lost his head, but it was a safe way, for he was with Christ. He was taken out of this world, but being in the hands of the Father he was taken to the better home where Satan can not get to him, and no more dangers to face. It is wonderful that we have a Father like that. Is that a reality to you, dear reader?

The way that Christ went was not an easy way, so far as this world is concerned. He was continually meeting enemies, who were seeking his life, but it was a safe way because he was under the protection of the Father. They could do nothing to him only as the Father permitted. He allowed them to do only to him the things that would prove a blessing to the world. We have the expression from Paul that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. That is true with us if we will submit to the Father, for as a Father he will not let any thing happen to us only for the better. Often we are made to wonder why we have to meet the disappointments of life; but, if we will be submissive and endure patiently, the blessings will follow, and often bring joy beyond expression.

There are many ways that are the ways of death, or destruction, but only one safe way of life. Satan with all the powers that he possesses can not take Christ out of the world and

keep him out. He was crucified by his enemies. His life was separated from the body for a while, and the body placed in the tomb and it sealed. The watchmen were placed there to see that no one come and opened the tomb. But regardless of all that, that life went back into that body, opened the tomb, and brought it out, and no man has been able to tell how until this day. Satan could not keep him out of the world. He was soon back proving himself to be the Christ that was crucified by showing the scar in his side and the prints of the nails in his hands. Christ did many other things that were necessary for him to do to complete his work with the disciples, and on the fortieth day he was taken up out of their sight into heaven.

He left them with the assurance that the Holy Ghost would be sent to them by the Father in his name; and he would bring all things into their remembrance, and teach them all things whatsoever he had said unto them. This really happened on the day of Pentecost, and continued to be very effective, until Satan succeeded to get more of his witnesses with their names on the church roll. Ever since then the safe way of life has been lost sight of to a great extent. But the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believe on him should not perish but have everlasting life, is the same today that He was then. It is our privilege as his children to enjoy walking in that safe way, and to receive the benefit of his wonderful power, love, and fellowship, if we will only trust and obey. We must obey, because that is the evidence that we give of our love for him, for he said, "If ye love me you will keep my word." That is, we must obey because we love him, and not with the idea that we are paying him for those benefits. They are free. We must trust, for that is our belief in action, and if our belief is not sufficient to have action, it is dead. We prove by trusting.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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REPORT OF SHILOH GO-TELL AUXILIARY

The girls go-tell auxiliary of Shiloh F. W. B. Church met on May 5 in the home of Judy Foreman. This meeting brought to a close the end of our second year's work. We had a very nice meeting, using our Go-Tell Year Book of programs.

"Found Faithful in Soul Winning" was our topic. It was very successfully discussed by different ones present. We elected new officers for the new year's work as follows:

President, Alva Chambers; vice-president, Anna Jackson; secretary, Bobby Boyd; treasurer, Pauline Hamilton; reporter, Judy Foreman.

The following were present for the May meeting: Alva Chambers, Pauline Hamilton, Hattie Chambers, Annie Boyd, Bobby Boyd, Christine Boyd, Anna Jackson, Linda Foreman, Judy Foreman, Faye Body, and Mrs. Annie Virginia Boyd. The visitors were: Mrs. Rachel Foreman, Naomi Ruth Foreman, Louetta Faye Foreman.

The activities for the year were as follows: Flowers given, 5; trays taken to the sick, 25, sick visits made, 50.

MONEY SPENT

For needy families	\$4.00
Missions	2.00
Church repair	1.00
Spent for the building fund	30.00
Cards sent to the sick	2.50

Total disbursements	\$39.50
Balance in the treasury	\$10.50

Reporter

The Woman's State Auxiliary Convention

The Woman's State F. W. B. Auxiliary Convention met at Hull Road Church on May 24th for the annual meeting with all districts representing and approximately 500 attending. Dinner was served picnic style on the lawn back of the church. The convention color scheme, red, white, and blue, was effectively carried out in the floral arrangements and corsages which were worn by the officers and others taking part on the program.

The theme for the day, "Victory through Conquest" was interestingly used in the convention message by Rev. J. R. Davidson. The scripture lesson was taken from Joshua 14:14, 15, as the basis for his remarks. He gave an account of Caleb's conquest of Canaan before the returning Israelites re-inhab-

ited their homeland. Caleb won victory thru his conquest because he wholly followed the Lord. Wholly following the Lord can be the key note to any successful life. The message proved to be an inspiration to all who heard it.

Special music was rendered during the day by the local Junior Choir, Miss Olema Grant and Mr. George Harrison.

The business period was presided over in a very efficient manner by the president, Mrs. J. C. Moye.

The congregation joined in the singing of one verse of "Blest Be the Tie," followed by prayer after which the convention was adjourned to meet with the Eastern District next year.

Mrs. Carl Barrow,

Secy. of Hull Road Auxiliary

Home-Coming Day at Old Saints' Delight Church

The members of Old St's. Delight church, Greene County, will observe a Home Coming 3rd Sunday in June. There will be special singing, dinner on the grounds, and a Father's Day address which will be delivered by Rev. R. B. Spencer. The former pastors are especially urged to attend. All the members and the public are cordially invited and the members are urged to bring their lunches with them.

Rev. W. B. Nobles, Pastor

Sent in by Mrs. Guy Corbett

WNAC EXHIBIT

WHERE?—At Free Will Baptist Bible College Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee.

WHAT KIND?—One of yours and other Auxiliary plans or pieces of good work.

WHY?—Because exchange of ideas stimulate future effort.

WHEN SEND?—By June 20, 1951.

WHERE SEND?—To WNAC Headquarters, Box 965, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

(For further information contact WNAC Executive Secretary at the above address.)

Mrs. Camilla Napier Jacksonville, Florida

It is with sincere regret that we announce the passing, April 12, 1951, of our dearly beloved sister, Mrs. Camilla Napier. We bow in humble submission to the will of God, and realize that our loss is Heaven's gain. Sister Napier was a charter member of Unity Free Will Baptist Church, and was loved and esteemed by all who knew her.

Funeral services were held in Cordele, Georgia, conducted by Rev. C. J. Pitts, after which the body was laid to rest beneath a mound of beautiful flowers, to await the resurrection morn.

We extend to the family and friends our deepest sympathy.

Unity F. W. B. Church
2816 Edison Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

HOME-COMING AT SNOW HILL

Our Home Coming services will begin with a youth Rally on Saturday night, June 9th. Miss June Marie Rivenbark of Durham, a young girl whom God has called to be a missionary, will be our guest speaker. We also have a special program planned for Sunday, June 10.

Everybody has a special invitation to attend both services.

Mrs. Rotha Reardon, Clerk

— SUBSCRIBE TO THE BAPTIST —

Chartered Bus to The National Association

Dothan, Alabama, to Nashville, Tenn.
Ten Dollars Round Trip

We have arranged to charter an air-conditioned Greyhound Bus to the National Association which is to be in Nashville, Tennessee, in July.

The bus will leave from Dothan, Alabama, and the regular fare for the round trip, from Dothan to Nashville, is \$15.99. But the amount for each person on the chartered bus will be less than \$10.

Anyone in south Alabama, south Georgia, or Florida interested in going on this bus, please write to Chester A. Huckaby, Route 2, Chipley, Florida. Mail your money, (\$10.00), check, or money order to Wayne Hicks, Sneads, Florida, not later than June 15. If for any reason we do not get the 37 persons to make the trip on this bus, your money will be refunded to you.

Your brother in Christ,
Chester A. Huckaby



THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL

(Lesson for June 17)

LESSON: Acts 1:8; 4:5-12; 28:15-31; Romans 1:1-16.

GOLDEN TEXT: Acts 1:8.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

There were believers before Pentecost, but we commonly think of the church as beginning at Pentecost. Why? Who preached on that day, and with what result? The church grew through the powerful witnessing of the apostles and others. Consider in some detail the episode of Peter and John before the Sanhedrin, especially Peter's bold witnessing. Trace in broad outline the subsequent expansion of Christianity through Palestine and Syria, and lately, largely as a result of the labors of Paul, through Asia Minor, Macedonia, Greece, and finally on to Rome. (There was a church in Rome, however, before Paul reached the city. How do we know?)

Our lesson topic stresses the spread of the gospel by witnessing. Witnessing for Christ is a permanent duty of all who have been transformed by his power. We cannot witness directly to the historic facts concerning Christ, though we can proclaim these facts with confidence, as based on convincing evidence. But we can witness personally to the gospel as the power of God unto salvation. It is this sort of witnessing pre-eminently, that the world needs. As a rule, argument today accomplishes little, unless one is dealing with a genuine seeker after truth. There are people who would rather argue than eat, and after all has been said they are of the same opinion still. But when a person gives a clear testimony as to what the power of the gospel has accomplished in his own life, and as to what Christ means to him day by day, his words may have great effect. Usually a person can, without

offense, recommend such a Saviour and helper to others. Are we witnessing for Christ as we should?—Arnold's Commentary.

1. World evangelization should be carried out according to the Lord's own program (Acts 1:8).

2. It is often religious combinations interlinked with family relationships that unite to oppose the Christian worker (4:5, 6).

3. The world is in total ignorance of the power that operates in and through the Christian believer (vs. 7).

4. The man filled with the Holy Spirit need not fear the opposition of those who are important in the eyes of man (vs. 8).

5. It seems ridiculous, but the world is willing to bring charges against a man for a good deed (vs. 9).

6. Peter's confession left no doubt as to the identity of the One in whose Name he preached and did miracles (vs. 10).

7. Human intelligence misread God's blueprint and rejected the Chief Cornerstone (vs. 11).

8. Salvation is so exclusive that its effectiveness is limited to the use of our Name (vs. 12).

9. It is a source of encouragement when the brethren do not forsake the one who is persecuted (28:15, 16).

10. God has ways of making it possible even for the prisoner to proclaim His Word (vss. 30, 31).—Sel.

11. As a matter of fact, those members of the Sanhedrin were more concerned about stopping Peter and John from preaching Christ than they were about seeing the impotent man healed. The miracle concerned them not half as much as getting Peter and John, and the other disciples, to stop preaching the resurrection of Jesus. The Devil always works hard to uproot, whenever possible, the works of Christ.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Let us contrast the man Peter on this occasion with the man who followed Jesus afar off on the night of the betrayal. On that night, in the face of danger, Peter stoutly denied that he knew the Lord; on this occasion, when he was actually being tried himself for the Master's sake, he

stood firmly and declared this same Jesus to be the Son of the living God. He addressed the rulers and those before whom he stood, and accused them directly of murdering the Saviour.—Senior Quarterly.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Witnessing with Records

The gospel is old, but new ways of spreading it are proving effective. One is through the use of gospel recordings in native tongues. In some regions great interest is aroused thru their use. In Colombia, South America, an Indian had an old victrola. A missionary played on it a dozen gospel records in Spanish, and finally gave the records to an old Indian. Three years later a student worker who visited that section reported large congregations and great interest. During those years the records had been played over and over, often every night, and Indians had come from far and near to hear them. Every record carried a message about the gospel.

A Christian worker in the Philippines says: "I was happy to receive some time ago gospel records in Tagalog and Ilocano. The Filipinos are greatly attracted when they hear something like this in their own tongues. In one place people crowded to our meetings and almost mobbed us out when they pressed around our equipment. The first Sunday night in which we used the loud speaker in the open air at Basco, upon hearing the sound of the records people jumped up from their tables and left their suppers half eaten and literally ran through the streets to our meeting.—Arnold's Commentary.

A Kind Deed and a Tract

At a remote outpost for Christ on an island off Alaska, four seamen stopped to have clothing mended. Soon all four had picked up gospel tracts. "One man lingered after the others left," writes the Christian worker on the island. "He was definitely under conviction. We had prayer, and he gave his heart to Christ. He was certainly happy when he left! All this, just from reading a tract while waiting for a button to be sewed on!"—1000 Evangelistic Illustrations.

Ten Reasons for a Family Altar

By W. E. Beiderwolf

Every Christian home should have a family altar. Here are ten important reasons based upon the Word of God.

1. Because it will send you forth to daily tasks with a cheerful heart, stronger for the work, truer to duty, and determined in whatever is done therein to glorify God. Read Colossians 3:17.

2. Because the family altar will give you strength to meet the discouragements, disappointments, unexpected adversities and sometimes the blind hopes that may fall to your lot. Read Hebrews 2:18.

3. Because it will make you conscious throughout the day of the attending presence of an unseen, divine One, who will bring you through more than conqueror over every unholy thought or thing that rises up against you. Read Philippians 4:4-7.

4. Because the family altar will sweeten the home life of every Christian and will enrich home relationships as nothing else can do. Read Ephesians 6:1-9.

5. Because it will dissolve the misunderstandings and go toward relieving the friction which sometimes in-

trudes into the sacred precincts of family life. Read Romans 12:9-11.

6. Because the family altar will hold, as nothing else, the boys and girls who are now young men and women when they have gone from beneath the parental roof. The family altar very often largely determines the eternal salvation of children in Christian homes. Read II Timothy 3:15-17.

7. Because it will exert a helpful and hallowed influence over those who may at any time be guests within the home. Read Romans 14:7-9.

8. Because the family altar will enforce, as perhaps nothing else can do, the work of your pastor in pulpit and in pew. And it will stimulate the life of your church in its every activity. Read Romans 15:6, 7.

9. Because the family altar will furnish an example and a stimulus to other homes for the same kind of life and service and devotion to God. Read Acts 2:46, 47.

10. Because the Word of God requires the family altar, in thus obeying God we honor Him who is the giver of all good and the source of all blessing. Read Romans 12:1, 2.

drink or glass, of whiskey, and think nothing about it, but rather think that you are right, and all the time the habit is growing on you and you don't see it until you become an addict to drink.

I might pause to tell you a story which I read about three cats. A Nashville man had been drinking one night before going to bed. The next morning when he awoke he told his family of a dream he had the previous night in which he saw three cats—one fat, one lean, and one blind, and he wondered what it meant. "I know," promptly responded his little son, "The man that sells you the whiskey is the fat cat, mother is the lean cat, and you are the blind cat." So it is with all that live in sin—their eyes are blinded. They go on all the time thinking that their ways are right, but let us seek counsel from God's Word. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

Brother, Christ is the way. Let us pattern our lives after Him. When we start to do wrong let us ask ourselves the question: would Jesus do that thing? Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Jesus insists, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me."

Dear Friend, search your heart. Are you traveling your way, or the Christ way?

Can We Picture Our Mistakes?

By Rev. C. J. Pitts—Unity F. W. B. Church

540 James Street

Jacksonville, Florida

"Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts."—Proverbs 21:2.

When God made man and placed him in the beautiful garden of Eden, He did not tell man what he must do, or what he had to do, but He gave him the freedom of will. God intended that the will of man would bring the body under subjection and obedience to Him. But to God's disappointment Satan entered upon the scene, and captured the will of man and this caused man to become disobedient to God. Adam was unconscious of the effect that his disobedience would have upon his soul, so the final result

was that he lost his estate with God, bringing condemnation and death upon all of the human race. What a loss! The act seemed very small in his eyes, but just imagine what it has meant to others—death to all living, not only with Adam, but with all.

"Every way of a man is right in his own eyes." A man might use a profane word, and think nothing of it, but little can he realize what might develop from the curse. We might not go to church, and think nothing of it, but there is a friend or relative that we are leading astray by our carelessness. You might take a glass of wine, a fottle of beer, or perhaps a

RULES FOR DAILY LIFE

Begin the day with God,

Kneel down to Him in prayer;

Lift up thy heart to His abode,

And seek His love to share.

Open the Book of God

And read a portion there,

That it may hallow all thy thoughts

And sweeten all thy care.

Go through the day with God,

Where'er thy work may be;

Where e'er thou art—at home, abroad

He still is near to thee.

Conclude the day with God:

Thy sins to Him confess,

Trust in His cleansing blood,

And plead His righteousness.

Lie down at night with God

Who gives His servants sleep;

And when thou treadest the vale of death,

He will thee guard and keep.

—Selected

CRAGMONT

News and Views

Schedule of Cragmont Assemblies

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Black Mountain, N. C.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

June 4-8

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, President-Director

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SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

June 11-15

Rev. Fred Rivenbark, Director
Juniors and Intermediates (age 9-16)

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OPEN TIME FOR GROUPS

June 18-23

Raymond T. Sasser, Registrar

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INTERMEDIATE, SENIOR, AND ADULT CONFERENCE

June 25-29 inclusive

Rev. Bruce Barrow, Director

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VISITORS AND DELEGATES

to National League, Sunday School, Woman's Auxiliary, and National Association in Nashville, Tennessee: July 1-15 inclusive.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, Director

YOUTH CONFERENCE

July 16-21

Revs. Rashie Kennedy and J. B. Narron,
Sponsors and Directors

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SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE FOR YOUTH LEADERS

July 23-28

Rev. Burkette Raper, Director

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OPEN TIME

July 30 thru August 4

Raymond T. Sasser, Registrar

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FAMILY SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

August 6-11

Rev. S. A. Smith, Director

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THE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

August 13-20

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Director

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SECOND FAMILY SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

August 20-25

Fountain Taylor, Director

Juniors and Intermediates Can't Afford to Miss It!

What? going to one of the greatest places in North Carolina, Cragmont. In the second place you can't afford to miss the instruction. We plan to have Rev. and Mrs. Chester Phillips, two of our fine young people, qualified teachers to instruct each of you. Mrs. Phillips is a grand chalk-talker.

Thirdly, you can't afford to miss the recreation, that will be enjoyed to the fullest extent by each of you. Fourthly, the fellowship cannot be surpassed by any group.

Just think! What you will get for so little: Room, Board, Transportation there and back on our Cragmont bus, insurance, and the greatest time of your life for only \$20. Did you say, "Is that all?" Yes, that is all. I agree with you it seems too good to be true, but it is true. You bring towels, soap, note book, Bible, and a coat.

Fathers and mothers, I assure you your boys and girls will receive the best of care, for we will do the best possible for them.

When will we leave? Monday morning June 11. When will we return? June 16.

Where will we leave from? We will stop 8 times beginning at:

Farmville—6:30 A. M., June 11 (Bus station).

Saratoga - 7:00 (F. W. B. Church).

Wilson - 7:15 (F. W. B. Church).

Stancil's Chapel - 7:45 (F. W. B. Church).

Clayton - 8:15 (Bus Station).

Raleigh - 8:45 (Bus Station).

Durham - 9:30 (Sherron Acres Church).

Hillsboro - 10:00 (Court House).

Now on to Cragmont where we will all have the time of our life! Send immediately \$1.00 Registration fee with your name and address to:

Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, Director
109 Spring Road, Durham, N. C.

It is said that Jonathan Edwards, before he died, claimed his children for God. Investigation showed that in five generations not one failed to embrace the Christian faith.

REPORT OF SECOND UNION WESTERN CONFERENCE

The second union meeting of the Western Conference of North Carolina convened on April 28 at Barnes Hill Church, Nash Co. The union opened at ten o'clock with a song by the congregation. The devotions were conducted by Rev. J. C. Varnell. Different committees were appointed, except the standing committees.

The welcome address was given by Charles Barnes, and the response was by Luther Bissette. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll of ministers was called. Following this an intermission of ten minutes was given.

The union message was delivered by Rev. Burkette Raper. An offering for the orphanage was taken to the amount of \$31.22. At the noon hour lunch was spread on the church grounds and it was enjoyed by everyone present.

The afternoon session was opened with song by the congregation. The devotions were conducted by Rev. D. Bissette. The list of churches was called with all representing but two. All of the committees made their report and they were accepted. The appropriations committee made their report as follows:

Paid to:

Mrs. G. W. Ferrell	\$3.00
Mrs. B. B. Richardson	3.00
Mrs. J. J. Parish	3.00
Mr. T. W. Stancil	1.00
Incidental expenses	6.00
The orphanage	10.00
Missions	5.00
Education	10.00
Superannuation	8.50

The next union will meet with Friendship Church in Johnston County. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Barnes Hill Church for the kind hospitality shown this union meeting. We closed with praise and prayer.

Z. C. Bissette, Moderator
Luther Bissette, Secy.-Treas.

Frank Davenport Licensed

This is to certify that Frank Davenport, originally of Greene County, N. C., has been licensed by the First Free Will Baptist Church of Rocky Mount, N. C. Ministers and churches desiring to contact him for service may do so by writing: Rev. Frank Davenport, 214 Nash St., Rocky Mt., N. C., or Phone No. 5389.

We recommend him as an exceptional licensed minister. Brother Davenport is married and has a fine wife and two boys, ages 5 and 7. Since moving to Rocky Mount, Brother and Mrs. Davenport have been very active in the church here. The present finds him director of the League work and assistant Sunday School teacher.

Rev. A. B. Bryan, Pastor
Mrs. O. C. Merritt, Ch. Clerk

Meet Cragmont Manager and Wife

MANAGER



J. B. (Jimmy) HALL, Jr.

Meet your 1951 manager, and his wife Geraldine (Jerry) who will serve as Hostess and dietitian.

Two years ago Jimmy and Jerry answered the Master's call for full time Christian service. They left their home at Cottonwood, Alabama, which is near Dothan, Ala., and enrolled in our Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee. Their pastor at New Harmony F. W. B. Church, Rev. John M. Rich, also had attended our college at Nashville, so it was natural for them to follow his advice.

This fine young couple left their home, good jobs (Jimmy was teaching) and answered the command "study to shew thyself approved unto God." Now with half of their course completed they have answered the call to come to North Carolina and work at Cragmont this summer. The call to come to Cragmont came as a result of circumstances beyond the control of Rev. and Mrs. N. D. Wiggs, Jr., who had planned to serve us this year.

Jimmy, Jerry, Hilda Gray, Travis and I enjoyed a few short hours together at Cragmont Saturday, May 19. The "views" were grand as it seems mother nature has added just a little more color this year, and the cool relaxing summer breezes are already blowing. Jimmy and Jerry are looking forward to greeting you this summer. They will do all they can to make your visit pleasant . . . so . . . why not register today. Register with any of the directors announced last week, or write direct to Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, N. C. Telephone, Black Mountain 3604. Write me if you need more information.

Raymond T. Sasser
207 W. Broad St.
Wilson, N. C.

Giving Congregation a Rest

A British congregation had presented its pastor with enough money to go to the Continent for a holiday. A gentleman who had just returned from the continent met one of the prominent members and said, "I met your minister while I was touring the Continent. He was looking very well—he didn't look as if he needed a rest." "No," said the member calmly, "it wasn't him that needed the rest, it was the congregation."

for the building fund is \$10,000. We are asking each church and the different organizations of the churches to give liberally to this most worthy cause. Let everyone have a hand in this noble work in building for the denomination a strong educational system for the training of leaders of our denomination.

HOSTESS AND DIETITIAN



MRS. J. B. (Jerry) HALL, Jr.

ITINERARY FOR FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE CONCERT CLASS MIDDLESEX, N. C.

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager
(All services will be at 8:00 p. m.)

TOE RIVER ASSOCIATION . . .

Tuesday, June 5, Miller's Chapel

JACK'S CREEK ASSOCIATION . . .

Wednesday, June 6, Pilgrim's Chapel

Thursday, June 7, Low Gap

Friday, June 8, Pensacola

TOE RIVER ASSOCIATION . . .

Saturday, June 9, Riverview-Erwin, Tenn.

Sunday, June 10, Trinity, Erwin, Tenn.

JACK'S CREEK ASSOCIATION . . .

Monday, June 11, Ernestville, Erwin, Tenn.

FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION . . .

Tuesday, June 12, Barnardsville

Wednesday, June 13, Ray's Chapel

Thursday, June 14, Red Hill

Friday, June 15, Fugate

Saturday, June 16, Walnut

Sunday, June 17, Asheville

Monday, June 18, Canton

Tuesday, June 19, Hyatt's Creek

Wednesday, June 20, Rocky Branch

I could prove God statistically. Take the human body alone—the chance that all the functions of the individual would just happen is a statistical monstrosity.—George Gallop.

Noah was 600 years old before he knew how to build an ark—don't lose your grip.

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. D. W. Hansley, Treasurer
Ayden, N. C., Box No. 176

This report covers from Sept. 12, 1950 to May 3, 1951

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, Sept 12, 1950	\$190.29
Woman's auxiliary	77.75
Union Meetings, districts	470.83
Sunday Schools and district conventions	283.27
Personal gifts by checks and cash	222.20
Local F. W. B. Leagues and League Conventions	76.30
District conferences	81.00
Churches	1,098.52

Total raised Sept 12, 1950, to May 3, 1951 \$2,500.16

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to F. W. B. Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee	\$1,959.82
For office supplies, telephone, and travel expenses	114.00

Total paid out for all purposes \$2,073.82

On deposit in First National Bank of Ayden, N. C., May 3, 1951	\$376.34
Cash on hand, May 3, 1951, in treasurer's office	\$50.00
Cash on hand, May 3, 1951	\$426.34
Total paid out and balance on hand, May 3, 1951	\$2,500.16

It is to be emphasized that our goal for the general fund is \$7,500, and that our goal

LOUISVILLE CHURCHMEN HIT GAMBLING

Louisville, Kentucky, churchmen are doing something about gambling. They have taken a cue from Senator Estes Kefauver who said: "Most of our good people who want proper law enforcement are also members of our churches. If these people do not become aroused, very little will be done in the local level."

As a matter of fact, the Louisville Council of Churches was actively concerned about the corrupting influences of organized gambling before the now famous Crime Inquiry was launched. About two years ago the Criminal Court Committee of the Louisville Council published a hard-hitting little pamphlet entitled Gambling in a Nutshell. Attention was called to the fact that "organized gambling begins by buying protection and ends by owning the local government." This publication had an immediate national response. Christian leaders in different centers were concerned with two things: (1) the facts regarding the influence of gambling in their communities (2) and more particularly, what can be done to deal with this menace. It was recognized by the church leaders in Louisville that progress was being made in obtaining facts and to some extent in arousing the Christian people to the inherent dangers in the growth of organized gambling.

However, in dealing with these inquiries, the Louisville Council found itself confronted with a bottleneck. In every instance, the outcome depended on the decisive steps which had to be taken by local officials. During recent weeks, definite progress has been made in securing effective cooperation at the level of local law enforcement. . .

The field has just been opened up and much remains to be done. However, it is possible to report to you and to many others that Louisville churchmen are beginning to do something about gambling.—Selected.

Too many fellows think they can push themselves forward by patting themselves on the back.—Earl Wilson.

English Bishop Attacks Bible

Bishop Barnes of Birmingham says, "the early chapters of Genesis that deal with the origin of the world should be thrown out of the Bible." Denying the fact of special creation, he asserted, "man was not a special creation, but has been developed from the ape. If we wish to win the confidence of our young people we must tell them the new-found truths of the origin of man."

The Bishop's science is as faulty as his theology is rotten. Science does not teach that man came from the ape—only "science falsely so called" does that. There isn't a shred of evidence for the theory of evolution—it's merely a bad guess.

Foolish men, including some bish-

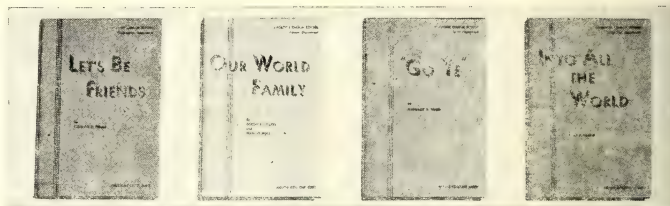
ops, will continue to shoot their popguns of unbelief at the Gibraltar of God's perfect and eternal Word. God sits in His Heaven and laughs at them (Ps. 2).

An aroused columnist said, "Let us save the Bible from meddling bishops!" That expresses a good feeling toward the Bible—but the Bible doesn't need saving; God's eternal truth can take care of itself. It has stood through the ages, and it will last in all its perfection and glory til the universe has been burned into a cinder (Matt. 24:35).

—Christian Victory

Better never to have been born at all, than never to have been "born again."

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Re "ALL ROADS LEAD TO NASHVILLE!"



This is a view of the skyline of the city of Nashville, Tennessee, city of colleges and churches, where the following great meetings of Free Will Baptists will be held during the month of July:

FOURTH NATIONWIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE CONFERENCE, 3-5

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION, 6-7

GIANT CONCLAVE OF ALL DELEGATES AND VISITORS, 8

WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION, 9-10

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, 10-12

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 1951

NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

A PASTOR WANTED

The church at Grantsboro, Pamlico County, desires the services of a good pastor for the church year of 1951-52. If you feel interested in serving this church, please communicate with E. M. Prescott, New Bern, N. C., Route 1, Box 189.

SHORT SERMON

A Massachusetts pastor was requested by several members of his congregation last summer to "make his sermon short" because the heat was simply "insufferable." So he did. When the time came for the pastor to deliver his sermon he arose and said, "I have been asked to make my sermon short. Remember, there is one place that is hotter than this," and he dismissed the congregation. No doubt they will remember that sermon a long time. The Bible warns us to flee from the wrath to come. Christ told of the place where "the fire is not quenched and their worm dieth not" (Mark 9:42-48).

The way of escape is through Christ who shed His blood for the remission of our sins. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me," John 14:6.

A STRANGE "HISTORY"

For Boys and Girls

I'm just a friendly cigarette, don't be afraid of me!
Why, all the advertisers say I'm harmless as can be!

They tell you that I'm your "best friend," (I like that cunning lie!)
And say, you'll "walk a mile" because I "satisfy."

So come on, girly, be a sport! Why loger hesitate?

With me between your pretty lips you'll be quite up-to-date.

You may not like me right at first, but very soon I'll bet,
You'll find you just can't get along without a cigarette!

You've smoked one package, so I know I've nothing now to fear;
When once I get a grip on girls they're mine for life, my dear.

Your freedom you began to lose the very day we met,
When I convinced you it was smart to smoke a cigarette!

The color's fading from your cheeks! your finger-tips are stained!
And now you'd like to give me up. But Sister, you are chained!

You even took a drink last night! I thought you would ere long.
For those whom I enslave soon lose their sense of right and wrong.

Year after year I've fettered you and led you blindly on
Till now you're just a bunch of nerves with looks and health both gone.

You're pale and thin, you have a cough—the doctors say "T. B."
They say you can't expect to live much longer, thanks to me!

But it's too late to worry now; when you became my slave
You should have known the chances were you'd fill an early grave.

And now that I have done my part to send your soul to hell,
I'll leave you with my partner, Death—he'll come for you, farewell!

—Elizabeth Hassell

Treat and Treatment

Stomach trouble had been the bane of Mike's existence for quite a while. Finally his doctor, putting him to rights, rendered a bill.

Mike stormed into the office and shoved the bill under the physician's nose.

"What's the meaning of this?" he demanded. "All along you said you were treating me."—Lural Lee

ATTENTION, PLEASE!

The names of state contestants for the Nationwide Intermediate Sword Drill, to be held at the Fourth Nationwide League Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, July 3-5, should be sent right away to Rev. C. F. Bowen, 518 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn.

Please send name and address, and contestants will receive further information.
C. F. Bowen

A man's worth is estimated in this world according to his conduct.—La Bruyere

BOOK REVIEW

FANNY CROSBY

"SINGING I GO . . ."

By Basil Miller

Publisher: Zondervan Publishing Co.
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Price: \$1.50 per copy

The author pictures, in this colorful biography, Fanny Crosby's noble spirit of love for the Christ, and her warming heart of interest in humanity. From such a fruitful life, more than 8,000 beloved hymns have come from her pen.

Every home, and each church school library would do well to have copies of this interesting volume.

"BLESSINGS OF SUFFERING"

By William Gouloozee

Publisher: Baker Book House
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Price: \$2.00 per copy

In this book the author presents comforting and helpful messages to the sick and suffering. In homes and hospitals, reformatories and sanitariums these comforting thoughts of the writer will find a welcome in the hearts of those who are confined to their bed of afflictions.

"A HARMONY and COMMENTARY on the LIFE OF ST. PAUL"

By Rev. Frank J. Goodwin

Publisher: Baker Book House
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Price: \$2.50 per copy

The author has given, in this splendid volume, excellent helps for ministers, Bible students, Sunday School teachers, and Christian workers. Students of the Bible would do well to own a copy of this good commentary on the life of St. Paul.

Make Reservations for National Meets

From more than 17 states Free Will Baptists will converge upon the city of Nashville come July 3. For the first time in the history of our national meetings, we are going to have all four meetings, The Fourth Nationwide League Conference, The National Sunday School Convention, The Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, and The National Association held at the same place running consecutively, led by the Fourth Nationwide League Conference which opens Tuesday evening, July 3, at 7:30. Each of the other meetings will follow in order.

The general theme for all four meetings, although not prearranged, is along the idea of evangelism. Surely the hand of God has directed the planning of these programs.

The theme for the Fourth Nationwide League Conference is, "The Hour Has Come" (for revival and evangelism), the theme for the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention is, "The Hour Is Come" (for evangelism and soul-winning), and the theme for the National Association is, "Evangelize Now."

The Fourth Nationwide League Conference will feature youth speakers, young ministers in our church who are on fire for God. Among them will be Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Sulphur, Oklahoma; Rev. Ronald Creech, Kenly, North Carolina; Rev. Luther Gibson, East Tupelo, Mississippi; and many others. A mass choir, composed of young people from churches in the Middle Tennessee area will feature in the singing each evening.

The National Sunday School Convention will again conduct classes for the various departments of the Sunday school. Methods of teaching, new ideas for promotion, and many other helpful suggestions will be offered.

The Woman's National Auxiliary Convention will stress the need of evangelism now. Women from many churches will be in this meeting to learn how their auxiliaries may be-

come agencies for the winning of the lost.

The program for the National Association is elaborate to say the least. The music and special singing will be under the direction of I. L. Stanley, superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Home for Children, Greeneville, Tennessee. The keynote message "What Price Evangelism in the Present World Crisis" will be brought

Tuesday evening in the opening session by the Reverend Floyd Cherry, Edgemont Church, Durham, North Carolina.

Other keynote speakers include the Rev. W. A. Hales whose subject will be "The Denomination's Part in World Wide Revival." His message will be brought at 11:00 Wednesday morning.

A special feature of the National Association will be a message brought by the Honorable William "Don" Wheeler of Georgia, Free Will Baptist Congressman in the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

The Thursday morning message will be brought by the Rev. J. R. Davidson, St. Mary's Church, New Bern, North Carolina.

Perhaps the biggest gathering of all will be on Sunday night July 8 in the War Memorial Auditorium in downtown Nashville. More than 2,000 are expected to attend this meeting. All Free Will Baptist Churches in Middle Tennessee are asked to call off their Sunday evening service and attend this meeting in a body.

A huge choir of several hundred voices will form the background for spiritual gospel singing. The speaker for this giant rally of Free Will Baptists will be our Promotional Secretary, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, of Nashville. This service alone will be worth all the expense and effort anyone may make to come to Nashville.

Other speakers on the National Association program include Rev. Ed Sunday, Stigler, Oklahoma; Rev. Orbin Doss, Kerman, California; Rev. Lewis Moulton, Glennville, Ga.; Rev. J. R. Narrow, Kinston, North Carolina; Rev. Harvey Hill, St. Louis, Mo.; and Rev. Donald Creech, Kinston, N. C. Official welcome addresses will be extended by the Honorable Ben West, Mayor of Nashville, and Rev. C. F. Bowen, President of the Nashville Pastor's Association.

Make your hotel reservations early and come to Nashville.

C. F. Bowen,
Public Relations Director

REVIVAL AT HAZEL PARK, MICHIGAN

We began our semi-annual revival meeting May 20, and closed it June third. It was the wish of the church that I conduct the meeting. God's presence was very real during this time and ten souls were added to the church. Our Vacation Bible school will begin June 18 and continue for two weeks, followed by the Annual Association of our churches in Michigan at our church. We have had our best year yet at Hazel Park and praise Him for His blessings. Our Missionary budget of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) has been exceeded. It is one of our great joys to have two members of our church serving as Missionaries in India (Dan and Trula Cronk). Also we have been able to give in our Missions Budget to the Friends of Israel and the New Testament League.

Dr. Homer E. Willis, Pastor,
First Church, Hazel Park, Mich.

Some people are like the letter between
O and Q—first in Pity and last in Help.

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TAKING MEN ALIVE by TELEVISION

In an Illinois home, a bitter quarrel was raging between a husband and wife. Eventually the husband put on his hat and coat and stormed out of the house in a blinding rage, slamming the door with such force that the windows rattled. His destination was a nearby saloon, where he intended to drown his anger in alcohol.

A few moments later the wife followed her husband, fearing for her very life, for she knew that her husband became violent under the influence of alcohol. As she stopped to look into the saloon, hoping to persuade her husband to return home before he became drunk, at first her heart sank, for the place was crowded with men, and she shrank from entering to seek her husband. But then she noticed something strange. No drinks were being served. Instead, many of the men were watching a television set at one side of the room. The program coming over was "Youth on the March," with its coast-to-coast presentation of excellent Christian music, both vocal and instrumental, and its searching Gospel message by the Rev. Percy Crawford, D. D., who is already known in countless homes throughout the land.

From Death to Life

As the program continued, that night in Illinois, the men in the saloon watched quietly and the wife waited patiently outside. When the program was over the husband came out soberly and thoughtfully and walked home with his wife. Later that same evening, he gave his heart to Christ, and the wife, who wrote Dr. Crawford about the incident, said, "Our home has been a heaven on earth ever since." Thus a wife was not only saved from what may have been physical death, but her husband also was saved from eternal death.

This incident is only one of many which show how men and women have accepted Christ as the result of seeing the "Youth on the March" program on television. During the first fifteen weeks that this first

coast-to-coast Gospel program was televised, more than 100,000 letters came in from all parts of the land and from all types of listeners. Some were from Christians who had backslidden or had grown cold and indifferent; others were from former unbelievers, who, as they listened to the program, had bowed their heads and accepted Christ; and some were from individuals driven to desperation by sin and circumstance, and who were on the point of suicide, but were arrested by the Good News that Christ had died on the Cross to redeem them from sin, and was ready to receive them and begin in them a new life of victory and blessing. After one program, during which an offer of a New Testament was made to all who, that night, would accept Christ as Saviour, more than 500 letters came in, each saying that the writer had found the One who is able to save to the uttermost.

When It All Began

Many have known Dr. Percy Crawford for many years through his radio program, "The Young People's Church of the Air." That program was begun nearly twenty years ago in Philadelphia and it grew to include 450 radio stations. It is still being broadcast every week.

"Youth on the March," the new coast-to-coast television program, was also born in Philadelphia, in October, 1949, and is now going out over twenty-two stations. The program originates in the studios of WFIL-TV, Philadelphia, Channel 6, every Sunday evening, 10:30-11:00 p. m.

The program is ably directed, and is attractively and effectively presented against a pleasing studio background which is at once arresting and conducive to a worshipful atmosphere. Many of the fine old hymns and Gospel songs and choruses are beautifully rendered, either vocally or instrumentally. Mr. Crawford's own family form no small part of the weekly program. Mrs. Crawford

(Condensed from
"The Sunday School Times")

serves as pianist and organist, and likewise arranges orchestrations and vocal numbers and trains the groups of singers. Dr. Crawford's four boys form a junior quartet and frequently sing on the program. Fifty young people, many of them from The King's College, give their time to serve in the orchestration and in the young men's and young women's choruses and in the fine "Youth on the March" quartet. These young people are all born again, and they serve gladly at no expense to the program except for car fare.

The Central Message

It takes anywhere from five to twelve hours' rehearsing and preparation each week to present the twenty-minute musical program which precedes Dr. Crawford's ten-minute, forthright, searching Gospel message. In every message man's inability to help himself and his need of a Saviour from sin are stressed, and a direct appeal is always made to accept that Saviour and to begin a new life with Him. Many are the responses to these appeals, responses which come by mail from those who, as they have sat before their television sets, have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour. While he is always glad when the messages help believers, Dr. Crawford's greatest desire is to reach the unsaved and backslidden who seldom, if ever, enter a church or willingly come under the influence of a Gospel message.

Occasionally, on the program, Dr. Crawford gives time for a testimony from a missionary from the foreign field, or from a saved young person. A number of unusual features are used each week to make the program more appealing. For example, when Dr. Crawford reads a Scripture portion in connection with his message, the television camera will swing to a Bible, open at the proper passage, and

OUR WAY OF LIFE

Editorial by Dr. O. G. Wilson in
The Wesleyan Methodist

In 1917 a million youth of these United States left home, sweethearts, native land, and personal desires behind and sailed to Europe, there to suffer, bleed and die that "Our Way of Life" might be maintained.

In 1941 another million of our youth quit colleges, gave up lucrative positions and a promising future, bade good-by to mother, to wife, to sweetheart to blister on the deserts of Africa, rot in the swamps of the Pacific Islands, and die on the beaches of Normandy that "our way of life" might be preserved.

Some of our boys will die today on the sides of mountains and in the marsh lands of Korea. They will die in a land they had no interest in, in a profession they had no stomach for, and all the while wondering why they are there. Our boys are dying

in Korea in order to maintain "our way of life."

What is our way of life? Are we to discover the answer to our inquiry from the Uniform Crime Report released by J. Edgar Hoover? Let us make an examination: Major crimes numbering 1,790,030 were committed in the United States during 1950. More persons were arrested and fingerprinted in 1950 than in any other year on record.

Hoodlums and racketeers have bought protection from our police while they gorged their greedy souls on funds filched from the public treasury. Is this the way of life we are attempting to maintain? Dope peddlers are exploiting our children in our schools and on the streets of our cities. Are our boys dying to make this country safe for dope peddlers?

Bars and taverns are crowded from early evening until one to three o'clock in the morning, not with bums, pimps and gamblers, but with mothers, high school boys and girls who, enflamed with hard liquor and lewd television shows, go out to commit unmentionable wickedness. Are our boys dying in Korea to maintain this way of life?

It is not good business to quarrel over a barrel of rotten apples. Unless America can clean up her politics, restrain vicious wickedness, outlaw the greedy dispenser of liquor, and return to the way of righteousness, our way of life is not worth dying for.

Noble military men are not dying in the mountains of Korea in order that you and I may live in security next door to Sodom. These men are not giving their lives to preserve a way of life that stems from the gutter and the brothel. The only way of life worth preserving is the way of honesty, purity, freedom and godliness.

We need the voice of a Jeremiah calling the Nation to repentance. We need the trumpet blasts of an Amos announcing the judgments and wrath of God against corruption, greed and lascivious wickedness. Unless we can cut from the body politic the cancer of corruption our way of life is not worth fighting for. Unless we can throttle crime, break affinity with the liquor traffic, and put a stop to the underworld racketeers it will be only a few years until all that is noble and worthy in our way of life will be but a memory.

We need to get down on our knees and ask God to forgive us for our willful indolence, and pledge our loyalty to truth and right living. Protest loudly! Speak out boldly. Cry out against crime! Expose corruption! "Lest God's fury break out like fire and there be none to quench it!"

—Civic Bulletin

CHARTERED BUS TO NASHVILLE FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

By Mrs. Alma H. Weatherford

All Leaguers wishing to travel by chartered bus to the Fourth Nationwide League Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, in July, should write at once to Rev. Paul J. Ketteiman, Pamplico, S. C., and inclose a seat-reservation fee of five dollars. After reserving this seat on the bus, should circumstances prevent your going, this fee will be refunded if request for cancellation reaches Mr. Ketteiman not later than Saturday, June 23.

The bus, a Greyhound air-conditioned model with all new equipment, will leave the Florence, S. C. Bus Terminal at 4 a. m. Monday, July 2, and arrive in Nashville around eight p. m. that night. Due to this hour of arrival, it will be necessary for each person to contact Nashville for reservation of a room. To do this, one should write Rev. L. C. Johnson, Hospitality Chairman, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, for details—immediately!

We will leave Nashville for the return trip immediately after the last meeting Thursday, about 10 p. m. July 5th, to arrive in Florence about 2 p. m. Friday, the 6th.

The round-trip bus fare for this glorious, inspiring trip will be \$15.36 per person (the \$5.00 seat-reservation fee is not extra of this, but is included in it.) The expenses in Nashville will depend upon the place you stay and the taste of the individual.

a pointing finger will follow along with the words which are read, thus emphasizing that it is the Word of God which is speaking through the messenger. Sometimes when an unfamiliar chorus or Gospel hymn is used, the words of the hymn will appear superimposed upon the singing chorus, and thus those who are listening are able to join in the singing.

A full-time clerical staff of ten persons is needed to handle the huge mail response to the program. From the actual letters received the American Broadcasting Company estimates that from eight to ten million persons see and hear the program every Sunday evening, and that at times this number may be as large as fifteen million.

As may be expected, a television program of the coast-to-coast scope of "Youth on the March" is expensive. Every week, \$7,000 is needed to buy time on the television network, and \$1,500 additional is needed for the radio ministry of "The Young People's Church of the Air." Both of these programs are works of faith and are supported entirely by the prayers and freewill offerings of God's people.

Will you not also pray regularly and give liberally so that this Christ-honoring and Gospel ministry may continue to reach into homes, tap-rooms, dance halls and clubs all over our land, taking men alive for Jesus? Liquor and tobacco interest already are coveting the choice time which is now enjoyed by "Youth on the March." Surely God's people by their prayers and their gifts will see to it that such enemies of men's souls are not able to snatch away this witness to God's saving power.

The Sunday School Times
323-327 N. 13th St.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The best way to have patience with others, "not only to the good and gentle, but also to the forward," is to have a thorough knowledge of ourselves, our own follies and sins of the past, our present infirmities and imperfect characters, with that perfect charity which "seeketh not her own," "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."—The P. H. Advocate.

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YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

ABOUT THE FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Who owns the Free Will Baptist Bible College?

It is owned by the National Association of Free Will Baptists of America.

Is there a Board of Trustees who makes the policies of the Institution?

Yes, there is a Board of Trustees composed of eleven members.

By whom are the Trustees elected?

By the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

What kind of school is Free Will Baptist Bible College?

It is just what the name implies—a Bible College. The greater emphasis in our curriculum is put on Bible.

Does this mean that nothing is studied except the Bible?

By no means, we offer many liberal arts subjects. The Bible is related to every other field of study and we try to see it in its relationship to as many of these fields of study as possible.

How does the Bible College differ from the Bible Institute?

More of the liberal arts subjects are included in the Bible College curriculum than are included in the Bible Institut curriculum.

How does the Bible College differ from the regular liberal arts college?

In that its major emphasis is on Bible and those subjects specifically related to the study of the Bible.

Why do we maintain a denominational school?

Primarily to train Christian workers for the Free Will Baptist Denomination. We cannot expect state schools and other church schools to train workers for the Free Will Baptist Church. Almost every church group maintains its own educational institutions.

What is the purpose of Free Will Baptist Bible College?

"Free Will Baptist Bible College is devoted to the promotion and impartation of higher Biblical education and such other education, instruction, and training as may be deemed essential to the equipment of Christian workers, teachers, ministers; and missionaries of both sexes for Christian service."—Charter.

Who may attend Free Will Baptist Bible College?

Any young man or woman interested in receiving a Christian education.

Is the Bible College intended primarily for ministers and missionaries?

Not necessarily. Of course, the largest single group in the student body is made up of ministers; but many who

are not going to be ministers or missionaries also come.

What benefits would I derive from attending Free Will Baptist Bible College?

The same that anyone would receive who learned to make his life Christ-centered. For instance, if you were going to be a teacher, at the Free Will Baptist Bible College you would learn how to be a Christian teacher.

What kind of degrees does Free Will Baptist Bible College offer?

A Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible.

Will my degree from Free Will Baptist Bible College be recognized by other schools?

It all depends on what kind of school you might transfer to. If you transferred to a school with the same emphasis as our school, we could assure you that much, if not all, your work from Free Will Baptist Bible College would be accepted. If you transferred to some school that gave no emphasis to the Bible then you would lose much of your credits.

Are there any accredited liberal arts colleges that accept the work done at Free Will Baptist Bible College at face value?

Yes. Free will Baptist College is fortunate to have such connections.

Is Free Will Baptist College approved for Veterans training?

Yes.

Is Free Will Baptist Bible College a member of any accrediting association?

Not at present.

Are there any plans to become a member?

Yes, as soon as we are of age. We definitely plan to apply for membership in the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges and Bible Institutes.

Do you have hopes of being accepted?

Yes, we have good hopes that we will be able to meet their requirements.

Is the Bible College endowed?

No.

What is the means of support?

From students' fees and gifts.

Does the income from students take care of the operating costs?

No.

What percentage of the cost is borne by the students?

The students pay about \$1.50 to every \$1.00 received by free will offerings.

Where does the remaining support come from?

From free will offerings.

What are some plans whereby individuals or groups might support?

Some churches have put the College in their budget and send a check every month or every quarter at their convenience. The college also receives regular support from Ladies Auxiliaries, Sunday Schools, and Leagues. Many individuals send regular monthly gifts.

How much money does the school spend per year?

At present it is taking approximately \$60,000 per year.

Is this adequate?

No. This must be increased as the school grows. Our income should be in the neighborhood of \$75,000 per year to adequately care for our needs.

How will this increase be met?

As our people increase their gifts to the school.

How much money does it take per year to attend the Bible College?

The cost to the student is approximately \$500. All above this will depend on the spending habits of the student.

What are the possibilities of earning part of one's expenses while in school?

Good. Many of our students have done this through the years.

Does the school have any apartments for married students?

No. The college offers assistance to married students in helping locate living quarters.

How do you enroll in the Bible College?

Write to the Registrar for an application blank and instructions will be given from there on.

Do you have to have a high school diploma to enroll?

It is not absolutely necessary. We do take a small percentage of students who do not have high school education.

If one is training for definite Christian work is he exempt from the draft?

Yes.

What percentage of the students are girls?

The ratio is about 1 girl to 3 boys.

Should I go to the Bible College.

This question must be determined by you. Anyone desiring to make his life count for Christ should seriously consider attending Free Will Baptist Bible College.

For further information write:

Registrar,
Free Will Baptist Bible College
3609 Richland Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

GREAT INTEREST BEING SHOWN IN THE FLORENCE, S. C. REVIVAL

South Carolina Free Will Baptists are showing great interest in the Florence revival which began June 4. Great crowds of people are crowding the tent each night. The people of the city are taking great interest in the good music and the gospel messages. The Reverend Charles Thigpen of the F. W. B. Bible college, Nashville, Tennessee, is the evangelist. The tent, 40 by 90 feet, can scarcely hold the people each night, we are told.

The Free Will Baptist leaders are giving two radio broadcasts over station WJMX each day in Florence. This is the first attempt that Free Will Baptists have put forth to hold an evangelistic campaign in Florence for the purpose of establishing a church there. It is expected that, by the time the meeting shall come to a close on Sunday, June 17, sufficient interest will justify the organizing a church in the city, and that efforts will be made to purchase property for the church site.

The Reverend Bullard of Darlington, South Carolina, and other Free Will Baptist ministers of that section of the state are taking a leading part in this evangelistic campaign. May the good people pray much that a church will be organized in Florence, and that great success may be shown during the coming months for Free Will Baptists in that city.

REVEREND BRUCE BARROW GIVEN INVITATION TO WASHINGTON

The Federal Civil Defense Administration invited Brother Bruce Barrow to be present for the "Conference of Religious Leaders in Civil Defense" which convened in Washington, D. C., on July 13. Denominations of different faiths, namely: Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and others constituted the Civil Defense assemblage for this gathering to take part in its proceedings.

Brother Barrow is the Moderator of the Free Will Baptist National Association, and is active in both the State and National work of Free Will Baptists in the U. S. A. It is expected that he will be able to give a good report of the proceedings of the Washington Civil Defense meeting when our National Association convenes in July in the city of Nashville, Tennessee.

CHURCH REPORTERS

Since more interest is being shown in a number of the churches concerning their various activities being published in the Baptist paper from time to time, it is becoming known that a goodly number of these churches

have named or elected reporters. This is a step in the right direction, but we would like to offer some suggestions here in connection with this service that is being rendered for the good of the Baptist readers.

We feel that local church activities of special importance should be written with the view of presenting our readers with interesting and informative matters. Moreover, the church editor, or reporter, should possess capabilities especially adapted to writing messages, or news for our church paper. If each church will elect someone most capable for this work, and have the reports of progress and new achievements mailed to us from time to time, we feel that a greater interest will be taken among our church people in reading the paper. Oftentimes, we receive reports that are inadequate, and therefore do not give as full details as should be given to such worthwhile achievements performed by the said churches, Sunday Schools, Young People's Leagues and the like.

Editors of church papers can publish for the church people to read only the matters that are sent to them by reporters. It behooves, therefore, each church to elect the proper editor or reporter from their midst for this important duty. If this is done in the future by a great many churches, then we will be receiving month after month distinctively improved manuscripts of outstanding events in the way of church improvements and interesting news from their reporters. Most churches, for example, seek to employ competent carpenters when they get ready to make improvements in their church buildings. This is likewise true when they are seeking a new pastor, or an educational director for their Sunday School work. Certainly, they want the best persons for their Sunday School teachers. With the same line of reasoning, they should elect the best person possible as their church Editor.

RECEIVING MANY VISITORS

During the past several days we have had many visitors at the Press. They came to make purchases of Daily Vacation Bible School literature for their churches. Car loads from various churches in this section of the State have been coming, and selecting the kind of literature they want for their Bible classes in their week of study at their churches.

Other visitors have been dropping by to look the Press over and to see what we have here as a publishing house for the denomination. The Reverend Wesley Calvery and his wife of Waco, Texas, came by and spent some time for a lookover of the Press and its various publications. They are holding a revival meeting at this time in the Sandy Plain Church near Beulaville, North Carolina.

REVIVAL ENDS AT SOUND VIEW

Rev. Wade Calvert of North Belmont, N. C., successfully completed a ten-day revival meeting at Sound View F. W. B. Church, Newport, N. C., May 30, 1951. His sermons were inspirational from the very beginning. Seven persons were accepted as candidates for baptism. Three came, and were accepted, by letter, and several re-dedicated their lives to the Lord.

Bro. Calvert had so endeared himself to everyone that it was with regretful hearts we let him go. He has promised, with the help of the Lord, to be with us again next May.

During our revival we were fortunate to have with us our good pastor, Rev. Russell Milliard. He has served us faithfully almost two years, and has been elected to serve us another year.

Also visiting with us, part time, were: Rev. Sam Kennedy of Beulaville, N. C., Rev. Thurman Smith of Morehead City, N. C., Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Hamilton of Fountain, N. C., and many others, too numerous to mention. We want you to know that you were more than welcome, and we extend to you an invitation to visit with us in our church and our homes anytime you can and will.

Your sister in the Lord,
Mrs. Bessie Pelletier,
Newport, N. C.

NOTICE

The church at Smith's New Home will observe a Home-Coming service the fourth Sunday in June, which is the 24th.

All former pastors and former members are invited to come and worship with us on that day. There will be a spread dinner at the church.

The public is invited to come and be with us.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, *Pastor*
Mrs. J. J. Blizard, *Clerk*

The Board of Absentees

We are the Board of Absentees;
We attend our church just as we please;
We judge it will run of itself, you know
And Sundays, we're just too tired to go!

We are the Board of Absentees;
At business meetings our chance we seize
To tell exactly how things shall be run,
But we lift not a finger to get them done.

We are the Board of Absentees;
Men and women of all degrees;
"Shall we give up the church? O, never,
never!

"Shall we go today? well, scarcely ever!"

We look for a world far better than this,
A world of peace and of moderate bliss,
A day of right through the Seven Seas
But just now we're the Board of Absentees!



EVERETTE'S CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

A SHINING EXAMPLE OF PROGRESS FOR THE LORD

Everette's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, founded by the late Billy Everette many years ago, began the year 1950 with 38 members of which about 15 were active; but, in answer to earnest prayers, God sent the right man with the right message to start a revival on February the 13th. It was obvious from the first night that Rev. Wade Calvert of Belmont, N. C., was God's answer to their prayers, because four souls were saved the very first night. That was only the beginning of the blessings to come, for in 12 nights eighty-nine souls were saved, and fifty-one new members were added to the church.

With the new blood and good leadership added to the church, the old building which was twenty by thirty feet, with two Sunday School rooms, has been expanded into a building with an auditorium twenty-four by fifty-seven feet and five Sunday School rooms.

This building was started in April and built by the members in their spare time and the dedication service was held on the fifth Sunday in July with an overflowing crowd. Then, on the 18th of September, Rev. Wade Calvert came back and held a two weeks' revival; and, although the blessings were not as great, we had a good revival with twenty-five conversions and seven new members added to our membership roll, and these with four others added between the two revivals we now have a membership of one hundred.

Many wonderful things have been accomplished here under the able leadership of God fearing men and the Rev. Wiley Ferrell.



WILEY FERRELL
Pastor Everette's Chapel

We are now in the process of installing a gas heating system, and including the cost of this, we are in debt only about fifteen hundred dollars. We are now paying for all of these accomplishments by a free will offering every Sunday morning at the close of Sunday School.

Many things can be accomplished with God's help, so let all of us Christians press on for our Lord.

Dewey C. Boling,
Clayton, N. C.

REV. WADE CALVERT, *Evangelist*, BELMONT, NORTH CAROLINA

Wedding Bell Wisdom

Wise is the bride who knows the value of thrift.

It's a happier couple that is determined to live on last month's income instead of next month's.

A long-fostered bank account is a big help in buying or building and furnishing a home.

It's easy to contract debt; hard to expand income.

"The lucky man" is expected to be or to become a prosperous and successful man.

When emergencies arise, ready money in a bank account is a wonderfully welcome guest.

A pleasant surprise for a husband is a bank account built up of money he thought was spent.

Starting married life on a shoestring soon necessitates a lot of belt tightening.

If a bride is smart, she doesn't stop making over him nor start making him over.

Well-to-Do Citizen

"See that man across the street? That's So-and-So. He's one of the leaders around here."

Such remarks are heard every day about one prominent citizen or another.

If So-and-So happens to overhear the compliment, he throws back his shoulders and goes around feeling fine the rest of the day.

Any one likes to be well and favorably known but how does a person get that kind of recognition?

He gets it by years of hard work, steady habits, keeping his word, associating with respectable people, saving money regularly, established and safeguarding his credit, investing his surplus funds wisely.

This is not altogether an easy path, yet in the long route of life it is easier and better than any other, and a person's standing is improved every day he follows it.

Reynolds To Be Pastor Of Free Will Baptists

The Rev. Walter Reynolds has accepted the pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro, a post left vacant with the resignation of the Rev. Rashie Kennedy effective February 26.

Mr. Reynolds graduated with an A. B. degree, this month, from Free Will Baptist Bible college in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mrs. Reynolds is the former Miss Evelyn Furlough and they have two children, Sammy, 3½ years old; and Judy, 19 months old. Mr. Reynolds is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Reynolds of Columbia, N. C.

The new pastor entered the Bible College shortly after receiving his discharge from the armed forces.

The program planned for the church for the first weeks of Mr. Reynolds' pastorate will include the Bible school. On Monday, June 25, a series of services will be held by the pastor through July 7.

The committee which secured the new pastor was composed of George Malpass, the church clerk, Melvin Jackson and E. R. Campbell.—*Goldsboro News Argus*

REVIVAL

The fall revival for Long Ridge Free Will Baptist Church in Duplin County, N. C., will begin the third Sunday night in September, 1951. Services for the week following will be conducted by Rev. W. H. Calvert of Belmont, N. C.

Mrs. Jonas Dail,
*Corresponding Secretary for
Pulpit Committee*

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I was ordained to the Gospel Ministry on March 30, 1951, at Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist Church. I am available for pastoral services for another year, and any church interested in securing my services is requested to communicate with me at the following address:

Rev. Roland C. Cherry
305 Watts Street,
Williamston, N. C.
Telephone No. 30084

NOTICE!

This is to announce the change of my address from 204 Lyon Street, Durham, North Carolina, to my new address: Rev. Paul R. Williams 1208 Franklin Street, Durham, N. C. Telephone No. 91887.

If any church desires my services over the week-end, we will be glad to accommodate you.

I am yours for Christian service,
Rev. Paul R. Williams

THE COMFORT OF PRAYER IN TIMES OF DISTRESS

J. Charles Stern

Through the ages multitudes of God's people have found comfort in times of stress through communion with their heavenly Father. There is a reason for this. Our Lord and Master stilled His spirit and found poise and power in such communion and, "As He is so are we in the world."

May I suggest three reasons why prayer brings comfort in a time of stress: first, prayer brings the comfort of a Presence. When we pray we turn from the turmoil and stress of earthly influence to the realization of the presence of One "Who sitteth King above the flood." The knowledge or reminder of God's presence in the affairs of men, over ruling both in our individual lives and in the affairs of nations gives a true perspective to thought and vision. This calms and comforts by the assurance of our personal relationship to the Omnipotent God. Nor is this comfort merely that of our "feeling His presence." Prayer brings us back to the fact of His presence which assurance in turn brings peace. His presence brings reminder of His promises given in times of His people's stress thru the ages. What a great word is that promise of His "Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me" (Ps. 50: 15).

But again, prayer gives the comfort of power. The stress and strain of life so often brings a sense of futility and helplessness. When we pray we realize contact with Almightiness. "Let him take hold of my strength" (Isa. 27:5). Prayer enables us to rest our helplessness upon the Omnipotent One. We speak to our Heavenly Father and that of which we speak is brought into the realm of almighty love giving to our hearts the assurance of His personal interest in the need which we present to Him. Prayer breaks through and

breaks down the power of spiritual forces of evil directed against us and releases spiritual power in operating against them. "For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

The comfort of a realization of the power of God to meet such foes comes to us through prayer in which we take hold upon the power of God. Someone has said that, "Peace is the conscious possession of adequate resources." If this is so then prayer will indeed bring comfort to the heart which is stayed upon the God of power who has decreed that the channel of His power for His people shall be by means of dependence and faith realized through prayer.

Once again: through prayer comes the comfort of peace.

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest;
Finding as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

When we pray we are lifted from the environment of present stress into the place of enthroned peace, the presence of God, whose peace is perfect. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee." What comfort there is for the troubled soul in communion with the God whose way is peace. We live in a troubled world. All around is stress and strain, but prayer brings us into the realm of the power of God where His peace prevails, and so our peace is assured.

Some years ago the following appeared in a letter to the editor of a well-known religious journal under the heading, "The Weather and the Tides." The writer said "Tides are

the result of a mighty all-pervading cosmic force so beneficent in its working that it—preserves the stars from wrong, whereas storms are merely local and intermittent disturbances that owe their virulence or impressiveness or it may be grandeur, to their noise and nearness, but can affect the tides as little as they can delay the rotation of the earth. In the same way not all the blustering storms and icy blasts of winter can prevail against the rose bush putting forth in summer its glorious blooms. So God's purpose for His people cannot be thwarted by the fumings and frettings and machinations of men."

The secret of peace is given in Philippians 4:6, 7. "Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep (garrison) your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." So the comfort of His Presence, the comfort of His power and the comfort of His peace—each is brought to us through the channel of prayer. May we each know the comfort of prayer in these days of stress through faithful and constant communion with our heavenly Father.

But prayer has not always been the comfort that it is meant to be. Why is this? Sometimes because those who turn to God in a time of stress are turning to One who is a complete stranger to them. His will has never been consulted in their plans; His Word has not had any place in their knowledge; His commands have no place in their thoughts. Such can have no assurance nor confidence when they pray, for His Word tells us "Whatever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments to do those things which are pleasing in His sight" (I John 3:22).

Nevertheless, when the believing child of God turns to his heavenly Father in prayer he discovers the comfort of One who is the "God of all comfort." The child of God who prays will come out from the presence of God with the peace of God giving him poise and power to meet the stress of the present days. We shall

then be able to "comfort them which are in trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God" (I Cor. 1:4).

Let us gather from His presence in prayer the comfort that will enable us to go in the strength of the Lord our God—and in going to take others into His presence and power too.

The Evangelical Christian
66 Temperance St.
Toronto, Ont., Can.

Quick Passage

In the olden days, when whaling voyages often lasted five, seven or even ten years, the mate of a whaling boat about to leave port tapped the veteran skipper on the shoulder and said:

"Sorry, Captain, but your wife is crying her eyes out on the dock."

"What's the matter with her?" asked the captain.

"She says you didn't kiss her goodbye."

"Well," snorted the captain, "I'm not expecting to be gone longer than two years."

"Did he take his misfortune like a man?"
"Precisely. He laid the blame on his wife."

My Favorite Book

When day is over, prayers are said,
And I am tucked in bed,
I smile real softly to myself,
For I know what's ahead!

Yes! Here comes Daddy with the Book,
And, with his nice slow smile,
He draws his chair close to my bed
And talks with me a while.

Then while I watch the shadow-shapes
In ev'ry half-dark nook,
My daddy reads my fav'rite tales
From out my fav-rite Book.

There's one of Daniel, oh, so brave;
And Samuel, who, like me,
Was small, and yet he did his best,
And helped so cheerfully.

I like the David stories, too,
Which Daddy reads to me;
And Joseph—he's the kind of man
I think I'd like to be!

"Now—Daddy—please," I always ask,
"The one I like the best."
And so of Jesus, Daddy reads
Just as I go to rest.

The stories done, I close my eyes,
And soon off goes the light.
I'm all alone; but Jesus seems
Close to me all the night.

—Unknown

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor
MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

801 Pollock Street
New Bern, N. C.

Attention! All District and Local Fifth Vice- Presidents

We are happy to announce that our Albemarle Cottage at the Middlesex Orphanage will be completed and ready for the furnishings by July 1st.

We wish to congratulate the small and faithful Albemarle District for the challenge they are giving our Free Will Baptist people.

They have twenty churches in their district. Through their untiring efforts they have financed the building of this nice and up-to-date building, which surely stands out as a job well done.

In our State Executive Committee meeting on May 30, Mrs. J. C. Moye, State President, and Mrs. H. L. Spivey, State 5th Vice-President, were instructed, with the suggestions and approval of our Orphanage Superintendent, Mr. Walter McD. Croom, to purchase the drapes and window furnishings. We can buy cheaper in larger quantities. Our rooms do not have the save number of windows you would not know how to match.

Therefore the S O S call is being sent to each and everyone, and as our time is short please assume the responsibility in helping us at once.

Please present this information to each individual, and also to your auxiliary:

The desired plan is to send all money you can raise for this purpose direct to Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Maury, N. C. Then we can place the order for the drapes. *These materials as hard to get and it takes time; so, by all means, don't put this important matter off. Contact your people as soon as you read this article. The need is urgent.*

We appreciate your interest and co-operation you have given and are giving. We are sure we can depend on YOU.

Yours for the Cause of Christ,

Mrs. H. L. Spivey,

Maury, North Carolina

ANNOUNCEMENT

I will be available to serve as pastor for the next year. If you are interested in securing my services, please contact me at the address below:

Rev. Clarence J. Little,
Route 1, Box 247,
Greenville, N. C.

If thou wouldst be borne with, bear with others.—Fuller

ITINERARY FOR FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE CONCERT CLASS MIDDLESEX, N. C.

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager
(All services will be at 8:00 p. m.)

TOE RIVER ASSOCIATION . . .

Tuesday, June 5, Miller's Chapel

JACK'S CREEK ASSOCIATION . . .

Wednesday, June 6, Pilgrim's Chapel

Thursday, June 7, Low Gap

Friday, June 8, Pensacola

TOE RIVER ASSOCIATION . . .

Saturday, June 9, Riverview-Erwin, Tenn.

Sunday, June 10, Trinity, Erwin, Tenn.

JACK'S CREEK ASSOCIATION . . .

Monday, June 11, Ernestville, Erwin, Tenn.

FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION . . .

Tuesday, June 12, Barnardsville

Wednesday, June 13, Ray's Chapel

Thursday, June 14, Red Hill

Friday, June 15, Fugate

Saturday, June 16, Walnut

Sunday, June 17, Asheville

Monday, June 18, Canton

Tuesday, June 19, Hyatt's Creek

Wednesday, June 20, Rocky Branch

Chartered Bus to The National Association

Dothan, Alabama, to Nashville, Tenn.

Ten Dollars Round Trip

We have arranged to charter an air-conditioned Greyhound Bus to the National Association which is to be in Nashville, Tennessee, in July.

The bus will leave from Dothan, Alabama, and the regular fare for the round trip, from Dothan to Nashville, is \$15.99. But the amount for each person on the chartered bus will be less than \$10.

Anyone in south Alabama, south Georgia, or Florida interested in going on this bus, please write to Chester A. Huckaby, Route 2, Chipley, Florida. Mail your money, (\$10.00), check, or money order to Wayne Hicks, Sneads, Florida, not later than June 15. If for any reason we do not get the 37 persons to make the trip on this bus, your money will be refunded to you.

Your brother in Christ,
Chester A. Huckaby



THE CHURCH UNDER PERSECUTION

(Lesson for June 24)

LESSON: I Peter 5:6-11; Revelation 1:9-11; 7:9-14.

GOLDEN TEXT: Revelation 2:11.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

Before discussing our Scripture Text, we will state briefly for clearness that Peter's First Epistle, written to the Christians of Asia Minor, threats or bears upon, in the first four chapters, suffering for the gospel's sake, the believer's life as a witness for Christ, and the vicarious suffering of our Lord. In these verses Peter stressed the need of patience, zealous works for Christ, and an untiring faith in preaching the Word. Due to great persecutions from strict Jews and lax Gentiles, those Christians of the seven churches of Asia Minor needed encouragement.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. The virtue of humility is almost unknown among men, even among Christians, but it is of great value in the sight of God (I Peter 5:6).

2. Learning to cast our care upon the Lord belongs to victorious Christian living (vs. 7).

3. Although the devil often appears as a roaring lion, it is yet necessary to be on the alert if we would resist him successfully (vs. 8).

4. The fact that all Christians are attacked by the devil should be an encouragement to us to resist him (vs. 9).

5. Victory is possible because the God of all grace is ready to stablish, strengthen, and settle us (vs. 10).

6. Men may banish from their presence our testimony, but they can never separate us from the presence of Christ (Rev. 1:9, 10).

7. It does not matter where we are so long as the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the One who lives and was dead is with us (vs. 11).

8. If the redeemed out of the Great Tribulation are an innumerable multitude, how great must the entire number of them be? (7:9).

9. The eternal praise of God is the most delightful exercise in which the redeemed souls of men can engage (vs. 10).

10. The white robes of the redeemed indicate their purity, the palms their victory. But their purity came through the Blood of the Lamb (vss. 13, 14).—Selected.

11. The term "sober" as used here is not limited in meaning to the sense of freedom from alcoholic influences, but it also includes calmness, coolness of temper, thoughtfulness, seriousness, and self-restraint to the extent of the requirement of the occasion. The term vigilant indicates careful watchfulness. The fact that Satan is busy as the enemy and destroyer of men makes it necessary for us to be careful, sober, and watchful. Satan is likened to a hungry lion, roaring as he goes about in quest of prey. (vss. 8, 9)—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. The Great Tribulation is a period of time when the devil shall have a freer hand than he has ever had on earth. He is now the god of this world, and at that time he will have someone to represent him as such and to receive worship from men. It will be necessary to wear his mark on the forehead or on the hand in order to be able to buy or sell anything in those days. And failure to worship him will be punished with death. It will be very difficult to refuse obedience, and yet the number of those resisting him is described in the Scriptures as "a great multitude, which no man could number." And these will come from all nations, and kindreds, and people and tongues. Their presence gives proof of the power to overcome under the most difficult circumstances.—Selected.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

God Takes Care of His Own

Luther was one day walking with his brother, when a violent storm of thunder and lightning overtook him; his brother was killed on the spot, and the future reformer spared. Bun-

yan enlisted as a soldier, but when the time to leave home came, he got some person to go for him as his substitute; the man was shot, and Bunyan spared. Doddridge, when born, was so weakly an infant that it was thought he was dead; but a nurse, standing by, fancied she saw some symptoms of life, and the feeble spark was saved from being extinguished. Wesley when a child was only just preserved from fire; almost the moment he was rescued the roof of the house fell in. Philip Henry had a similar escape. Dr. Adam Clark when a boy was narrowly recovered from being drowned. Chas. of Balk put his saddle-bags into a wrong boat, as he thought; but the boat in which he intended to go was lost and every hand drowned. The originator of the Bible Society was preserved.—Selected.

A Courageous Believer

A Japanese of much influence became a Christian. He was openly attacked with violence and his name was placarded everywhere as "Tsuchida, the Christian traitor," because he had abandoned his ancestral faith. When asked how such advertising affected him, he replied that he never saw his name coupled with that of his Lord but he felt himself most unworthy of the honor; but if his neighbors had seen anything in him to suggest that those names should go together, he could only rejoice, and thank God he had been permitted to bear the testimony. Would that all those who profess Christ had a like perception of the honor which is theirs in bearing his name!—N. B. Newell, adapted.—Arnold's Commentary.

Announcement

Friends, this is to let you know that I am available for pastoral duty on First, Second, and Third Sundays for another year. If you would like to get in touch with me, please use the address below.

Rev. Graham Baker
601 E. 9th Street
Greenville, North Carolina

"Does your wife let you have your own way?"

"Yes, but quite frequently I have to change my mind about what I want."

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

FOUR PENNIES FOR HIM

LUCILE RIDGE

Diana was on her way to Sunday School, feeling very happy. She wore the new red coat she had received for her birthday. In her new red purse was a bright, shiny fifty-cent piece. It was her birthday offering for Sunday School. Diana had saved the pennies herself and that very morning her father had given her the half-dollar in exchange for them.

Each member of her class gave a birthday offering every year. The offerings were "Thank Yous" to Jesus for all the blessings they had received from Him throughout the year.

Diana had more to be thankful for than many of her classmates. Her heart was singing a little song as she skipped along thinking how glad she was to give Him the offering she had saved.

As she went by the fruit shop Diana saw a girl staring into the window filled with delicious fruit. The girl was pale and thin, she wore a shabby, little sweater and her head was bare. Diana felt very sorry for her shivering there in the cold. As she passed by, the girl turned from the window, there were tears in her eyes.

Diana stopped. "What are you crying for?" she asked gently. The girl only shook her head and began to sob. "Please tell me, I want to help you," Diana urged.

Finally the girl stopped crying and held out her hand. In it were four brown pennies. "They're all I have," she said sadly, "and tomorrow is Mother's birthday—an' she's sick. I wanted to buy some grapes. Mother said she believed she could get well if she had some grapes, but these few pennies won't buy any," she added looking at the pennies with tears in her eyes.

Diana looked at the girl, then at the clusters of luscious grapes in the window. She thought of the shining piece of money in her red purse. It surely would buy a big cluster of those delicious grapes for the girl's sick mother. But it was her birthday offering. Diana hesitated, but only for a moment. Then quickly she opened her red purse, and taking out the money, pressed it into the other child's hand. "Here," she said, "you can get a beautiful big bunch for this. Now early Monday morning you can come to the store and get them."

The girl looked at Diana through tears. "You're very good," she said. "I'll take your money if you'll take mine," she added, and she thrust the four pennies into Diana's hand.

Diana ran down the street toward the church. When she got there she began to feel ashamed of the four little brown pennies that were all she had to give. "It's too little for a birthday offering," she said to herself. The more she thought of it, the worse she felt. By the time she reached her classroom door, Diana was about to cry, she had given away her "Thank You" to Jesus—now she had only four pennies for Him. He would think she did not love Him.

She stood outside the door for a long time. She was standing there when Miss Field, her teacher, opened the door and saw her.

"Why, Diana, what is the matter?" she asked.

Slowly, Diana raised a puzzled face to Miss Field. Then she told of meeting the girl in front of the fruit shop.

"I wanted the sick lady to have the grapes. Now I have only the four pennies to give Him for all the blessings He has given me last year," Diana said.

"Why, dear child!" said Miss Field, "you gave Him the gift He loves best of all. Do you remember where it says in His Book, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me'? I think you made Jesus very happy by what you did."

Diana studied a moment, then a bright smile chased away her tears.

"Oh, Miss Field, I never thought of that. I'm so glad I gave her my Thank You money!"—*The Junior's Friend.*

A SHARP TONGUE

"Where is my knife?" demanded Phil Withers, as he got up to go home after an hour's play with the Weeden boys.

"You must have it—it isn't here," Joe said, while Arthur hunted through the things they had used in making kites.

Phil was sure his knife was there. Joe insisted it wasn't and hot words began to fly. Finally Mrs. Weeden called them in.

"Maybe the knife will turn up," she said. "Can't you come over after supper with your father and mother and hear Miss Helen sing?"

Phil nodded crossly and took his departure, while Arthur went off with the paste pot, and Joe gathered up paper and string.

And there, tucked away under a sticky sheet, was Phil's knife! Joe flushed. He hated to admit he had been mistaken, and, slipping the knife into his pocket, he determined to find a way of returning it to Phil "unbeknownst."

After supper his mother sent him to turn on the lights in the parlor. A neighbor,

just back from study abroad, was coming in to sing for them. Joe opened the piano and ran his hands over the keys. Suddenly he smiled, lifted the lid off the "grand," and slid Phil's knife gently across the strings.

"I'll hide it here until I can slip it back to him," he decided, and ran off to watch for the company.

Presently the parlor was full of neighbors, and the young singer took her seat, struck her chord and began to sing.

But stop! What a queer, discordant sound that was from the piano! She paused, looked puzzled, and then leaned forward and lifted the lid.

"Somebody's chosen a queer place to hide a knife!" she laughed, with a look at the boys, "but it's sharp little tongue has spoken and betrayed the hiding place!"

"That's my knife!" cried Phil, "I knew it was over here, but I don't see how it ever got into the piano!"

Joe turned hot and then cold, but he had to tell the truth, and he came out with it manfully.

"I was 'shamed when I found it, 'cause I'd said so hard it wasn't there, and I meant to slip it back to Phil when he wasn't looking."

The older people laughed and thought it was a good joke on Joe, but at bedtime Arthur asked him a question:

"Say, Joe, what do you reckon made that knife do so funny in the piano?"

"Don't know," answered the little brother, "unless it was to show me I mustn't hide people's things any more. That's the last time I'm going to let a knife tell on me!"—*Sel.*

THE GUN BACKFIRED

By Kenneth Churchill, Shanghai, Kiangsu

"You must make the choice," the doctor urged a young military officer. "I cannot save both the mother and the baby. You must tell me which life is to be spared."

The officer said he must save both lives, for he could not make a choice. The doctor repeated his ultimatum, and the officer continued to hesitate. A nurse on duty, being a Christian, said she knew of One who could save both the baby and the mother. She asked the officer to kneel down and give himself and his wife and baby to Jesus Christ.

The father eagerly took this suggestion, and together they knelt down and prayed. As they prayed, the crisis passed, and both mother and baby lived. The officer accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour and began to witness strongly before his men and fellow officers. He refused to be silenced or to deny his faith. For this reason he was sentenced to be shot. When the time came for the execution, the gun was aimed at him, but instead of killing him, the gun backfired and killed the executioner. No one else attempted to execute the converted officer.—*China's Millions.*

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Honor to Whom Honor is Due

Recently, I received a letter from the Sunday School and League Convention of the Progressive Association of the State of Alabama commending the Sunday School and League Literature of our church, which showed an appreciation for the "improvement." This letter was one of thanks to the Board of Publication and Literature of our National Association, and since the Board of Publication and Literature does not write, nor publish the literature, it is only fitting that we pass the compliments to those who are due the honor, and that can only be our editors. However, I am very grateful to the Alabama people of the Progressive Association for their remarks.

Often we as a people, when anything is to our liking, we say but little about it, but the Progressive Association has set a good example in passing the "flowers along to the living."

If we do not like a thing we tell everybody, and with all the criticism that is at our command. That is human nature. Spirit filled believers should follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit and not the natural spirit.

I am giving the letter in full to our readers because it is such a rare message in our day of upheaval and world disturbances.

"We the members of the Sunday School and League Convention of the Progressive Association of Alabama wish to offer our thanks to the Board of Publication and Literature for the improvement in the Sunday School and League Literature in the past year."

Charles O. Hollingshead,
Pres., S. S. and F. W. B. L.
Convention,
Carolyn LaFay Gilbert,
Secretary-Treasurer,
410 Commerce St.
Cordova, Alabama.

As Chairman of the Board of Publication and Literature, I often talk with our editors regarding the literature; and, as the Chairman, we are glad to join with the Alabama Progressive Association in thanking our editors for the improvement. I find that these men are always ready to discuss and ready to accept reasonable suggestions. No one wants to make our literature better than those do who prepare it. We will all agree that we want more and better literature, so it is up to us to help to make it so.

We want better and larger Weekly and Monthly magazines. But it will take our support to have them. We must subscribe, read, and write, and thereby we will help to bring about that which we desire.

We want our little Bible College to grow with more than 100 students, but to refuse to support because it is not as large and as efficient as some of the larger institutions of like nature is to hinder its progress, and yet I find some who say they are Free Will Baptists. Some of them are preachers, too, who speak against the Bible College because of its rating in the field of education. But I am prepared to say that it is as good as the best in its field. We do not propose to teach law, medicine and the various sciences of the world, but we are teaching the men and women to be valiant workers in the winning of souls to the Lord Jesus. The product turned out, so far, are encouraging to Bible-loving Christians.

I am a Free Will Baptist and expect to remain one. I am not satisfied with what we have in any department of our State or National set-up, but I am going to make everything better by giving my whole-hearted support. And when it gets better, I shall rejoice. And I don't want to say, "We did it," if I did not help to do it.

I am not ashamed to preach our doctrine. I have often said, "It will stand when the world is on fire." It it accepted when preached. A brother minister told me recently that his church and others in his association were using our Treatise in introducing the doctrine, and that people were accepting and confessing it to be true,

and were uniting with the Free Will Baptist churches in his association in great numbers.

Prayer and Work

Three boys were out in a "skiff" in a storm and came very near going out to the depths, where destruction would have been inevitable. Two of them "poled" that is, they had long oars and they pushed toward land and finally they landed. But the other boy had no oar, but he took his time out in asking God to save them. So when they reached the shore, the boy who prayed, contended that it was his "prayer that got them out," but the other boys who did the "poleing" contended that it was their "pushing." No doubt it was both. God answered the boy's prayer in making the strength of the boys with the oars to hold-out and their skill to perform.

D. L. Moody said, "Work as if everything depended on you and pray as if everything depended on God, and you will succeed."

The late Bob Self said, "If I ever ask God to remove a mountain, I will get a wheel barrow and go to hauling dirt, if there is no other way to take away the mountain." It is no use to ask God to do that which He has made us able to do with our own power and possessions. Don't ask God to save the heathen, unless you are not only willing, but will place your money and time on the altar to get the message to the lost.

Don't ask God to give us a Bible College unless you are willing to dig down in your pocket and shell out the money that belongs to God to put it over.

Don't ask God for greater mission success, unless you are ready to help to make it possible by your Tithes and offerings.

Don't ask God for better literature (Free Will Baptist literature, not some other denominational literature) unless you are willing to help to make it better. Let us know, be established, and rooted in the Doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Church, as we have proclaimed it. Prayers with "unfeigned faith" and unselfish work will put us on the top.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

Mrs. Mary Virginia Harrington Meeks

On the night of April 5, 1951, at 7:30 P. M. the death angel entered the home of Mr. T. W. Meeks, and called his beloved wife to a land of rest.

She had been ill for around five years. She was operated on in February of 1950 in Duke Hospital. She never overcame her operation, and on the second Sunday in September she took her bed.

She was born on September 29, 1890, and was the daughter of Joeha and Priscilla Flake Harrington. On December 16, 1907, she was married to James Wyatt Meeks. She was a member of Piney Grove F. W. B. Church which she joined while she was quite young. She was also a member of the Woman's auxiliary of the church. She loved her Lord very much, and was a great worker in His vineyard until she was stricken down upon her bed.

She is survived by her husband and three children: Dewey Ray Meeks, Macesfield, N. C., Tory Meeks, Greenville, N. C., and Mary Pearl Cannon, who at the time of her mother's death lived with her, but now lives in Pensacola, Florida, where her husband is in the Air Core. She is also survived by two grandchildren, Judith Ann Meeks, Greenville, N. C., and Linda Grace Cannon, of Pensacola, Fla.

The death angel visited our home one day,

And took our dear Mother to rest;

Away up above to be with Him,

And there with the angels blest.

We are looking to meet her,

When the Judgment Day doth come;

And press her to our heart again;

Then hear our Lord say, "Well done."

Sleep on dear Mother

And take your rest;

We loved your dearly

But God loved you the best.

—Written by her daughter,

Mrs. T. T. Cannon,

708 E. Gragery St.,

Pensacola, Florida

Mrs. Eliza K. Pate

It was on February 22, 1951, that our heart was saddened by the passing of a beloved mother, Mrs. Eliza K. Pate. She was the daughter of the late Washington and Elsie Singletary. She was born on February 25, 1880, and died on February

CRAGMONT

News and Views

Schedule of Cragmont Assemblies

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Black Mountain, N. C.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

June 4-8

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, President-Director

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June 11-15

Rev. Fred Rivenbark, Director

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June 25-29 inclusive

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VISITORS AND DELEGATES

to National League, Sunday School, Woman's Auxiliary, and National Association in Nashville, Tennessee: July 1-15 inclusive.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, Director

22, 1951, making her stay on earth 71 years.

In early life she joined the Hickory Grove Baptist Church, and was a member there until her death. She leaves three sons, namely: Mr. John H. Pate, Bladenboro, N. C.; Mr. David W. Pate, Lumberton, N. C.; Mr. Stanley G. Pate, Raleigh, N. C., and two daughters-in-law, and a host of nieces and nephews. We truly hope that our loss is her eternal gain.

Her funeral was conducted at Oak Grove F. W. B. Church by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Hansley, assisted by Gaston Hester, after which the body was laid to rest in the church cemetery, beneath a mound of beautiful flowers, which showed the esteem in which she was held by the many friends of the community.

Sleep on Mother and take your rest,
We loved you dearly, but God loved you best.

—Written by her son and daughter-in-law,
Mr. and Mrs. John K. Pate.

YOUTH CONFERENCE

July 16-21

Revs. Rashie Kennedy and J. B. Narron, Sponsors and Directors

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July 23-28

Rev. Burkette Raper, Director

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OPEN TIME

July 30 thru August 4

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FAMILY SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

August 6-11

Rev. S. A. Smith, Director

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THE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

August 13-20

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Director

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SECOND FAMILY SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

August 20-25

Fountain Taylor, Director

Big Texas Oil Man Wins Six Souls in One Day

Fort Worth, Tex. (BP)—William Fleming, the millionaire layman president of Texas Baptists, is setting the pace in personal witnessing in the Texas effort to win 250,000 people to Christ.

A seventy-one year old Houston man recently wrote him asking if he could come to Fort Worth to talk to him about becoming a Christian. "No," replied Fleming, "I will come to see you." He flew from Fort Worth to Houston.

After explaining to the man the way of salvation and securing his committal, together they went to see the man's two sons. They were both won. They then went to see a grandson. He was won. The man then took Fleming to see two of his business associates. They were won, making six for the day. Fleming returned by plane to his home in Fort Worth in the evening.

It was Fleming who challenged Texas Baptists to win the quarter million souls to Christ this year.

THE SECRET IS OUT

By GERTRUDE BOWE, *Secretary-Treasurer F. W. B. National Sunday School Board*
51 West Delaware Place, Chicago 10, Illinois

Are you an alert Free Will Baptist?

Then, I know we'll be seeing you in Nashville, Tennessee, July 3 to 12.

Plans for the annual National Sunday School Convention, sponsored by the Free Will Baptist National Sunday School Board, will be held July 6 and 7. And I want to tell you a secret about that Convention.

Some of the best leaders in Sunday School work among Free Will Baptists have been chose to direct workshop sessions for each department in the Sunday School. And we haven't heard from all of them, but just this week we got a little taste of what those sessions are going to be like when we received a letter from the lady who is going to direct the session for Cradle Roll and Nursery workers. She wrote that to really demonstrate what a Nursery in the Sunday School is like, in cooperation with the officials at the Bible College, she is planning a Nursery to accommodate the little children who will be attending the national meetings with their parents. So mothers who can know in advance that your children will be well supervised and you can enjoy the meetings more, by placing your children in the Nursery. And if you are a Cradle Roll worker or Nursery group teacher, you'll certainly want to see the Nursery and take back ideas to use in your own Sunday School.

This is just an idea of what you're going to get at the Ninth Annual National Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptists. We're sure the other workshop leaders are working just as hard and will have workable ideas to present to you for improving your own Sunday School teaching.

Besides the workshop sessions, there will be a feature speaker who will bring inspiration messages, there will be an open forum session, a message from the chairman of the Sunday School Board, and a message

from the President of our Bible College on Christian Education.

And you will like this too. Saturday afternoon—the entire afternoon—is given over to seeing the city. And to climax the Sunday School Convention, on Saturday night our promotional secretary will show a film presenting the challenge of the teaching ministry through the Sunday School.

You'll want to have a representative from your Sunday School there, we know. If you aren't there, we are sure you're going to miss the

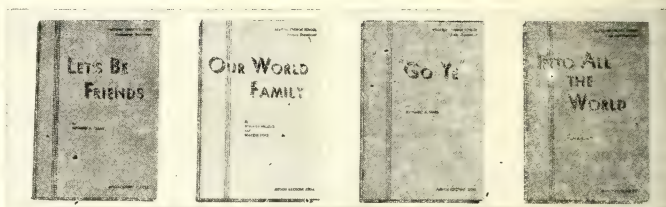
best Sunday School Convention we have ever had. Don't miss it!

Oh, you're wondering who that Cradle Roll and Nursery workshop leader is? She is Mrs. LaVerne Milcy, wife of an instructor in our Free Will Baptist Bible College and the mother of a Cradle Roll daughter and Nursery age son. Good! Of course, she'll be good. She has to practice every day in the year!

The Bishop's Visit

Bishop Potter was to preach at a certain church in the West at the evening service. The congregation was not a little amused at the way the unthinking pastor made the announcement: "Remember our special service next Sunday evening. The Lord will be with us during the morning services, and Bishop Potter in the evening."

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A Child's Hymn

I cannot do great things for Him
Who did so much for me,
But I would like to show my love,
Dear Jesus, unto Thee,
Faithful in very little things,
O Saviour, may I be!

There are small things in daily life
In which I may obey,
And thus may show my love to Thee,
And always, every day,
There are some loving little words
Which I for Thee may say.

There are small crosses I may take—
Small burdens I may bear;
Small acts of faith and deeds of love,
Some sorrows I may share,
And little bits of work for Thee
I may do everywhere.

So I ask Thee to give me grace
My little place to fill,
That I may ever walk with Thee,
And ever do Thy will;
That in each duty, great or small,
I may be faithful still.

—Unknown

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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

Announcement

The Georgia State Free Will Baptist Youth Camp will probably be in session by the time of this printing. However this announcement is in the interest of the young people who will be attending the camp near Ashburn, Georgia, throughout the summer.

The Ladies Auxiliaries of Glennville and Ebenezer Free Will Baptist Churches at Glennville have purchased and donated to the camp recreational program two sets of croquet with balls and six mallets to each set. Also a tennis net and a dozen balls have been given. The young people who play tennis are urged to take their tennis rackets with them to camp. The Ladies of these two Auxiliaries recommend that other Auxiliaries and ladies groups throughout the State of Georgia purchase and donate other equipment that might add to the recreational program of the Camp.

Louis H. Moulton, Pastor

A good thing to remember,
And a better thing to do,
Is to work with the construction gang
And not with the wrecking crew.

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The best education in the world is that got by struggling for a living.—Wendell Phillips,

NASHVILLE - Tulsa - Norfolk - NASHVILLE

— THREE Great Events - and Now a FOURTH —

WHEN the first Nationwide Free Will Baptist League Conference met in Nashville, Tennessee, in June of 1948, it was truly a history-making event, though at that time few even dreamed of the glory of that history. In fact now, two years later, we do not know how wonderful it is to be the future for the Nationwide

users and fine pastors but a short time to make everyone glad and happy, and "the toils of the road seemed nothing" as leaguers renewed sweet companionships made in Nashville, and made new friendships to become just as precious. Again there were great things in store, as Tulsa, in friendly spirit, sought to outdo Nashville in making glad the hearts of a thousand of the finest young people on earth.

And then—well it's going to be on, and on, to other great conferences, and other great successes for America's finest—The Free Will Baptist League!

"WE CAN DO IT AGAIN!"

By Clarence F. Bowen

The brief history of this Conference has proved that young people will attend religious gatherings that offer them something worthwhile and that give them an opportunity to serve. The Fourth Nationwide F. W. B. L. Conference is such a gathering. It will meet this year on the campus of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3009 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, spearheading 3 other major convocations of our people. The first session opens on Tuesday evening, July 3, at 7:30. The closing session will be on Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

The leaguers of Middle Tennessee, and particularly of Nashville, give you a cordial welcome to their city and to YOUR college. Memories of our 1948 conference which was held here serve to remind us that

WE CAN DO IT AGAIN!

A western rancher, member of a pulpit committee seeking information about a prospective pastor, was asked: "How big a man do you want?" "Well, friend," the wiry man of tan replied, "we're not overly particular, but when he's on his knees we'd like to have him reach to heaven."

God's Word says: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not pour you out a blessing . . ." (Malachi 3:10).

NASHVILLE



East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, was meeting place for the historic First Nationwide Conference.

conference. The success of the three great conferences held heretofore encourages us to anticipate an ever-increasing glory. For truly the three that have gone before have been great events!

NASHVILLE—Rev. Clarence F. Bowen, Rev. Henry Melvin, and the others over the field of Free Will Baptist Leagueism awaited a bit anxiously the arrival of the time set for the first conference. Leaguers and league leaders had been demanding a nationwide meeting for years. But would the young people really come to it? Would they make the sacrifices to come and pay their own expenses—for it had been decided that the event must not become too heavy a burden to host churches. All this fear was swept away even before the opening minute of the conference, as cars after cars arrived at the East Nashville Church, each car loaded with young people, bubbling over with enthusiasm and anticipation. And when the leaders of the movement looked out over the sea of glad faces in the crowded-before-time auditorium, nobody doubted the wisdom that had prompted the National League Board in arranging the meeting.

TULSA—"Through rain to Tulsa sunshine" came hundreds from the east to the middle west for the second great conference. Those coming from the west and from the south fared a bit better, but it took Tulsa and her band of wonderful leag-

NORFOLK—Leaguers of Fairmount Park Church had said a year before that they wanted the Third Nationwide Conference. They proved it, and proved it well, in the fine manner they entertained over a thousand leaguers and leaders who graced the historic old southern city with their presence, and glorified God with their fellowship and service during three wonderful days. There was soul-stirring singing; there was drama to thrill the eye and mind and gladden the heart; there were messages to enlighten and encourage. Yes, Norfolk witnessed a great conference!

TULSA

Mrs. C. F. Bowen, director of the nationwide intermediate sword drill, presents Christine Binkley, Tennessee, a plaque for winning the Bible drill at the League conference.



NASHVILLE again! When the news went out that the Fourth Nationwide Conference would be held in Nashville, those who had attended the first conference were heard to exclaim, "Wonderful! We're going back!" Others who had not been to Nashville but had gone to Tulsa and Norfolk, had heard enough about Nashville to want to go there too. And so they are coming—hundreds and hundreds of them—from the east, from the west, from the north, from the south. Free Will Baptist Leaguers are on the march again. It's back to Nashville for the great "Fourth Time" conference.

NORFOLK



Cub's Benito Rodriguez was a popular speaker at the Norfolk Conference.

GRADUATION MESSAGE AT CUBAN SCHOOL

INTRODUCTION

1. Previous trip—great experience.
2. Present trip. A great honor but only God is to be praised for it. My prayer is that God will use me in an unusual way during these three days at this convention.

3. It was a great blessing to us to have Brother Willey visit the churches in the States. It was a special blessing to me for him to visit in my home.

4. It was a great blessing to have Benito attend our Bible College and visit in the states. I was so happy to have him in my home.

5. As Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, U. S. A., I bring greetings to you all from my church in Greenville, N. C., the State Convention of Free Will Baptist in North Carolina, from the National Association of Free Will Baptists, U. S. A., and from the Foreign Mission Board, U. S. A.

6. When Mrs. Willey wrote and asked me to come and bring this graduation message, I felt very humble. It was hard for me to say "No", and yet it looked impossible. But when you began to pray that the Lord might make it possible He heard and answered prayer. Things happen when we pray. Acts 4:31. God made this trip possible through your prayers. Many things are wrought by prayer. Elijah prayed and the rain stopped for $3\frac{1}{2}$ years. James 5:13-18. James said "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (5:16).

When Free Will Baptist people began to pray about missions things happened. As we prayed and gave of our money to make it possible, God worked through Brother and Sister Willey, Sister Yeley, and others. Through them God has wrought what we in the States think of as the "Miracle of Modern Missions" on the Island of Cuba.

Through this mission God has saved many souls. I don't suppose anyone but God would know the exact number of souls saved, but He, the

Message delivered by Rev. Rashie Kennedy at Free Will Baptist Bible School of Cuba, on Thursday, May 26, 1951.

Subject: Christian Training and Service

OUTLINE

1. Christian
2. Christian training
3. What next?
4. How?

TEXTS

II Timothy 2:1-3

Matt. 4:19: Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.



REV. RASHIE KENNEDY

omniscient God, knows. Those who have been saved were saved to be missionaries to tell others. Out from among those who have been saved God calls some to be preachers, pastors, evangelists, and teachers, but He calls all who are saved by His grace to witness of His saving grace to the millions who are dying in sin. Every person has a God-given responsibility and privilege to tell his neighbors and friends about Jesus. With that in mind I want to speak on Christian Training and Service. I

thought that subject would be most appropriate for the occasion.

I. Christian. Everything that is called Christian is not Christian. Everything that is called religion is not Christian. Religion without Christ is not Christian. Many things are done in the name of religion in which Christ has no part. Many people that seem to be very religious know nothing about the New Birth. Jesus said to Nicodemus "Ye must be born again." Nicodemus was a religious man but not a Christian. There is no other way except by way of the New Birth. All are sinners by nature as well as by choice. All need to be saved. We are saved by grace through faith in Christ the Risen Lord and Saviour. When the sinner realizes his lost condition and turns from sin to Christ and accepts Him as Saviour he is then born into the Kingdom of God and becomes a Christian. He is then read for:

II. Christian Training. It would be foolish to say that a young man is being trained as a soldier in the army without ever joining the army. He must answer the call to be a soldier before he can be trained as a soldier. Even so, all men must answer the call to be a Christian by accepting Christ Jesus as Saviour before he can receive Christian Training. Christian Training is for the Christian. Christian Training is for all who have been born again.

A Threefold Task for the Church

As a Christian church our first task is to win the lost to Christ. Our second task is to train Christians for service. Our third task is to go forth and send forth trained Christian workers to evangelize the world.

It is like the water cycle on the earth. The sun draws the water from the ocean, the wind blows the water over the land, the cloud forms and the water falls on the earth, and all life on earth is watered. The rivers take the excess water back to the ocean.

The Son of God draws men to Himself; the Holy Spirit sends men forth

to witness to all men on earth. When our life's work is finished we are taken home to be with Christ in Heaven forever. The Christian must witness or die. He is thrown out of the cycle—illustrations: Adam and Eve; Ananias and Sapp.

The Christian needs to be trained in the Word and message of Christ as well as the method of witnessing. He needs to be trained in the joy of giving of his tithes and offerings in love to Christ. Christian Training was started by the Lord Jesus while on earth when He said "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." The 12 men who answered the call to follow Jesus were trained under the Master Teacher for a period of 3 years. After accepting Jesus as Saviour we are to follow Him as the Master Teacher until we are prepared to go out and teach others and preach to others of His saving grace.

Jesus is here today working thru His servants in the power of His Holy Spirit. He has and is working thru the faculty of this school to train Christian workers to go out and teach and preach the Gospel of Christ to all men.

III. What next? The very first thing to be done after the new birth is to follow Christ in Christian Training like these young men and women who are now graduating. They have been disciples of Jesus by following Him in special Bible training and other studies which would help them present His message.

The next thing after Christian Training is Christian Service. After the disciples had followed Jesus for about 3 years in specialized training they wanted to know what next. They had followed Him in training. They had seen Him crucified. They had seen Him as the Risen Saviour. They wanted to know what next?

Before the disciples understood what was to come next one of them "Simon Peter saith unto them, I go fishing. They say unto him, we also go with thee. They went forth . . . and that night they caught nothing." But when they obeyed the voice of Jesus as He said "Cast your net on the right side of the ship" they caught a multitude of fishes. The

disciples learned that to be successful they must obey the voice of Jesus. Another day Jesus was with them after His resurrection. Some had doubt as to what to do next. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, His graduates, saying, All power is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:18-20). Jesus told the disciples in no uncertain terms what to do next. "Go ye therefore and teach." That is His command to you graduates.

In the Gospel of Mark, chapter 16, verse 15, Jesus said to His graduates, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." That is His command to you graduates.

"Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooves Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things." (Luke 24:45-48) Jesus answered the question, What next?—by saying "Ye (you graduates) are witnesses of these things." That is His answer to you graduates.

Is there a question in your mind as to what to do next? You have been in school for Christian Training. You are now to enter the school of Christian Service. So in the words of Jesus you are to "Go therefore and teach . . . Go ye . . . and preach . . . Go ye and witness."

Jesus answered the question as to what to teach, preach and witness. He said "teach them all things whatsoever I have commanded you," "preach the Gospel," and witness of His resurrection power.

IV. The next Question is How? What is God's plan for teaching, preaching, and witnessing? Jesus did not leave them in the dark. He has not left us in the dark. If we

want to know how to fish for men we only have to listen to the voice of Jesus when He said "Cast your net on the right side." Jesus tells us where to start, begin at Jerusalem, where to expand, to the uttermost part, and where to climax our work for Him, in Heaven.

Just before Jesus went away into Heaven He gave the plan for the work. He promised power for the work. He gave all this in one verse. Acts 1:8: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The disciples followed the plan given by Christ and received the power for their work. In so doing they evangelized the known world in their day and left the New Testament for us. What are we doing for the world? What are we leaving for others?

The plan Christ gave is to begin at Jerusalem and witness both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. There is no better place for a Jerusalem in any land or community than a Bible Institute or School. This Bible School is the Jerusalem for the Free Will Baptist Church in Cuba. From it has gone and will go faithful, trained Christian workers to evangelize the people of Cuba. That is what you who are graduating today are to do. This is your Jerusalem. From here you are to go and make disciples by teaching, preaching, and witnessing.

The Apostle Paul gave the plan to young Timothy that each student graduating from this school would do well to acknowledge. (II Timothy 2:1-3) "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." Rev. Thomas H. Wiley in person and through his helpers has been and is the Apostle speaking to you graduates saying in the words

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Middlesex Orphanage

MAY RECEIPTS FOR 1951

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

ATTENTION: Due to the fact that May was Orphanage Month we have credited all contributions received on 1 June to May in order that they might receive credit on the May drive.

GENERAL FUND

Eastern

Antioch	\$ 20.00
Soundview	18.00
5th Sunday School Convention	35.00
Carteret County Union	30.00
Morehead City	15.00
St. Marys	29.45
Sandy Plain	50.00
5th Union	110.68
Russells Creek	25.00
Dublin Grove	6.34
Juniper Chapel	12.37
Trent	5.00
Wardens Grove	9.40
Davis	12.50
Union Chapel, Beaufort County	43.30
Ruths Chapel	15.19
Kinston	75.06
Friendship	68.12
Smith's New Home	5.00
Lane's Chapel	5.00
Core Point Chapel	13.81
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	2.00
Brice's Creek	25.00
Warsaw	2.55
Beaufort	58.16
Whaleys Chapel	11.38
Ephesus	12.30
Christian Chapel	10.80
Roe	6.00
Edwards Chapel	24.00
Mt. Pleasant	5.00
Sneads Ferry	4.53
Core Creek	28.89
Wintergreen	2.00
White Oak Grove	10.00
Folkstone	6.28
Cabin	29.00
Beulaville	42.65
St. Johns Chapel	60.00

Total -----\$944.76

Western

Marsh Swamp	\$ 10.00
Stancils Chapel	30.56
4th Union Meeting	66.25
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	4.13
Tippett's Chapel	34.50
Union Grove, Durham County	6.00
Kings Chapel	9.71
Shearon Acres	.50
Rose Bud	8.00
Friendship	7.45
2nd Union	41.22
Stoney Creek	92.15
People's Chapel	10.00
Elwood Lane	14.63
Pleasant Plains	25.00
Pleasant Hill	10.00
Union Grove, Wayne County	6.00
Floods Chapel	15.00

Wilson	83.51
White Oak Hill	18.25
Micro	40.00
Branch Chapel	24.55
Rains Cross Roads	84.41
Union Chapel	3.42
Friendship	20.78

Total -----\$666.02

Cape Fear

Goldsboro	\$ 84.00
Oak Grove	12.00
Yelvertons Grove	1.00
Wootens Chapel	1.00
Lanwood Chapel	20.00
Powhatan	5.00
Lee's Chapel	12.30
Johnston Union	85.00
Roberts Grove	5.00

Total -----\$225.30

Albemarle

Soundside	\$ 1.00
Sidney	5.00
F. W. B. Mission, Washington	2.00

Total -----\$ 8.00

Pee Dee

1st Union	\$ 12.00
Oak Grove No. 1	15.00
White Oak	44.00

Total -----\$ 71.00

Central

Sts. Delight	\$ 8.00
2nd Union District League Conv.	1.90
4th Union	31.25
Reedy Branch	10.00
Marlboro	5.38
Hull Road	114.30
Bethany	7.20
2nd Union	39.14
Greenville	88.18
Owens Chapel	33.11
1st Rocky Mount	2.27
Sweet Gum Grove	38.36
La Grange	10.00
Harrell's Chapel	5.00
Free Union	101.00
Saratoga	5.25
Dawson's Grove	53.00
Aspin Grove	20.00
Elm Grove	1.00
Kings Cross Roads	.87
Winterville	17.53
Rose Hill	11.14
Rose of Sharon	22.00
Spring Branch	5.00
Gum Swamp	7.97
Dilda's Grove	78.78
Howell Swamp	17.72

Total -----\$635.35

Piedmont

Sunday School Convention	\$ 26.00
Stanley	5.00
1st Marion	5.00
Arrington Heights	26.00
Bethlehem	22.00
Caroleen	4.53
Mt. Zion	35.00
New Hope	21.00

Total -----\$144.53

French Broad

Beaverdam	\$ 10.00
Walnut	15.00

Asheville ----- 28.00

Total ----- \$ 53.00

Rockfish

Union Meeting ----- \$ 10.50

Jacks Creek

Liberty ----- \$ 81.29

Pilgrims Chapel ----- 15.00

Total ----- \$ 96.29

Miscellaneous

Parents and Relatives	\$ 136.60
Refunds	298.19
Cash Sales (Farm)	891.31
Coupons	28.61
Rev. James A. Collins	1.00
Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Tyson	3.00
Theron Paramore	5.00
Fletcher Waters	10.00
Pastoral Supply (Rev. Hansley)	40.00

Total ----- \$1,419.21

CHAPEL FUND

ROOM FURNISHING FUND

Central

2nd Union S. S. Convention ----- \$ 58.65

Western

Orphanage Memorial Chapel ----- \$ 17.81

Miscellaneous

Charles H. Harrell ----- \$ 16.00

Church Fund

Elm Grove of Central ----- \$ 9.01

Rev. M. L. Cumming ----- \$ 5.00

FUND TO RETURN GIRL'S BUILDING

Eastern

Ruth's Chapel Auxiliary ----- \$ 5.00

LINEN AND BED FUND

Western

Marsh Swamp Auxiliary ----- \$ 5.00

Central

Howell Swamp Auxiliary ----- \$ 38.00

MUSIC FUND

Western

Bob Self Bible Class, Edgemont ----- \$ 20.00

Holly Springs Auxiliary ----- 5.00

Total ----- \$ 25.00

Central

Greenville Auxiliary ----- \$ 5.00

Grimley Auxiliary ----- 1.08

Total ----- \$ 6.08

Cape Fear

Smithfield Auxiliary ----- \$ 5.00

Eastern

Kinston Auxiliary ----- \$ 5.00

CLOTHING FUND

Western

Micro Auxiliary ----- \$ 30.00

Pleasant Plains ----- 10.00

Shady Grove, Durham County ----- 40.00

Sherron Acres Auxiliary ----- 40.00

Total ----- \$120.00

Cape Fear

Tabernacle Auxiliary (Goldsboro) ----- \$ 30.00

Lee's Chapel Auxiliary ----- 6.00

Hopewell Auxiliary ----- 30.00

Total ----- \$ 66.00

<i>Central</i>	
Greenville Auxiliary	\$ 10.00
IN LIEU OF CLASS VISITS	
&	
CONCERT CLASS AND	
REPRESENTATIVE'S VISITS	
<i>French Broad</i>	
Old Fort	\$ 22.00
<i>Jacks Creek</i>	
Liberty	\$ 18.93
<i>Toe River</i>	
Beans Creek	\$ 8.56
ALBEMARLE COTTAGE FUND	
<i>Albemarle</i>	
Gum Neck	\$ 17.00
Soundside	61.21
Mt. Tabor	35.74
Mt. Olive	4.50
Union Chapel	20.00
Corinth	1.00
Free Union, Beaufort County	56.75
Shiloh (Central Conference)	14.00
Trinity	8.00
Hickory Chapel	53.56
Piney Grove	5.00
Sidney	25.00
Little Creek	1.00
Portsmouth	2.00
Fairmount Park	4.00
Albemarle Union	48.91
Malachi's Chapel	160.73
Mt. Zion	4.10
St. Paul	20.00
Free Union, Tyrrell County	21.13
Washington	2.00
Sunday School Convention	71.33
Total	\$636.96

TOTALS

General Fund	\$4,273.46
Chapel Fund	106.47
Albemarle Cottage Fund	636.96
Music Fund	41.08
Refurnish Girls Building Fund	5.00
Clothing Fund	196.00
Linen and Bed Fund	43.00
Concerts and Field Representatives	
Visits	49.49
Grand Total	\$5,351.46

BUDGET RECEIPTS

Eastern Conference	\$ 8,900.62
Central Conference	6,863.45
Western Conference	7,910.33
Sape Fear Conference	2,595.04
Albemarle Conference	819.56
French Broad Association	1,025.52
Rockfish Association	335.72
Joe Dee Association	444.36
Jacks Creek Association	380.93
Fiedmont Association	992.82
Toe River Association	48.06
Western Yearly	21.00
Total	\$30,337.41

DONATED COMMODITIES

Jose Bud Auxiliary (Western)	
Sheet	\$ 3.00
Aratoga Auxiliary (Central)	
Sheet	3.00
Mrs. William Humbles, Sheets	6.00
Goods Chapel Auxiliary (Western)	
Rug and Quilts	19.50
Total	\$31.50

EXPENDITURES FOR MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY

<i>General Operating Expenditures</i>	
Salaries	\$ 3,302.86
Office Supplies	131.22

Telephone and Telegraph	77.92
Insurance (All)	322.90
Conference Expenses	47.26
Financing and Publicity	156.75
Travel & Audit for Duke Report	211.51
Food	1,919.78
Clothing	2,142.69
Laundry	66.80
Household Supplies	185.15
Recreation	4.00
Travel relating to care of children	28.52
Health Supplies	129.84
Education	146.40
Fuel, lights, water, etc.	1,305.61
Plant Replacement and Repair	449.70
Farm Supplies	1,155.57
Replacement of Livestock	236.72
Farm Travel	30.96
Young People's Friend (Printing and Mailing)	21.37

Total General Operating

Expenditures	\$12,840.32
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Capital Expenditures

New Land and Land Improvement	\$ 465.00
New Buildings (Albemarle Cottage)	13,763.31
New Equipment	160.63

Total Capital Expenditures	\$14,388.99
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Total All Expenditures

for quarter	\$27,229.31
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WALTER McD. CROOM, Treasurer

ITINERARY FOR ORPHANAGE CONCERT CLASS

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager
(All services will be at 8:00 p. m.)

FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION—

Friday, June 15—Fugate
Saturday, June 16—Walnut
Sunday, June 17—Asheville
Monday, June 18—Canton
Tuesday, June 19—Hyatts Creek
Wednesday, June 20—Rocky Branch

FIEDMONT ASSOCIATION—

Thursday, June 21—Ridgeway
Friday, June 22—Mt. Holly
Saturday, June 23—Arrington Heights

EASTERN CONFERENCE—

Wednesday, June 27—Northeast
Thursday, June 28—Indian Springs
Friday, June 29—Long Ridge
Saturday, June 30—Dailey's Chapel
Sunday, July 1—Pearsall's Chapel
Monday, July 2—Lanier's Chapel
Tuesday, July 3—Whaley's Chapel
Wednesday, July 4—Deep Run
Thursday, July 5—Holly Springs
Friday, July 6—Morehead City
Saturday, July 7—Edward's Chapel
Sunday, July 8—Rock of Zion
Monday, July 9—Arapahoe
Tuesday, July 10—Oriental
Wednesday, July 11—Trent
Thursday, July 12—Bethel
Friday, July 13—Warden's Grove
Saturday, July 14—Core Point
Sunday, July 15—Smyrna
Monday, July 16—Palmetta Chapel
Tuesday, July 17—Juniper Chapel
Wednesday, July 18—Macedonia
Thursday, July 19—St's. Delight

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Convention of Free Will Baptist for May 1951.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand May 1, 1951	\$ 1,039.43
Receipts for May	220.12

Total to account for	\$ 1,259.55
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DISBURSMENTS

Paid to Superannuated Ministers	\$ 225.00
Operating expense	28.90
Paid to National Board	19.12

Total disbursements	273.02
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Balance June 1, 1951	\$986.53
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RECEIPTS ITEMIZED

Sound Side Adult League	\$ 1.00
Goldsboro	36.00
St. Delight	2.00
Second Central League Conv.	1.90
Fourth Central Aux. Conv.	8.50
Winterville League	1.83
Fourth Central Union Meeting	9.25
Fifth Eastern S. S. Conv.	10.00
Marlboro S. S.	11.42
Carteret Co. Union Meeting	5.00
Reedy Branch S. S.	5.00
Albemarle Union Meeting	20.75
Second Central S. S. Conv.	28.92
Black Jack S. S.	2.00
Second Western Union Meeting	8.50
Friendship (Johnston Co.)	1.00
Fifth Eastern Union Meeting	25.00
Davis	5.00
Goshen Aux.	10.00
Daily's Chapel	7.50
Wilson	2.15
Core Creek S. S.	7.40
British Chapel	7.75
Free Union Leagues	2.25

M. L. Johnson,

Chairman-Treasurer

In Christ We Have

A love that can never be fathomed
A life that can never die
A righteousness that can never be tarnished
A peace that can never be understood
A rest that can never be disturbed
A joy that can never be diminished
A hope that can never be disappointed
A glory that can never be clouded
A light that can never be darkened
A purity that can never be defiled
A beauty that can never be marred
A wisdom that can never be baffled
Resources that can never be exhausted.

To dodge his creditors required
Such vigilance and vim,
A taxi he went and hired,
And now they're dodging him.

True friendships are eternal.—Cicero

THE PASTOR'S TEACHING MINISTRY

By REV. ALBERT T. COATES

There are still many of our church people today who think that the duties of a minister are to preach on Sunday and visit the sick during the week. It is with this in mind that I shall discuss with you the duties of the pastor as a teacher, with this as a part of his pastoral work. His teaching should not be considered as just being parallel with his preaching but interwoven with it.

It is indeed a great privilege to preach the gospel, but it is a grave responsibility to preach, and the minister teaches as well as preaches religion. Louis Matthews Sweet says, "The minister should be a teaching preacher as well as a preaching pastor." The pastor of every church has the great task of educating his people; therefore, the minister is the greatest teacher today. His course of instruction is religion and his textbook is the Bible with as many supplementary helps as he is able to acquire. In his course of religion, the minister teaches in two distinct ways as follows: (1) the indirect way and (2) intentionally. In the indirect way, the minister cannot help it for in every contact he makes with people of any age, his personality will leave an impression upon them. They will learn from his very actions and attitudes something of his outlook upon life, something of his faith—or lack of faith—in God, or something of the purposes for which he is working. In this intentional teaching, the minister sets out to change people from what they are to what they ought to be. In this teaching, he may or may not be successful for he is constantly coming in contact with people of all ages, in all walks of life, and in many different situations. This makes it very necessary for the minister to plan his work carefully in order that he may do the right kind of teaching.

Many times we find that we have a fine preacher but a poor pastor, or a good pastor but a poor preacher. There is no excuse for either. In order to be a good preacher and teach-

er one must have the following qualifications: he must be called of God and have a deep conviction for lost souls. In Acts 20:28 we read, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock . . . over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers." One must be willing to make self-denials for the advancement of self; he must have a deep pastoral consciousness; and, last but not least, he must use a plenty of good common sense, for the minister preaches in order to persuade; he teaches in order that he may persuade both heart and mind to something worth while.

In the field of teaching there are two classes, the specialist and the interpreter of knowledge. The specialist is a person who devotes much time in research in a narrow field of knowledge. The interpreter of knowledge is one who breaks up the work of the specialist and makes it understandable to the people. The minister is in the classification of an interpreter. There are three ways in which the minister can make the knowledge available to the people, they are: (1) through the pulpit, (2) through the home, and (3) through others. Mr. Frank A. Lindhorst, an expert in the field of religious education, says, "The pulpit has always been an educational medium for the minister, and great ministers have always used it as such.

There are several things that the minister must keep in mind if he is to teach religion successfully through the pulpit. First, he must keep an alert mind and open ears to discover the felt needs of his people. The felt needs are the problems which the people recognize and are eager to solve. In these problems the people realize a lack of understanding and they are so interested that they are ready to listen. Then there are the unfelt needs which they do not readily recognize. Here the minister should be alert in his contacts with his people and he will learn their unfelt needs by the way they talk and act. The minister of today must

arouse the people to a sense of need for a change in their thinking and acting. Unless the minister learns ways of actually arousing people to a sense of need for a change in their thinking, feeling, and acting, he cannot hope to teach religion to his people. This can be done by pointing out incidents which relate to the actual situation of the people and it may awake them to their need for help.

One of the ministers greatest opportunities to use the pulpit for teaching is to use terms that have a meaning to the people. For example, if you were in a foreign country where the people knew nothing of sheep but did of cows, the story of the lost sheep could become the story of the lost calf. The minister should always be careful to phrase his words so that the children of his congregation would be able to understand his teaching also. When the minister has brought the people to feel the need for a change and helped them solve their problems, he should give them an opportunity to put into practice what he has taught them.

In order for the minister to teach religion through the home, he must understand that he is not to take the place of the home but to supplement what the parents are doing, for the family is the basic unit of democracy. The pastor cannot wait for opportunities to come to him. He must make the opportunity by going out and finding them. It is necessary for the minister to learn the people of the community, in or out of the churches. There is far too little teaching done in the home. The Apostle Paul tells us in Acts 20:20 that he taught not only publicly, but "from house to house."

The minister should give attention to the family unit in the home and church, for most families are used to having sharing experiences at mealtime and in many instances the family attends services in a unit. These

are the families that are always ready to enter into whatever sharing experiences the church may provide. The minister has a responsibility of influencing the home, of making the church serve the home, helping the home to be the center of Godlike living and teaching. When the minister helps the parents to realize their responsibility of teaching God's Word, they are not only teaching the immediate age but also the future generations. Therefore, the home is the best place to start teaching Christian principles and Christian living for all ages.

In his personal visits in the homes, the minister should endeavor to make a real impression upon all the members of that home. He should get acquainted with even the children, for they are as much entitled to know the minister as their parents. If the mother or father does not attend church regularly, they will need that contact whether they sense it or not.

The minister should be prepared to help the people with the following problems upon his visits in their home.

1—He should, by all means, prepare the families for any crisis that may come, such as an imminent death, or the leaving home of an only child.

2—He should urge the family to follow a regular devotion and give them guidance.

3—He should introduce the observance of religious festivals in the home, being sure to stress the spiritual significance and what it should mean to the home.

4—He should teach religion thru the home by praying with the family. In many homes there is no one who knows how to pray and a prayer by one who does know how brings a sense of security into the home. Many of our contacts with the people will be social in nature, and for the purpose of deepening of friendship. Every visit need not be religious. We are human and it is quite certain that many of our people want to know us as men as well as ministers. We should be careful not to force prayer into our social calls but even then

there should be nothing in our call that would make prayer out of place.

It is necessary to point out at this time that the church should not leave all the home visitation up to the minister. Undoubtedly, the task of training helpers and getting people to work is, under modern conditions, the most difficult of all the tasks laid on the shoulder of the modern minister. No minister can do his duty without support.

Every minister could probably testify to the fact that when he neglected the personal visitation part of his work everything about his ministry suffered.

I have set forth the facts that the minister teaches religion through personal visitation of the homes of his

parish but he also teaches religion through his own home. Surely, in his own home, there should be a minimum of unkind words, a maximum of respect for personality, a warmth of hospitality, and a demonstration of democracy. By making his home genuinely Christian, the minister not only teaches religion to his own family but sets an example for the members of the church.

Working through others will bring many opportunities for teaching religion. First, there is the official board which usually includes some of the most consecrated and devoted to the church and Christ's cause. This group will touch lives daily by the hundreds where the minister only touches tens. Then there is the church choir to either help or hinder the cause according to their training or lack of it. Through the choir, worshipful attitudes are brought about. The women's society is always a strong group through which the minister can usually teach religion to all the women of his parish. There are also the youth organizations, the men's brotherhood, the adult classes in the church school—all of which are channels through which the minister can teach religion. In my estimation, the most promising group through which the minister can reach the most people are the teachers in the church school. Each of these teachers touch from one to fifty or more persons in direct teaching each Sunday.

One of the most important aspects of the minister's training should be in the principles and practice of development of lay leadership. We depend upon these persons to lead others in religion, so let us, as their ministers, be sure that we lead them in experiences in which they feel their religion.

The minister who teaches religion through the pulpit, through the home, and through others will be following the example of the two greatest teachers of all time. First, Jesus Christ, and second, the Apostle Paul. By following their teaching example the minister will increase his influences many times.

CHARTERED BUS TO NASHVILLE FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

By Mrs. Alma H. Weatherford

All Leaguers wishing to travel by chartered bus to the Fourth Nationwide League Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, in July, should write at once to Rev. Paul J. Kettman, Pamplico, S. C., and inclose a seat-reservation fee of five dollars. After reserving this seat on the bus, should circumstances prevent your going, this fee will be refunded if request for cancellation reaches Mr. Kettman not later than Saturday, June 23.

The bus, a Greyhound air-conditioned model with all new equipment, will leave the Florence, S. C., Bus Terminal at 4 a. m. Monday, July 2, and arrive in Nashville around eight p. m. that night. Due to this hour of arrival, it will be necessary for each person to contact Nashville for reservation of a room. To do this, one should write Rev. L. C. Johnson, Hospitality Chairman, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, for details—immediately!

We will leave Nashville for the return trip immediately after the last meeting Thursday, about 10 p. m. July 5th, to arrive in Florence about 2 p. m. Friday, the 6th.

The round-trip bus fare for this glorious, inspiring trip will be \$15.36 per person (the \$5.00 seat-reservation fee is not extra of this, but is included in it.) The expenses in Nashville will depend upon the place you stay and the taste of the individual.

Tenth Annual Meeting Wolverine Association June 28-30, 1951

To Convene with Hazel Park Church

Thursday June 28th

- 7:30—Song service in charge of Mr. J. C. Montgomery
- Invocation, Mr. Davidson Allison
- Announcements, Moderator, Rev. Raymond Riggs
- Special Music, Hazel Park Church Choir
- Welcome, Host Pastor, Rev. Homer E. Willis
- Response, Rev. Edgil Howard
- Speaker, Rev. W. T. Newsome
- Benediction, Moderator

Friday June 29th

- 9:30—Devotions, Rev. John H. Roberts

BUSINESS

- Reading of church letters
- Seating delegates
- Election of officers
- Moderator and Assistant
- Clerk and Assistant
- Treasurer
- Reporter
- Election of committee members and board members
- 11:00—Message, Rev. J. A. Fredericks, Benton Harbor, Mich.
- 12:00—Dinner, Served by ladies of the host church.
- 1:30—Devotions, Rev. Darnell Williams.

REPORTS

- Business Committee, Rev Newsome
- Superannuation, Rev. Newsome
- Education, Rev. Newsome
- Camp, Rev. Willis
- Finance, Rev. Willis
- Home Mission, Rev. Willis
- Presbytery, Rev. Lilly
- Temperance, Chairman
- Obituary, Chairman
- Ministers Yearly reports, All ministers.
- Adjournment
- 7:30—Song service in charge of Mr. Chester Marine
- Invocation, Mr. Tancil Orr
- Special Music, Highland Park Church Choir
- Devotions, Rev. Edgil Howard
- Announcements, Moderator
- Solo, Mrs. Paul Robinson
- Speaker, Rev. Ira S. Carpenter
- Benediction, Rev. James Gillum.

Saturday June 30th

- 9:30—Devotions, Rev. H. C. Beasley, Breckenridge, Mich.

REPORTS

- Sunday School Convention, Mr. Howard Lyle
- League Convention, Rev. W. T. Newsome
- Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Mildred Daniel

CRAGMONT

News and Views

Schedule of Cragmont Assemblies

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Black Mountain, N. C.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

June 4-8

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, President-Director

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SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

June 11-15

Rev. Fred Rivenbark, Director
Juniors and Intermediates (age 9-16)

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OPEN TIME FOR GROUPS

June 18-23

Raymond T. Sasser, Registrar

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INTERMEDIATE, SENIOR, AND ADULT CONFERENCE

June 25-29 inclusive

Rev. Bruce Barrow, Director

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VISITORS AND DELEGATES

to National League, Sunday School, Woman's Auxiliary, and National Association in Nashville, Tennessee: July 1-15 inclusive.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, Director

YOUTH CONFERENCE

July 16-21

Revs. Rashie Kennedy and J. B. Narron,
Sponsors and Directors

SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE FOR YOUTH LEADERS

July 23-28

Rev. Burkette Raper, Director

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OPEN TIME

July 30 thru August 4

Raymond T. Sasser, Registrar

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FAMILY SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

August 6-11

Rev. S. A. Smith, Director

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THE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

August 13-20

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Director

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SECOND FAMILY SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

August 20-25

Fountain Taylor, Director

Please contact the director for the week you wish to attend Cragmont for the bus schedule and other details.

CRAGMONT BUS SCHEDULE

Bus route for the Intermediate-Senior-Adult Conference June 25-29.

JUNE 25, A. M.

- 6:30—Hull Road
- 6:45—Snow Hill (Court House)
- 7:00—Harrell Chapel
- 7:15—Stantonsburg (Stop Light)
- 7:30—Fremont (F. W. B. Church)
- 7:45—Union Grove Church
- 8:00—Kenly (F. W. B. Church)
- 8:15—Micro (F. W. B. Church)
- 8:30—Selma (F. W. B. Church)
- 8:45—Smithfield (F. W. B. Church)

The return schedule will call at same stops.

Registrations can be made as you get on the bus.

N. Bruce Barrow, Director
By Hilda Williford

NOTICE:
The annual meeting of the Association will be preceded by the Woman's District Auxiliary Convention on Thursday afternoon, and followed by the Sunday School Convention Saturday afternoon.

All ministers should have their reports in for the church year by the Friday afternoon session.

Obituaries of deceased members should be sent in with church letters.

Rev. H. E. Willis
Rev. Sherman Lilly
Mr. Ezra Walker
Committee

Isn't it true that the misfortunes which give us the most worry are those that never come?

PROGRAM

of the
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

to be held in

Nashville, Tennessee, July 10-12, 1951

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THEME—"Evangelize Now"

MUSIC DIRECTOR—Mr. I. L. Stanley

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TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 10

- 7:45—Let His Praises ring out, Mr. Stanley
- 8:00—We listen to the Word and seek guidance through prayer, Rev. Ronald Creech, Nashville, Tennessee
- 8:08—We sing again, Mr. Stanley, directing
- 8:11—The National Association is officially called to order by the clerk, Rev. Paul Kettman and turned over to Rev. Bruce Barrow, the Moderator
- 8:13—Moderator's Words, Rev. Bruce Barrow, North Carolina
- 8:23—Preliminary business and announcements, Moderator
- 8:28—Special music, Free Will Baptist Bible College Choral Group
- 8:32—Presentation of the speaker, the Moderator
- 8:35—The Keynote Message, "What Price Evangelism in Our Present World Crisis?", Rev. Floyd Cherry, North Carolina
- 9:15—Closing hymn
- Benediction

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 11

- 9:00—Morning meditations with song, prayer and Scripture, Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Missouri
- 9:15—Report of Nominating Committee, (Committee Selections)
- 9:25—Report of the General Board, Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Oklahoma
- 10:00—Nashville's Welcome to the National Association, Mayor West
- 10:20—Bible College Quartette
- 10:25—A word from Nashville's Churches, President of Pastors' Association, Rev. C. F. Bowen
- 10:35—Response, Rev. Homer E. Willis, Michigan
- 10:40—Report of W. N. A. C., Mrs. Hubert Sloan, Michigan
- 10:50—Highlights from Fourth Nationwide League Conference, Rev. C. F. Bowen, Secretary
- 1:00—Recess
- 1:10—The Worship Hour - Singing His praise, Devotional Service - Rev. J. B. Narron, North Carolina.
- 1:30—The Message, "The National Association's Place in the Current Evangelistic Movement." Rev. W. A. Hales, Virginia
- 2:15—Adjourn

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00—Devotional time, Rev. Louis Moulton, Georgia
- 2:15—"Promoting Evangelistically", Report of Promotional Secretary, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Tennessee
- 2:30—Business Session—
Credentials Committee Report
Resolutions Committee Report
- 3:15—"Evangelize NOW via the Air Waves"—Report of Radio Commission
- 3:30—"Publication Evangelism"—Report of Board of Publication and Literature, L. E. Duncan, Mississippi
- 3:45—Free Will Baptist Bible College Quartette
- 3:50—"The Home Mission Board is Evangelizing NOW", Rev. H. E. Staires, Oklahoma
- 4:05—"Stewardship and Evangelism — Siamese Words", Report of Stewardship Commission, Rev. L. C. Johnson, Chairman
- 4:15—Adjourn

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 7:45—Congregation joins in singing His praises, Mr. Stanley
- 8:00—Invocation
- 8:05—Special Choral Number, Free Will Baptist Bible College Chorus
- 8:10—Presenting the speaker, Rev. L. C. Johnson
- Address, Congressman William "Don" Wheeler, Georgia
- 8:50—Hymn
- 9:00—Adjournment

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THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 12

- 9:00—The Worship Time, Rev. Orbin Doss, California
- 9:15—"Evangelism Emphasis in Training for Service"—Report of Free Will Baptist College Board of Trustees, Rev. J. L. Welch, Tennessee
- 9:35—The Board of Superannuation Reports, Rev. J. O. Fort, Florida
- 9:45—"Sunday School Evangelism"—Report of National Sunday School Board, Rev. John West, Oklahoma
- 10:00—Special Music by College Quartette
- 10:05—Business Session
- 10:50—Recess
- 11:00—Devotional, Rev. H. Ray Berry, Tex.
- 11:15—The Message, "The Theme of Evangelistic Preaching", Rev. J. R. Davidson, North Carolina
- 12:15—Adjourn

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00—Meditation and prayer, Rev. Ed Sunday, Oklahoma
- 2:15—Final Business—
Report of Temperance Committee
Report of Church Insignias Com.
Miscellaneous Business
Treasurer's Report
Report of Nominating Committee
Election of Officers
- 3:30—Adjournment

Auxiliary Meets at Church

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson County, met at the church Thursday night, June 7th.

Mrs. Harvey Pittman, in charge of the program, opened by singing, "Oh, Master let Me Walk with Thee," followed by Mrs. Elise Pittman leading in prayer. "Working Together with Him through Christian Stewardship" was the lesson topic for the month. Those taking part in the program were: Mrs. Ava Williamson, Mrs. George Taylor, and Mrs. West gave a short talk which was enjoyed by all, followed with singing "Jesus Wants Me for a Tither."

The president, Mrs. Genice Kirby, held a short business meeting which was very interesting. All the Vice-presidents gave reports. Mrs. Narron reported on the District Convention. Plans were made for Daily Vacation Bible School. There were thirty-four members present and two visitors, Mrs. West from Wilson and Mrs. Kirk from Aberdeen. We are always glad to have visitors and we invite you to come back. The meeting closed with repeating the benediction together.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Mary's Church was honored Thursday night when the Men's Fellowship Class entertained them with a surprise barbecue chicken supper with cole slaw, potatoes, corn bread, home made cakes and iced tea at the school. Everyone had a most enjoyable evening.

He is a fool who cannot be angry: but he is a wise man who will not.—Anon.

Chartered Bus to The National Association

Dothan, Alabama, to Nashville, Tenn.
Ten Dollars Round Trip

We have arranged to charter an air-conditioned Greyhound Bus to the National Association which is to be in Nashville, Tennessee, in July.

The bus will leave from Dothan, Alabama, and the regular fare for the round trip, from Dothan to Nashville, is \$15.99. But the amount for each person on the chartered bus will be less than \$10.

Anyone in south Alabama, south Georgia, or Florida interested in going on this bus, please write to Chester A. Huckaby, Route 2, Chipley, Florida. Mail your money, (\$10.00), check, or money order to Wayne Hicks, Sneads, Florida, not later than June 15. If for any reason we do not get the 37 persons to make the trip on this bus, your money will be refunded to you.

Your brother in Christ,
Chester A. Huckaby



The Worth of the Individual

(Lesson for July 1)

LESSON: Matthew 8:1-4; 18:1-8, 12-14

GOLDEN TEXT: Psalm 8:5.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

1. Perhaps at the outset it would be well to put into bold relief the Scriptures which tell us something of the worth of the individual as over against those which tell us of the doctrine of original sin. That there is such a doctrine is abundantly evident to any student of Scripture.

Such Scriptures as Ephesians 2:1-3 and Romans 3:10-12 attest the fact that God's Word tells us of man's utter inability to do on his own that which can meet the high standards of the holiness and righteousness of God (Rom. 4:5; Eph. 2:8,9).

The worth of the individual does not have anything at all to do with his acceptableness by God. It surely does not mean that man has character enough or works enough for salvation. The worth of the individual is rather involved in his potential, which can only be realized when God is believed and the Son of God is received as Saviour and Lord. That man does have a position of dignity, that he does have worth is clearly demonstrated. If there were no other incident in all of history, what was involved at the cross proves what God thinks of man.—Moody Monthly.

2. Christ and the Leper

Our lesson tells how a leper came and fell before Jesus and begged him to make him clean. Why should Jesus bother with such an outcast and not chase him away and tell him to be gone? Because even a leper was made in the image of God and had capacities of great worth. Although he was a social outcast, yet his leprosy, after all, was merely a physical ailment and did not affect the

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value of his soul. There are other physical ailments which today are even more incurable than leprosy. But the invalid, or the person that is incurably sick, has an immortal soul that can experience the blessedness of Christ's presence and that can enjoy him forever.—Arnold's Commentary.

3. Christ and the Little Child

A story is told of a house which took fire. While the flames were spreading, the mother was busy saving her trinkets. After the mother had rescued her trinkets she tried to enter the house a second time. She was stopped by the flames. She shrieked in anguish, for her baby lay in a cradle in the burning building. At what a cost had she saved **her trinkets!** Should she not have rescued the child first? Is not this true of our children's souls now in danger of eternal ruin? Parents are so often busy saving the trinkets of life, while their children plunge on the downward road to eternal ruin.—Dr. J. C. McPheeters.

The primary cause for prostitution, idleness, drunkenness, and crime is the defective home. Give the child a Christian home, a home where both father and mother pray, and we will solve the juvenile delinquency problem. There is a damaging if not a damning decline in home example and home religion that predicts disaster among us. If there were not so many delinquent parents, there would not be so many delinquent children.—Dr. F. Livicombe.

4. The Worth of One Person

Here is the story of the lost sheep—the man, the woman, the boy or girl astray from the Lord. Though there are ninety and nine safe in the protection of the enclosure, and only one out on the mountain, the true shepherd seeks for that one until he finds it. Notice the force of verse 14. "Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish."

There is a dual reference here: first of all, to one who is young in years, that we may lead that boy or girl to the Saviour; and second, to one who is young in Christian experience and life. God, of course, expects us to

mature, but we begin as children. We should be very careful about our example and about what we have to say to those who are young in faith, as well as those who are young in years.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

"For God so loved"—John 3:16.

A great picture by Rubens was discovered in an old picture shop in the Gresham Road in London. An expert with a keen eye went to the sale, and amid a heterogeneous lot of rubbish he detected under the grime and soot and dust of years, a masterpiece of Rubens.

Crushing down the quiver that came into his voice, he asked in as calm a tone as he could, of the picture dealer, what he would take for this old bit of canvas. The picture dealer looked at it and said, "I will give it to you for thirty-five shillings." The thirty-five shillings were in the seller's hand in a minute, and the purchaser took it home, got it cleansed and put right, and out from the grime and the dust there shines to-day a two thousand pounds' worth of a picture by Rubens.

God can detect, under the failing and fainting, the grime and the dust of His weakest child's faith, the masterpiece of His Son.

His likeness shines through your experience and the Lord can read the facings of His own uniform. He never makes a mistake and only in this uniform will He save you.—1000 Evangelistic Illustrations.

The Home and Crime

In an average day last year 301 persons were feloniously killed or assaulted; 146 robberies were perpetrated; 1129 places were burglarized; 468 cars were stolen; and, in addition, 2861 thefts of other types were committed.

Those figures reflect that the American people, day after day, are paying a bitter toll in death, personal sorrow and financial loss, to the criminal; in 1950 every major classification of crime, except robbery, showed an increase.

The American home too often does not occupy the place in our national life that it did at the turn of the century. We are in a state of moral depression.—J. Edgar Hoover.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

Found—a Pair of Shoes

"Mamma, bring me a pair of shoes from the market, will you? These are worn in holes and I am ashamed to go to school."

The mother looked at the footwear, and shook her head. How glad she would be to see those dear little feet covered! But the lists of things she could not do without was a long one and her purse was small.

"Ah! Willie, I am afraid your old shoes will have to serve for some time yet. Mamma has only just enough money to buy flour, bacon and other necessities of life. So, little man, be good and do not ask me for them."

A subdued sob resounded sadly in the mother's ears as she bent down to embrace her little boy. And this made her go on her way to the market with her head bowed down. However she was one of those happy souls who look on the bright side of things. She rejoiced in the faithfulness of Him who would never leave her.

The road which Mrs. H—— followed that morning was a lovely one, but she took less notice than usual: her mind was occupied with going over her list to see if she could manage to include a pair of shoes in it. But she had not made a mistake, she had no money for that. Then she stopped. A verse had just come to her mind: "Casting all your care upon Him for He careth for you." Then she poured out in the ears of Him who hears in secret all her cares, one after another, not forgetting in her long list the shoes for her boy. From that moment her step became lighter, and an hour later she was at the counter of a shopkeeper.

"Have you had success today, Mrs. H——? You look so happy," he asked as he weighed the tea and sugar.

"By no means!" replied the lady, "on the contrary, times are very bad. But I find all along the way mercy and faithfulness."

"Yes, that is good." The storekeeper knew this customer well for her conversation was always refreshing to him. "But there are many people who groan on the way to heaven. What is it that makes you so happy today?"

"Just the knowledge that He cares for me and mine," answered the lady.

Then the conversation changed and Mrs. H—— prepared to leave.

"While I think of it, I have a pair of shoes, nearly new, which my Bernard cannot wear, since they are too tight for him. As he is a year older than your Willie, if you will allow me, I shall be pleased to give them to him."

Mrs. H—— could not restrain her feelings when she saw on the counter a

splendid pair of shoes. "I told Him that Willie needed a pair of shoes and He sent them to me by yours means."

I do not know which was the happier of the three; the shopkeeper, when he knew that he was the instrument in God's hands; Mrs. H——, when she realized better than ever the care of God for her; or Willie when he proudly put on his new pair of shoes and was told that God had sent them.

"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you" (I Peter 5:7).—"El Amigo de Los Ninos."

Saved By Prayer

In the early spring of 1877, Minnesota farmers surveyed their lands, dreading the first hordes of locusts that had caused such widespread destruction the summer before. Another such plague threatened to destroy Minnesota's rich wheatlands, spelling ruin for thousands of families.

Suddenly, Gov. John S. Pillsbury proclaimed April 26th as a day of fasting and prayer, urging that every man, woman and child ask Divine help against the terrible "pestilence that walketh in darkness and the destruction that wasteth at noonday."

On the appointed day shops, offices and schools were closed and a strange hush fell over the land as Minnesotans solemnly assembled to pray.

Next morning the sun rose in cloudless skies. Overnight, temperatures had soared to midsummer heat. Everywhere the people looked up at the skies in wonder. This was no natural April sun! And, to their horror, the warm earth began to stir with the awakening larvae of billions of the dreaded insects. This was a strange answer to their prayers!

Three days passed, and the unseasonable heat hatched out a vast army of locusts that threatened to engulf not only the crops of Minnesota but of the entire Northwest! Then on the fourth day, the sun went down in a cold sky and that night frost gripped the earth. When the sun rose again, it shone on quiet, frozen fields. Most of the creeping locusts had been destroyed as surely as if fire had swept them from the earth!

When summer came, the wheat waved tall and green in Minnesota. And for the grateful farmers, April 26th went down in history as the day on which a people's prayer had been answered.

—John Allen-Christian Digest

Our daily work should give direction and meaning to our prayers.—Copied.

The future belongs to those who prepare for it.—Ex.

TELLING JESUS EVERYTHING

Dear Friendly Boys and Girls:

About the first thing some boys and girls do when they come into the house is to ask: "Where's Mother?" They have something they want to talk to her about. They want to tell her their joys and sorrows. It surely helps a lot when we tell Mother everything. They know Mother loves them, and they love her, and nothing can go on anywhere without having her know all about it.

It is the very same way when we love the Lord Jesus. We love to share with Him our joys as well as our sorrows. We know that He understands all about it. He understands even better than we do ourselves. He knows what to do about it, too. Best of all, He wants us to come to Him and tell Him all. He loves to comfort our hearts to help us in any way, and to give us all we need.

We read in the Word of God how Jesus' twelve followers once came to Him and told Him all about what had happened when they were out teaching. This is what Mark says in his Gospel about it: "And the Apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told Him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught" (Mark 6:30). They knew just the right thing to do—tell Jesus.

If only we had always done that very thing, what a beautiful and peaceful life we would have had! But if we have failed to do it in the past, we can begin right now to do it. Have you ever talked to Him as you would to a near and dear friend? I mean, have you talked aloud to Him, just as though He were sitting or standing right before you listening to all you had to say? If you would be caught doing such a thing, some of your friends, or some of your enemies might say you were talking to yourself. It would surely sound that way to them, but you would know that you had been talking to the One who is nearer to you than any friend on earth could be. He is not only by your side, but He is inside you—in your heart.

If you have ever talked to the Lord Jesus in this way, just do it next time you are alone somewhere, and see how real and precious He will become to you. His presence will be so real to you that it will seem that you can almost touch Him. He will talk to you, too, and He will make His voice so real to you that you will seem to hear it with your ears. Tell Him everything, and let Him prove Himself to be to you just what He really is—the best Friend you ever could have on earth or in Heaven.

Your loving Friend,
LEOTA L. KNOPP

—Selected

When faithfulness is most difficult, it is most necessary.

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

THE 1951 SESSION OF THE MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

The 1951 session of the Minister's Conference which convened June fourth at Cragmont for a five day session was the best in the history of the organization, according to the testimonies of a number of ministers who have attended every session. I know that it was by far the best that I have attended and I have attended all but one. The registration was the largest. The fellowship was at an all time high. The devotions and the messages by the different ministers were inspiring. Among the speakers were: Rev. Floyd Cherry, Wade Calvert, Rev. Thomas H. Willey and Mrs. Willey. Brother and Sister Willey were only on the program for one day. They had their children with them, "Tommy", Barbara and Nina, their Cuban daughter. Wonderful messages were brought in song as well as Missionary messages, by the group.

Different Ministers conducted the devotions at the beginning of each day's service and each evening. We showed pictures of the different state and national projects and the "Letter to Melitino."

The Holy Spirit was manifested in the messages and many rejoiced. We Had Communion, which included "FEET-WASHING". This was a real Love Feast. I made a motion picture of the service, which looked good through the eye of the Camera. Wish that I had the space to call the name of each person that took part in the devotions and brought testimonies, etc. But you whose name does not appear forgive me please.

WHAT SOME OF THE MINISTERS SAID

"I think that Cragmont is an asset to our denomination, it can very well be a training institution for our young people."

Rev. J. B. Narron

"I have visited Cragmont each year for the past three years and I can say truthfully that this institution means a lot to our people" . . . "It is a place to fellowship with God's people. The best way to know what Cragmont is like, is to pay it a visit."

Charles Brown

"We need Cragmont. It brings us close to God. It inspires us and makes us see what Christ has done for us and how little we have done for God. May God bless this institution."

Rev. C. J. Harris

"The Guest that I enjoyed most at Crag-

mont was Dr. Fellowship—the occupants of every room."

Rev. Billee R. Yawn
Box No. 158
Lowel, N. C.

"It has been my privilege to attend Crag-Spiritual blessing."

R. C. Ambrose

"It has been my privilege to attend Cragmont each year since its institution. I appreciate it as our institution of great potentialities."

R. N. Hinnant

"I thank God for the privilege of visiting Cragmont for the Fellowship that we have with our Brother Ministers, for the great messages we hear from God's word. Truly we do have some "Mountain-top experiences."

R. W. Allman

"Cragmont is a great place and I look forward to the time each year to attend the Minister's Conference at Cragmont."

Rev. M. L. Baxley

"My first visit to Cragmont is a very enjoyable one. It is a place of Spiritual uplift. I think Cragmont a great place for training both the young and the old."

Rev. M. C. Roscholar

"I love Cragmont as a soul saving station to me."

Rev. C. O. Hamilton

"I have been wonderfully blessed and inspired by attending the Minister's Conference at Cragmont. I think that all of our ministers should support it."

Rev. G. C. Joyner

"It has been a great pleasure to meet with my Brother Ministers at Cragmont. It has been a Spiritual feast."

H. M. Minshaw

"Cragmont is a place given by our Lord to His people to worship Him and to be Spiritually revived and to enjoy the fellowship of each other. I am happy to be here."

C. J. Corbett

(Brother Corbett is not a preacher but a Deacon and a great Sunday School worker and has the longest record of regular attendance in S. S. of any person that I have ever heard of at any place, more than thirty years without missing a single Sunday—Editor.)

"Cragmont is a wonderful place. It has been a great blessing to me. I trust that God will continue to bless and keep us moving ahead, and that Cragmont will grow larger and be used greatly for the cause of Christ."

L. L. Parker

"It has been a great pleasure to be at Cragmont, meeting with my brethren in the ministry. It has been a great Spiritual up-lift to me. May God bless Cragmont and make it grow in His cause."

Rev. C. R. Tyner

"Cragmont is a great place for a mountain-top experience. The mountain breeze is fine. But the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of my brethren in the ministry is far

greater. It is my prayer that each Free Will Baptist will get to visit Cragmont."

Rashie Kennedy

"I have thoroughly enjoyed the Minister's week at Cragmont. The fellowship is surely a mountain-top experience and I wish that all Free Will Baptist ministers could visit Cragmont, during the Minister's Conference."

R. H. Jackson
Davis, N. C.

"I believe in the life of every Minister, Christian worker or Missionary there should be time taken for Christian fellowship, instruction and edification which comes from just such places as Cragmont. They go back into the heat of the battle strengthened and encouraged. Your minister is a better servant from having had this time on this mount of blessing. It has been a joy to be here for a few hours."

Mabel Willey

"I have had the opportunity from the beginning of Cragmont Assembly to observe the immense value of a denominational assembly to every department of our church. Cragmont represents one of the definite progressive needs of our church."

Thomas Willey

"For inspiration, instruction and fellowship the Minister's Conference at Cragmont is tops."

F. B. Cherry

"If you are in need of Spiritual food Cragmont is the place that will help you get a supply."

J. B. Hall, Jr.

"Want a Vacation! Go to Cragmont it offers everything for a Christian."

David W. Hansley

"Cragmont is a great place to meet with the Lord and with friends and to take a happy rest. This is my first trip, but the Lord's will I am coming again. I want to bring my good wife here; this is how much I love Cragmont."

J. R. Forest

"I thank the Lord for the privilege of attending the session of the Minister's Conference at Cragmont. My soul has been greatly blessed. I believe that Cragmont is doing more than any other one thing to promote unity among our ministers."

M. L. Johnson

The foregoing testimonies were received by leaving a note book on the table in the lobby and announcing to the ministers and others in attendance "if you like Cragmont, just write your testimony, so that we can use it in NOTES AND QUOTES."

In a testimony meeting while in the closing session, I think that every one present, said something good about the Minister's Conference and the Cragmont Assembly.

God certainly did pour us out a great blessing this year, and I can say of a truth, "That each year gets better."

Financial Statement of Foreign Missions Board May, 1951

Cash on hand May 1, 1951 -----\$9,455.24

RECEIPTS

Alabama -----	\$ 53.83
Arkansas -----	64.96
California -----	13.49
Florida -----	162.39
Georgia -----	95.37
Illinois -----	181.88
Kentucky -----	292.40
Michigan -----	582.58
Mississippi -----	15.80
Missouri -----	597.70
New Mexico -----	15.00
North Carolina -----	1,096.27
Ohio -----	10.65
Oklahoma -----	48.36
South Carolina -----	295.14
Tennessee -----	548.17
Texas -----	51.28
Virginia -----	1.60
West Virginia -----	47.16

Passage and Salary for Miss Vol- ena Wilson -----	575.00
Sale of Barnard's Books -----	73.00
Returned to this office by Miss Barnard to be held in reserve for her until further notice -----	227.90
Total -----	\$5,049.93
Grand Total -----	\$14,505.17

DISBURSEMENTS

Passage for Barnard -----	\$ 537.50
Willey's Insurance -----	10.01
Rev. Rashie Kennedy—Expense to Cuba -----	100.00
Stationery -----	35.00
Missions Visualized -----	233.33
Laura B. Barnard—Expense to Bible Conference -----	22.94
Office Supplies -----	16.14
Rev. Adam Scott—Expense -----	53.50
Visa Service and Cable Charge -----	9.03
Rev. L. A. Holliday (Postage) -----	3.00
Volena Wilson—Salary -----	75.00
Rev. Kenneth Turner -----	161.55
Telephone Calls -----	9.88
Postage -----	20.00
Laura B. Barnard—Royalty on Books sold -----	227.90
Laura B. Barnard -----	90.00
India -----	1,110.00
Bank Charges -----	3.00
Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong -----	165.00
Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong al- lotment for child for previous 7 months -----	105.00
Cuba -----	1,473.20
Toccoa Falls Schools—Willey Child- ren -----	75.00
Rev. Raymond Riggs—Services rendered -----	50.00
F. W. B. Press (Picture Prints) -----	23.95
Josephine Stevens—Africa -----	53.00

Office Help ----- 75.00
Total ----- \$4,737.93

Balance June 1, 1951 -- \$9,767.24

STATES QUOTAS

QUOTA	PAID	BAL.
Ala. \$ 1,550.00	\$ 825.90	\$ 724.10
Ark. 500.00	503.90	
Calif. 200.00	506.97	
Flor. 800.00	731.03	68.97
Ga. 2,000.00	2,339.63	
Ill. 2,500.00	2,641.89	
Ky. 1,200.00	1,027.05	172.95
Mich. 4,000.00	7,048.00	
Miss. 850.00	527.55	322.45
Mo. 8,000.00	7,524.26	475.74
N. C. 11,000.00	12,672.92	
Ohio 2,000.00	631.62	1,368.38
Okla. 5,000.00	1,710.72	3,289.25
S. C. 3,000.00	2,425.28	574.72
Tenn. 5,000.00	5,664.75	
Texas 1,600.00	1,788.72	
Va. 1,500.00	232.87	1,267.13
W. Va. 2,000.00	1,387.99	612.01
\$52,700.00	\$50,191.08	\$8,875.70

STATES ABOVE QUOTA

Arkansas -----	\$ 3.90
California -----	306.97
Georgia -----	339.63
Illinois -----	141.89
Michigan -----	3,048.00
North Carolina -----	1,672.92
Tennessee -----	664.75
Texas -----	188.72
Total -----	\$ 6,366.78
Balance -----	\$ 2,508.92

BALANCE IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS

General Fund -----	\$ 5,835.00
Barnard's Books -----	73.00
Barnard's Reserve Account -----	227.90
Letter to Melitino -----	14.68
India Car Fund -----	3,104.41
In Reserve for Wilson's Passage to India -----	512.25
Total Accounts Balance ---	\$ 9,767.24

My Symphony

To live content with small means;
To seek elegance rather than luxury, and
refinement rather than fashion;
To be worthy, not respectable, and
wealthy, not rich;
To listen to stars and birds, babies and
sages with open heart;
To study hard;
To think quietly, act frankly, talk gently,
await occasions, hurry never;
In a word to let the spiritual, unbidden and
unconscious, grow up through the com-
mon—
This is my symphony.

—William Henry Channing

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

Resolutions of Respect

Whereas: Our loving heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from earth our Sister Mamie Meeks, who was one of our most faithful and loyal members of Piney Grove Church, Pitt County, be it resolved:

First: That we express our deepest appreciation of her devotion and long years of faithful service to the Church.

Second: That we commend to those who felt her example as being one eminently worthy of being followed, it being the deepest joy of her life to serve her beloved Master in every possible way, manifesting at all times a spirit of good cheer and encouragement to those about her.

Third: That we extend to the family our deepest sympathy.

Fourth: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Baptist Paper for publication and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Mildred Humbles,
Irene Tyson,
Myrtie Ruth Tyson,
Committee

ATTEND THE NATIONAL MEETINGS JULY 3-12 NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

You have seen announcements of our National meetings this year and I appeal to Free Will Baptists everywhere to plan to attend all these meetings.

National League Conference July 3-5.

National Sunday School Convention July 6-7.

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention July 9-10.

National Association July 10-12.

I know something of the plans of the different program committees and there are indications that these meetings will be the best ones ever held by our people.

I saw the new auditorium at our Free Will Baptist Bible College when I was there May 20 for the Baccalaureate sermon and I was thrilled in the Lord for His blessings. May we all go to Nashville, Tennessee, July 3-12, believing God for glorious things this mid-century year. We can do wonderful things if we read and heed Mark 10:27, "And Jesus looking upon them saith, with men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

Robert B. Crawford, Bryan, Texas

GRADUATION MESSAGE

(continued from page five)

of Paul "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

The message and plan may be learned from the Word and from the teacher but the power for Christian service must come through the Holy Spirit. Peter was a disciple of Jesus but he denied Jesus. He was trained in the school of Christ yet he went fishing when he should have started a class of disciples, by teaching and preaching the Word. But after the Holy Ghost came on the Day of Pentecost Peter stood up and preached with power. Three thousand souls were saved. After that the Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved. If you carry out the plan of Jesus you must be empowered by the Holy Spirit. This comes by prayer, Bible study and witnessing.

Conclusion:

This Bible School started by Rev. Thomas H. Willey only a few years ago has and is doing a marvelous job. It was made possible by the prayers and gifts of the Free Will Baptist Church of America and the prayers and gifts of other Christians who have a desire to literally fulfill Acts 1:8 and by obeying the command of Jesus.

It is the prayer and desire of all the people who have made it possible that every dollar given will count the most for the glory of God and the saving of souls.

This school is training young men and women who are well able to go teach and preach the Word of God. I'm leaving a plan with the School faculty which will make it possible to put on Teacher Training Classes in the local churches. Also later start Bible Institutes in the local churches. By this plan those who have been obeying II Timothy 2:15 by "studying to show themselves approved unto God" here in school may also obey Paul's words to Timothy: (II Tim. 2:2) "And the things that thou hast

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heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." By following this plan you graduates can multiply your efforts in becoming teachers, as Rev. Willey and his faculty has done in you.

It is my prayer that you graduates will literally obey the commission of Jesus and follow the plan of Paul. It is my prayer that the Free Will Baptist Church in Cuba may blossom as a rose and shine forth as the sun as you make every effort possible to fulfill Acts 1:8: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

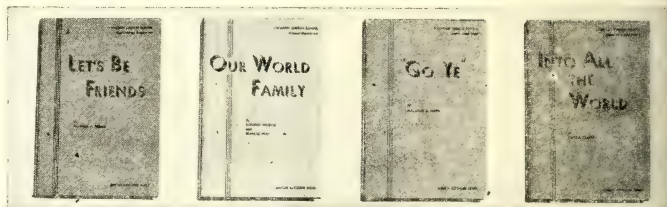
Whom Do I Call Educated?

Whom, then do I call educated? First, those who control circumstances instead of being mastered by them; those who meet all occasions manfully and act in accordance with intelligent thinking; those who are honorable in all dealings; who treat good-naturedly persons and things that are disagreeable; and furthermore, those who hold their pleasures under control and are not overcome by misfortune; finally those who are not spoiled by success.—Isocrates.

Z E A L

After being touched anew with the Spirit of God, John Wesley with a world vision and a burden for all mankind, said, "The world is my parish." Gilmour of Mongolia, who lived a life of singular devotion to the gospel said, "The fire of God is upon me to go and preach." All of us should be aflame with a burning desire to give the gospel to every creature and win the lost to Christ. Time is short; eternity is long.

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Grandma's Errands

My grandma dear is very old,
And when she sews I'm apt to hear,
"I find I can't my needle thread—
Come, be my eyes, my dear."
Or if she tries to go upstairs,
She's like to say, "'Tis very plain
I'll surely have to have some aid—
My dear, just come and be my cane."

Or if she needs an errand done,
She'll say, "It is too far, I fear;
I could not make it there at all—
Go be my feet, my dear."
I like sometimes to comb her hair;
She likes it, too, 'tis very clear,
For mornings, 'fore she dons her cap,
She'll call "Come be my hands, my dear."

My mamma says such kindly deeds
Are far the best way I could show
To grandma, so she'd understand
Her little grandchild loves her so.
And grandma is so nice to me,
I could not bear to give her pain,
So that is why I gladly run,
To be her eyes, her hands, her cane.

—Unknown.

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Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

WALKING WITH JESUS

My Saviour, on the Word of Truth in earnest hope I live. I ask for all the precious things. Thy boundless love can give. I look for many a lesser light about my path to shine, but chiefly long to walk with Thee and only trust in Thine.

Thou knowest that I am not blest as Thou wouldst have me be. Till all the peace and joy of faith possess my soul in Thee; and still I seek mid many fears with yearnings unexpressed, the comfort of Thy strengthening Love; Thy soothing, settling rest.

It is not as Thou wilt with me, till humble in the dust, I know no place in all my heart wherein to put my trust; until I find O Lord in Thee, the lowly and the meek—That fullness which Thy Own redeemed, go no where else to seek.

Then, O my Saviour, on my soul, cast down but not dismayed, still be Thy chastening, healing hand in tender mercy laid. And while I wait for all Thy joys, my yearning heart to fill, teach me to walk and work with Thee and at Thy feet sit still.

Mrs. Eva Benton
Andrews, S. C.

When faithfulness is most difficult, it is most necessary.

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PROGRAM

OF THE
Sixteenth Annual Session
OF THE

National Woman's Auxiliary Convention

AUXILIARY TO THE
National Association Of Free Will Baptists

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"The hour is come that the Son . . . be glorified"—John 12:23.

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Nashville, Tenn.

July 9-10, 1951

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PROGRAM

THEME: "Now Is the Hour"

WATCHWORD: "Laborers Together with God"

CONVENTION HYMN: "Christ for the World We Sing"

Monday Morning

9:30—Executive Committee meeting
I—Prayer
II—Reports:
1. State Field Workers
2. Executive Secretary-Treas.
III—Discussion Period
1. Reports
2. Plans presented for 1952
11:30—Adjournment

Monday Evening

7:00—Registration of Delegates and Officers
7:15—Call to Worship, Choir
—Convention Hymn
—Invocation, Rev. L. C. Johnson
—Organization of Convention:
1. Seating Delegates
2. Reading Minutes
3. Appointment of Committees
7:45—Hymn: "More Love to Thee"
—Devotional: "Now Is the Hour for Better Stewards", Mrs. D. C. Dodd, Tennessee
—Prayer, Rev. Robt. Crawford
—Welcome Address
—Response
—Monologue: "A Transformed Life"
—Lucy Wisehart, Missouri, main character, with a hidden choir assisting under direction of Mrs. L. E. Ballard, N. C.
—Declamation Contest under the direction

of Mrs. Melvin Bingham, of Oklahoma
—Hymn: "I Gave My Life for Thee"
—Awarding of Prizes
—Benediction, Mrs. Paul Ketterman

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Tuesday Morning

9:00—Convention Hymn
—Devotional: "Now Is the Hour for Greater Missionary Visions", Mrs. Luther Gibson, Mississippi
—Discovering Who's Here
—President's Message: "Now Is the Hour for Christian Women"
10:00—Subject: Theme of Convention
—"Now Is the Hour for Questions"
President presiding
Participants are: Mrs. Myron Hyatt, First Vice-President, Mo.; Mrs. Melvin Bingham, 2nd Vice-President, Okla.; Mrs. D. C. Dodd, 3rd Vice-President, Tenn.; Mrs. L. E. Ballard, 4th Vice-President, N. C.; Mrs. Alice Childers, 5th Vice-President, Ohio.

11:20—Hymn: "Are Ye Able"
—Prayer, Opal Hiltibidal, Illinois
—Message: "Now Is the Hour for Greater Missionary Endeavors", Rev. Raymond Riggs
—Offerings and Announcements
12:00—Benediction, Rev. Joe Fort

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Tuesday Afternoon

1:30—Convention Hymn
—Reading Minutes
—Hymn: "More Love to Thee"
—"Now Is the Hour for Consecration"
—"The Ninety and Nine"
Musical Reading by Cumberland Auxiliary Convention
—A digest of State Reports by Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
—Reports of Vice-Presidents
—Committee Reports:
Appreciation
Registration
Finance
Resolution
Nominating
2:30—Miscellaneous Business
—Installation Service, Mrs. Huey Gower, Arkansas
4:00—Adjournment
4:00-4:45—Conferences
Presidents, Program-Publicity Chairmen, Enlistment Chairmen, Personal Service Chairmen, Y. P. A. Leaders, Field Workers (State and District), Study Course Chairmen, Secretaries and Treasurers

"They tell me you have all kinds of money."

"Yep, pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters."

Evangelism in the Sunday School

Mrs. C. C. Sheffield

Leary, Georgia

"If ye love me ye will keep my commandments." That is the test submitted by Christ himself to test us obedient disciples. Of supreme importance is Christ's last command given as the Great Commission. Go therefore into all the world, make disciples of all nations beginning in Jerusalem, through Judea, Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the world. We know this command was given to the eleven disciples, but the experience of Pentecost shows that the church is involved in that command. The first considerations of every Christian and every local church is to submit their will to the head of the Church who is Christ, and express their true discipleship in the privilege and responsibility of making him known to all men, everywhere though the local church to the ends of the world. There should be a dedication of the whole church to the task of winning the world to Christ. Modern church members seldom are made to believe that if they have a little money to send some one or help support another that they and the whole church are excused from taking part in the great mission.

inescapable emphasis must be placed upon beginning at Jerusalem, expanding through Samaria, Judea and to the uttermost parts of the earth, realizing that expansion does not mean giving up the fields we are at home.

Christians today have a tendency to leave all soul-winning to the preacher. We must pray for renewed life. Everyone through the church, in all local organizations, must renew the actual business of winning others to Christ. No organization offers a better opportunity to do this than the Sunday School.

The Sunday School is the Church's best work teaching, but it offers also unlimited opportunities for Sunday

School workers in the field of Evangelism.

In II Cor. 4:6 Paul tells us—"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." If Sunday School workers have not the light of Jesus Christ shining in their hearts how can they give the knowledge to others? Therefore, it is essential that we have a staff of Sunday School workers who are first of all Christians, for to be Soul Winners, you must first be Soul-Won. After Jesus had cast the unclean spirits out of a man as recorded in Mark's Gospel, Jesus then told him to "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for Thee." But I believe fervently that had not Jesus told him to do this he would have gone on his way rejoicing, telling all he met of the goodness of Jesus. For the natural impulse of first love for Christ is to make him known to others.

So it is with Christian workers; they have a desire to win lost souls to Christ. In order to win lost souls for Christ the messenger must give the message divinely inspired from God. After this has been done, the Holy Spirit opens the receptive heart to receive the truth when presented. Then it is not only essential for Sunday School workers to be Christians but they must be trained.

In Tim. 2:15 Paul states the divine ideal for the Christian teacher: "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the work of truth." We live in a world of specialized workers. In our secular schools one is unable to obtain a position as a teacher unless he has the proper qualifications.

In all the professional world the best of training is needed if one is to excel in his work. In sight of these

things, certainly the man of God should be complete in preparation for his task.

Stewardship and Evangelism are two closely related words in connection with Church work. They each should be a part of the whole in the program of the church organizations. Stewardship in church organizations without Evangelism would be emphasizing the so-called social Gospel Notion. In some Protestant Churches today there is a notion that Evangelism has no definite place in the church program, and teaches that religion must express itself in action proving its character in ministering to the needs of others. That is good and is an essential factor in the teaching of true religion. But it should be in connection with the true gospel of Christ and emphasis should be placed on salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Herein is the opportunity and duty of the Sunday School and other church organizations. That is to renew its Evangelistic efforts and give pre-eminence to salvation through faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

A common mistake made by many Sunday School teachers of the younger Sunday School classes is this: They forget that Christ needs and wants the 8, 9, or 10-year-olds to be won to Him, for how very much easier is it to train a young tender vine to grow up the way it should, than to wait until it is old and tough and tangled with weeds. So it is with the young, Sunday School workers of these younger groups should renew their efforts to bring about in the lives of these boys and girls a definite decision for Christ. Ninety-six per cent of all people who ever become Christians before they are 24 years old, according to church statistics. Seven out of 10 children in the U. S. are receiving no religious instructions of any kind. 37,000,000

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My Healing Testimony

This testimony is offered in hope that it may help others to believe in divine healing. As Isaiah prophesied it would be, healing is in the atonement of our blessed Lord. Yes, Isaiah tells us, "With His stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:5).

After Jesus was tried and sentenced by Pontius Pilate in that old judgment hall in Jerusalem, we are told that He was taken to the torture chamber, where He was stripped to His waist and tied by the hands to a peg extending from the wall. Here a huge Roman soldier appeared to Him with a long whip-like scourge with bits of brass interspersed every few inches to cut the flesh and draw the blood. So cruel and severe were the lashes that many of the victims died under the hands of these scourgers. Oh, how Jesus was scourged!

I have been told by great Bible scholars that our Lord had thirty-eight stripes upon His back before He was led away to be nailed to that huge wooden cross on the hill called Golgotha. He hung there with nail-pierced hands, a spear-riven side, and a blood-stripped back. Yes, our Lord.

After the horrible crucifixion of our Lord, let us listen to what two of His leading apostles had to say. Both of these men were deeply impressed with the two-fold aspect of His death. John said, "Then Pilate therefore took Jesus and scourged Him" (John 19:1). Peter, writing of the scourging, said, "By whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Healing is part of our daily bread; so why not believe?

I love the back that bore the healing stripes; I love the hands that held the print of the nails; I love the side which was spear-opened for you and me. I love Jesus of Nazareth! Why? Because he healed me when no one else could.

On August 28, 1946, I had a broken cuticle on my index finger of my right hand. This finger became infected and refused to heal. After several days, my hand and arm began to be so painful that our physician was called. After receiving several treatments, the diagnosis showed that blood poison had set in. This almost cost me my whole arm. Three leading physicians were consulted, but none of them seemed to bring me relief, although the blood poison was checked. Everything that medical aid could do, including x-ray treatments, was done. During these treatments, my finger burst open until the bone could be seen from any angle. Infection kept cutting away the flesh until my finger was a horrible sight. I was suffering immensely. No rest day or night for nine weeks. I was on the verge of collapsing, when all of a sudden a severe stinging pain struck so hard that, like a flash, my suffering subsided. I was then told by my physician that my finger was dead and would

have to be amputated before rigor-mortis set in.

Now this was sad news, for I had promised the Lord years ago that I would do the work that He gave me. This work was corresponding with sick and shut-in people from various states. This news of amputation cut deeply. I would have a poor chance of writing without the aid of this finger. For all that, the fire of hope kept burning deeply within my heart. I was like Job, I was going to trust Christ unto the end.

Now let me pause and express in these brief words my deepest, profound gratitude and appreciation unto our dear Lord for the marvelous way that He healed my finger on the second day of December, just 36 hours before my dead finger was to be amputated.

I went down on my knees before God in prayer. I shut out of my heart and mind everything but Christ. I wanted Christ. Out of a broken, contrite heart, I really called on God to have mercy and to rescue me. I was in need of help. Praise God, He heard my pleading and rescued me! I could see a beautiful shadow of someone coming toward me. It seemed as though I were trying to walk on the water of a great ocean; but, like Peter, I couldn't stand up; I was sinking beneath the waves when Jesus of Nazareth said, "Be not afraid!" And when He took hold of my afflicted hand to lift me out of the water; I knew He was Jesus—The Man of Galilee.

ATTEND THE NATIONAL MEETINGS JULY 3-12 NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

You have seen announcements of our National meetings this year and I appeal to Free Will Baptists everywhere to plan to attend all these meetings.

National League Conference July 3-5.

National Sunday School Convention July 6-7.

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention July 9-10.

National Association July 10-12.

I know something of the plans of the different program committees and there are indications that these meetings will be the best ones ever held by our people.

I saw the new auditorium at our Free Will Baptist Bible College when I was there May 20 for the Baccalaureate sermon and I was thrilled in the Lord for His blessings. May we all go to Nashville, Tennessee, July 3-12, believing God for glorious things this mid-century year. We can do wonderful things if we read and heed Mark 10:27, "And Jesus looking upon them saith, with men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

Robert B. Crawford, Bryan, Texas

MRS. T. R. BURKMAN

"And with His stripes we are Healed."
Isaiah 53:5

He brought joy, light, and healing to me.

When I felt the touch of His hand, mine, I felt that mighty power of life-giving strength surging through my body like a powerful current of electricity. With newness of life, it rushed into my finger and I knew my finger was alive and healed. I came forth with faith that never before had I possessed. For now I had believed with all my heart, soul, and mind. My faith had been turned loose, and Christ had honored it with complete victory.

I went right to my physician with the good news. He stood amazed at my story and when all dressing was removed, I had a perfect, normal finger. Not a trace of defect, or even a scar, could be seen. Life restored; skin, replaced, and I, a new child for faith had lifted me out of these thorn, so-called creeds and doctrines that teach healing is not in the atonement.

This experience taught me a great lesson about the power of our God to heal and His wonderful love for His dear children. Yes, He cares for us. We belong to Him. You, dear friend, step out, turn your faith loose, believe God, and you will find as I did, that divine healing is in the atonement of Christ.

(If you have been blessed by reading this tract, write to Mrs. T. R. Burkman, P. O. Box 652, Pinehurst, N. C. This ministry is made possible by your offerings. For \$1.00 you will be sent 175 copies of this tract. Send postage for free samples of tracts. Please send all orders and contributions to: G. C. Clark, P. O. Box 6, Henderson, N. C.)

—Selected

Coals of Fire

A colored woman went to her pastor and complained that her husband was a "cold, down, overthless, trifless bum."

After listening to a long recital of delinquencies of the "no 'count" spouse and her vain efforts to reform him, the minister said to her:

"Have you tried heaping coals of fire upon his head?"

"No pastor, I ain't done dat yet," was her prompt reply, "but I done tried water."

Officer—Let me see your license, please. Motorist—Marriage, automobile, driving, camping, fishing, dog, hunting, or teaing?

News from N. C. Ministerial Association

The North Carolina Ministerial Association held its annual conference this year during the week of June 4. The attendance this year was the largest yet. There were fifty ordained and licensed ministers who registered for the conference, and most of these remained all during the conference. Our fellowship was enriched by the presence of several deacons who also attended the conference.

Unofficially, the conference began Monday on route to Cragmont when one of us who were traveling on the Cragmont bus had the privilege of hearing Rev. M. L. Johnson deliver the opening sermon. The fellowship around God's Word lasted throughout the week and did not end until we had nearly reached home. The last sermon was delivered on the bus on the way home by Rev. Rommie Mitchell.

A special feature of the conference came on Thursday when Rev. and Mrs. Willey, our missionaries in Cuba, and their family, arrived. At 11:00 A. M. service Rev. and Mrs. Willey spoke to us of their mission work, and the other members of the family sang and gave testimonies for us. In the afternoon Rev. J. C. Griffin showed the picture, "A Letter to Melitino," which is the story of Free Will Baptist missionary work in Cuba. After the picture Rev. and Mrs. Willey discussed more extensively with us the needs of the mission work in Cuba.

On Wednesday evening we observed the Lord's Supper and the service of Washing of Feet. Brother Griffin made a picture of this service which will soon be shown to our people.

At our business meeting on Thursday we discussed ways of promoting the work of the Ministerial Association. We decided to have a one-day conference some time during the winter of all Free Will Baptist ministers who will attend. The date and place of this meeting has not yet been determined, but the ministers will be notified of the plans when they are completed. Also at the business meeting, the following officers were elected for the year 1951-1952:

President: R. N. Hinnant, re-elected
Vice-President: Wade H. Calvert
Secretary: Wm. Burkette Raper
Treasurer: J. C. Griffin.

The entire week of the conference was inspiring. The fellowship was splendid. Everyone who attended expressed the hope to return next year. We hope that others will join us. The deacons from our churches are also invited.

All of us were impressed with the fine way in which Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hall, Jr., are managing Cragmont this year. We found them to be very friendly and anxious to serve in any way they could. The conference could not have been the success that it was without the excellent service

rendered us by Mr. and Mrs. Hall and their help.

The ordained and licensed ministers who registered for the conference were:

Wade H. Calvert, Billy R. Yaun, Mitchell W. Davis, C. B. Hansley, M. L. Baxley, J. R. Forrest, J. B. Narron, David W. Hansley, G. C. Goyner, C. J. Harris, Paul Clayton, C. D. Hamilton, W. L. Hart, L. L. Parker, J. C. Griffin, R. H. Jackson, Wm. Burkette Raper, Wiley Ferrell, M. C. Roscholor, F. B. Cherry, M. L. Johnson, R. N. Hinnant, L. E. Ambrose, R. C. Ambrose, W. E. Renfrow, L. H. Boykin, Rommie Mitchell, H. M. Menchew, C. H. Overman, Ronald Creech, James A. Evans, Paul Jenkins, E. R. Tyner, M. L. Cummings, Rashie Kennedy, Thomas H. Willey, L. B. Manning, A. G. Baker, Wayne Smith, R. C. Mumpower, Noah Brown, Charles Brown, J. A. Collins, R. W. Allman, Walter Carter, W. L. Moretz.

The following deacons registered and attended the conference:

H. J. Corbett, Micro, North Carolina; John Copeland, Elizabeth City, North Carolina; Laster Elliott, Lancaster, South Carolina; Clyde Lee, Lancaster, South Carolina.

We are thankful for the conference we had this year, but we hope to have an even better one next year.

Wm. Burkette Raper, Secy.
N. C. Ministerial Assn.
Free Will Baptists

HOGS WORTH MORE THAN MEN

Years ago when Sam Jones lectured in Iowa, he roasted those who sign on petitions. Here is a report of his lecture from a Sigourney paper:

This nice little Iowa town, with a farm-region around it makes one of the garbage spots of the world; but with all your sins you can't get along without three boys to debauch your village and ruin your boys, 'because you need the money.'

Here Mr. Jones inquired of the surprised audience, 'How much is the license fee?' Some one answered '\$300 each.' 'One hundred dollars altogether,' said Mr. Jones. 'What is your population?' Answer, '2,000.' The speaker then made a lightning calculation, and resumed: 'The liquor dealers walked up to you and said,

"if you will let us damn this town we will give you forty cents apiece." Say, what would a 200-pound hog bring?' Answer, '\$12.'

"So," replied Mr. Jones, 'hogs \$12 apiece and people forty cents a head. Say, brother, don't you wish you were a hog? You and your whole family wouldn't bring enough in this town to buy a suckling pig! This is a little lower down than I have ever found them. For the pitiful sum of forty cents apiece you turn over your boys to be debauched, the hearts of mothers to be crushed and the town ruined—all for forty cents. This is cheap; but I suppose that is all you are worth, eh?'

"I want to say that there is not a man of you who signed that petition to bring sa-

loons to your town, but deserves that every boy you have in your home shall fill a drunkard's grave, and your daughters live in the embrace of drunken husbands. What did you sign it for? If you did not want your boys to drink, or your daughters to marry a drunkard, what did you do it for? Stand up and talk back. You surely did not sign hoping your boy would not drink, but that your neighbors would!

"Why don't you say, 'To tell you the honest truth, I did it for the forty cents.' If the devil don't get you for that, it is just because he don't want you, and every man that signed that liquor petition, the devil will get the last man of you—but thank God, he won't get much. If you fellows don't feel like a hog, you don't feel natural. That's all."

Questions and Answers About F. W. B. Press

By L. E. Ballard

Q.—Is the Press owned and operated by "a little group of men?"

A.—The Press is not owned and operated by any group of men, as such, little or big. It is owned by regularly organized bodies of Free Will Baptist churches, who elect in a regular manner, in their meetings, their representatives to the annual stock-holder's meeting. These representatives in turn elect members of a board of trustees, who operate the Press through a management and staff of employees subject to this board as they are subject to the bodies appointing them.

Q.—Is the Press a "privately owned corporation?"

A.—The Free Will Baptist Press is a non-profit-sharing corporation, chartered under the laws of the state of North Carolina, in order to give it proper legal standing. Stock in the Press may be sold anywhere in the United States to recognized bodies of Free Will Baptists.

Q.—Is some of the stock owned by individuals?

A.—317 shares of the stock is still owned by individuals, while 1,022 1-2 shares is owned by church groups. This is because in the early days many individuals bought stock in order to keep the Press going. Most of these have donated their stock to

their respective conferences, associations, and union meetings, but some few have not chosen to do this, and in other cases the stock is held by the estates of original investors, and much of this would be gladly donated if the proper contacts could be made. By far the controlling interest in the corporation is held by Free Will Baptist organizations.

Q.—Is the Press "denominationally controlled?"

A.—Not in the sense that any one Free Will Baptist organization controls it, but it is in the sense that it is control by Free Will Baptist organizations, as indicated above. It is most certainly NOT non-denominationally controlled, so the logical conclusion can only be that it must be classed as "denominationally controlled," so long as the organizations owning the property are denominational.

Q.—Is the Press subject to the will of the denomination?

A.—It is not the policy of the Press to maintain in any sense an indifferent attitude toward the program and judgement of the leaders of the denomination, but rather to seek knowledge of the desires of the people served by the Press, and, in so far as possible, mold the policy of the Press to harmonize with the will of those who are the representatives of the denomination. A

proper co-operation is possible only when both sides are willing to co-operate; when either assumes an arbitrary disposition, co-operation becomes difficult. Even if the Press were in every sense of the word denominationally owned and controlled, would be impossible for those chosen to operate it to satisfy everybody. Leaders in the field may be in the best position to know the needs of the people, but the management of the Press is in the best position to know the possibilities of meeting those needs. As it becomes possible to meet them, the Press seeks to provide that which is needed. Somewhere there must be a mutual meeting place!

Q.—Do any individuals benefit by the "profits" of the Press?

A.—Individuals who work for the Press benefit only to the extent of the wages they earn, and wages have never been, and are not now, any higher than paid for the same work by other concerns—and in many cases those who work for the Press could be making more money elsewhere. When they are "profits" they either go into improvements for greater service upon the part of the Press, or for the advancements of the denominational program. NOT ONE CENT GOES TO STOCK-HOLDERS; NOT ONE CENT ABOVE WAGES GOES TO AN INDIVIDUAL. When you patronize the Press you are not contributing to "individuals," unless you consider making possible the payment of reasonable wages for hard work "charity."

Special Notice to All Leaguers

Just in case you were not present during the convening of the State League Convention of North Carolina June 15-16, I want to give you a bit of important news: First, I am happy to tell you that the Convention voted to sponsor a week of Spiritual Life Conferences at Cragmont Assembly, Inc., July 30 to August 4. All Leaguers of all ages are invited to spend the week and enjoy the fellowship, inspiration, spiritual help and at the same time take a wonderful vacation in the mountains of our state. A schedule for the Cragmont bus will be announced soon and all who wish to go may register now by sending \$2.00 registration fee to Rev. R. P. Harris, P. O. Box 1265, Durham, N. C., who will be in charge of the Spiritual Life Conferences for that week. The total cost per person, in-

cluding the \$2.00 registration fee, is only \$20.00. This includes your bus fare, room and board, linens, and insurance. If you register before you leave home, your insurance begins when you leave home and is good until you return home at the appointed time.

All parents are requested to write to Rev. Harris, should there be any information you desire concerning the welfare of your child and his care while in our hands. We assure you the best of protection and spiritual guidance during this time.

Another thing of interest to all subscribers to the League is the publication of The Leaguer right away. The Convention empowered the executive board to go ahead and plans for financing it was left into their hands. In the meantime, subscrip-

tions at \$1.00 per year will be accepted. The Leaguer is a monthly magazine published in the interest of Leagues and all young people's activities. Write for more information a free copy to The Leaguer, P. O. Box 1265, Durham, N. C.

A third thing of interest to you is the re-election of Rev. David Wootte as president of the convention. Young Mr. Scott of Wilson was elected vice-president, Miss Alice Wester was re-elected Secretary, Rev. J. P. Harris re-elected Recording Secretary, and Rev. J. B. Narron of Kinston was elected treasurer.

I surely will be looking for your registration for Spiritual Life conferences at Cragmont in the mails right away now.

Rev. R. P. Harris,
P. O. Box 1265, Durham, N. C.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

EDITOR RETURNS FROM VACATION

After a week's vacation with our son and his family on Long Island, New York, we are back in our office, and have settled down to routine business again. While we had some rest from our editorial duties, while away, yet we did not take much time out for quietness, as we visited many places of interest and of historic value on the island. It was, indeed, a great trip for us, after having been editor for fifteen years without having taken the privilege of visiting previously places of historic value and interest.

In the near future we may write an editorial, describing the most important places which we visited and how they impressed us from an historic point of view. Suffice it to say here that we did have a good vacation and feel that it has meant much to us in several ways. Editors should have time to visit once each year, at least places of importance in this country, and be able to give the readers of their papers some valuable information to enjoy, and to profit therefrom.

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THE NATIONAL BODIES TO MEET NEXT WEEK

Free Will Baptists throughout the United States of America are looking forward with great interest to the convening of the National bodies of the denomination in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, during the first and second weeks of July. It is expected that each of these national bodies will have large attendance; ministers, delegates, deacons, Sunday School officials, League officials, and officers and leaders of the woman's auxiliaries, and also church people in general from the various churches of the denomination.

These national meetings will be the best, it is believed, that have ever been held by Free Will Baptists in a long time. It is believed that greater emphasis will be placed upon all phases of the denominational work than ever before, and that programs will be set up in each of

these national organizations providing for greater work to be done by all of the churches, Sunday Schools, Woman's auxiliaries and the Young People's Leagues of the denomination for the ensuing year. Certainly, interest is great among the leaders of these four bodies, and there is no reason but that greater things can be achieved for the glory of God during the coming months by our church people throughout these United States.

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EVERY CHURCH A UNIT OF THE WHOLE

Every local church, whether urban or rural, small or great, throughout the Free Will Baptist denomination constitutes a single unit of organized believers, and therefore is a vital part of the denomination. As cents make dollars, and as dollars make millions, so individual church members make or constitute local church groups for Christian service, as well as all the churches of one faith and order make a denomination of believers. Each unit must feel a keen concern for the welfare of the whole, and be willing to labor and sacrifice for the growth and expansion of the denomination for the glory of God.

May every Free Will Baptist resolve, with a sincere purpose in his heart, to do more for the cause in the world during the next fiscal year than ever before. Let us hope that each local church will resolve to support in a greater way every phase of the denominational work for the ensuing year than they did this closing year. If all churches and their members as a whole will do this, then when the next annual meetings are held in July, 1952 there will be greater reports to be made from all phases of our denominational work than we have ever made. Little denominations grow stronger by united efforts, as large denominations become stronger and larger by their unity of purpose and plans through united leadership and the proper utilization of means to make them strong and useful for the cause of Christ in the world.

Auxiliary Meets at Church

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson County, met at the church, Thursday night June 7th.

Mrs. Harvey Pittman in charge of the program opened by singing, "Oh, Master Let Me Walk with Thee," followed by Mrs. Elise Pittman leading in prayer. The lesson for the month, "Working together with Him through Christian stewardship."

Those taking part in the program were Mrs. Ava Williamson, Mrs. George Taylor and Mrs. West gave a short talk which was enjoyed by all. Following with singing "Jesus wants me for a tither."

The President Mrs. Genice Kirby held a

short business meeting which was very interesting all the vice presidents gave reports. Mrs. Narron reported on the District Convention. Plans were made for Daily Vacation Bible School. There were thirty four members present and two visitors Mrs. West from Wilson and Mrs. Kirk from Aberdeen. We are always glad to have visitors, and we invite you to come back. The meeting closed with repeating the benediction together.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Mary's Church was honored Thursday night, when the Men's Fellowship Class entertained them with a surprise, barbecue chicken supper with cold slaw, potatoes, corn bread, home made cake and iced tea at the school. Everyone had a most enjoyable evening.

THINKING OF CHRIST

If ever my Lord has need of me,
Somewhere in the field of sin,
I'll go where the darkest places be,
And let the sunshine in.
I'll be content with the lowliest place
On earth's remotest rim;
I know I'll see His smiling face,
If it's done with a thought of Him.
I'll fill each day with the little things
As the passing moments fly:
The tendril which to the great oak clings,
Grows strong as it climbs on high.
I'll trust my Lord, though I cannot see,
Nor e'er let my faith grow dim;
He'll smile—and that's enough for me—
If it's done with a thought of Him.
—Selected

THE VIRGIN MARY

Pope Pius XII on November 1 proclaimed as a dogma of the Roman Catholic Church the Assumption into heaven of the Virgin Mary. This has received wide publicity, including an article by Graham Greene in *Life* for October 30. Mr. Greene, who is a convert to Catholicism, is a novelist and writer of movie scenarios.

All of this has awakened in the minds of many Protestants certain questions regarding the mother of Jesus. Is the Catholic representation in accordance with Scripture? What, if anything, do we have to say regarding the Roman Catholic teaching about her? What do Protestants think of Mary?

Strictly speaking, the Protestant Church does not have a particular position regarding Mary. The reason for this is that the data in the New Testament is inadequate for the construction of a doctrinal position concerning her.

This is not to imply that Protestants do not hold her in great esteem. Indeed a Protestant should yield to no one in the high regard he has for Mary, the mother of Jesus. To her belongs a supreme honor, that of being chosen of God to be the mother of the Saviour of the world. In thus being selected of God to be the human means in the Incarnation, the village maid of Nazareth is placed above all other women of history. Protestants do well to remember this and to affirm the unique place which belongs to Mary.

On the other hand no Protestant can, in good conscience, accept the teaching of the Church of Rome about her. The present phase of this teaching, the dogma of her Assumption, is the culmination of a development which extends back to the third century, when the epithet, "Mother of God," was probably first applied to Mary by theologians of Alexandria in North Africa.

One need hardly point out that this title has no basis in Scripture. Nor does it have any standing in the court

(A Consideration of her place in the Christian religion)

of reason. God is spirit, infinite and eternal spirit. It is simply absurd to speak of God as having a mother.

The Nicene Creed, adopted in 325 A. D., distinguished carefully the relation of Mary to our Lord—"God of the substance of the Father, begotten before the world, and Man of the substance of His Mother, born in the world." It was the manhood of Jesus, His human nature, not His deity, that was derived from the Virgin Mary. Thus neither Scripture nor logic offers any justification for the title, "Mother of God."

We may, however, trace back to this early date the beginning of the exaltation of the Virgin Mary which has come to its climax in the dogma of the Assumption. One writer at least—Stephen E. Slocum, Ph. D.—does not consider this the culmination of the process. Dr. Slocumb holds that the title, "Queen of Heaven," is "the final step in this progressive exaltation of Mary."

Regarding this title, "Queen of Heaven," Dr. Slocumb writes: "This is a distinctly pagan title, found in Jeremiah 7:18 and 44:17-19, 25, where it refers to the Phœnician goddess, Ashtoreth, called 'the abomination of the Zidonians' . . . The intrusion of the pagan idea of a queen of heaven is sacrilegious in the extreme, and this makes the cult of Mary Mediatrix the worst form of modern idolatry."

Two other developments are to be noted between the title, "Mother of God," and the dogma of the Assumption. These are the doctrine of the perpetual Virginity of Mary and the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. This latter became a dogma in 1854, when Pope Pius IX promulgated it in the papal bull "Ineffabilis Deus."

The doctrine of the Perpetual Virginity of Mary means that after the

birth of Jesus she bore no more children. This doctrine, it is noteworthy, is of non-Catholic origin. It first occurs in a work proscribed by the earliest papal Index Librorum Prohibitorum, Index of Prohibited Books. The *Encyclopedia Britannica* states, "... there is no evidence of its having been taught anywhere within the pale of the Catholic Church of the first three centuries." Certain statements in the gospel regarding the "brethren of the Lord" are most naturally interpreted as meaning the children born to Joseph and Mary after the birth of Jesus.

The other doctrine, that of the Immaculate Conception, affirms that Mary was born without the taint of original sin.

This idea was unknown in the Early Church, even as it is unknown in the New Testament. Augustine, the great bishop of Hippo, who died in 430 A. D., repeatedly asserted that Mary was born in original sin. Anselm, archbishop of Canterbury, who died in 1109 and who was expressly placed in the list of church authorities in 1720 by Pope Clement XI, wrote: "... the Virgin herself . . . was conceived in iniquity, and in sin did her mother conceive her, and with original sin was she born, because she too sinned in Adam, in whom all sinned."

As to the present dogma, that of her bodily Assumption into heaven, let a convert to Protestantism speak—Dr. Georges A. Barrios of the faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary. A native of France, a member of the Dominican Order, he was professor of biblical archaeology at the Order's colleges in Jerusalem, Belgium and France prior to his ordination to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., in 1941.

In an article in *The Christian Century* for August 3, 1949, Professor Barrios, after carefully examining the whole subject, evaluates the evidence for the Assumption as follows: "So far as the assumption of Mary is concerned, it is our opinion that

Scripture offers no justification for it, that the witness of tradition is unreliable, and that the arguments of convenience developed by Roman theologians are neither decisive nor deduced from incontrovertible premises. The virgin of Nazareth, whom the angel hailed as full of grace, is not to be honored by fictions. She needs no false jewels."

Whatever the motives have been, it must be stated that "the handmaid of the Lord," the humble village woman of Nazareth, has been most unjustly treated. It is safe to say that no one is more pained and disturbed by the "false jewels" thrust upon her than is Mary herself.

—Rev. Ralph B. Nesbitt

Third Union Report

The Third Union of the Eastern Conference met with Folkston Church April 28, 1951. Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. L. Narron. The Union was opened for business by the Moderator. Temporary committees were appointed. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. List of ministers as called with twelve present. List of churches was called with 100 per cent attendance.

We accepted the invitation from Sarecta church to meet with them July 28, 1951. Rev. Lloyd Vernon was selected to preach the Union sermon, Rev. W. R. Millard his alternate. After congregational song and prayer, the Union sermon was preached by Rev. R. Kennedy, taking his text from Gal. 6: 2. We then were dismissed for dinner.

After enjoying the Christian fellowship with us together we reassembled for the afternoon session. Reports of various boards were adopted. There was an offering taken for R. W. Pipkin; \$40.00 was received. By motion we extended a rising vote of thanks to his church and community for their kindness shown this session of the Union.

By motion we adjourned. The Union was closed with song and prayer.

Rev. J. R. Davenport, *Moderator*
Lemmie Taylor, *Clerk*

Gentle Reminder

In the presence of company a certain wife never failed to remind her husband of an error he had committed a few years before.

"Oh, honey," he groaned one day, "won't you please pipe down about that? You say you'd forgive and forget."

"I did forgive and forget," she snapped. "I just want to make sure that you don't get I've forgiven and forgotten."

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Christian Stewardship has been defined as the managing of life and its resources for God and the good of all. When we compare this with the second Commandment that Christ gave, we would do well to accept His words as fully expressing the obligations of Stewardship. One cannot love God and his fellow man to the fullest degree without managing his life and his resources for God and the good of all. Christ gave our life so we should consecrate it to Him. He gave us our time, so we should use it according to His will. He enables us to earn money, so we must give our silver and gold to advance His cause. We are created, protected, supported and redeemed by Him, therefore all we are and all we have must be used for God and the good of all. We cannot be true and loyal to our Saviour and neglect His church or His program. If every F. W. B. church member would practice Christian Stewardship, most of the big problems of our denomination would be solved. We need to study, learn and even major in stewardship. Our preachers need to preach it more and our teachers also need to teach it; then we would be able to work together with Him because of having become good stewards.

There are three things we want to notice about a good steward:

1. A Christian steward will be found in all the worship services of his church. Christ is our example in the stewardship of worship, and to follow Christ one must be faithful in his attendance at every church service. We should serve the Lord with gladness, and life is short even if we live the three score and ten years, so we as Christian stewards must always put forth every effort to be found in all worship services.

2. The Christian steward will find work to do in his church. Surely every auxiliary member can find her place in her church in 1951. Everyone has some talent she can use for her Lord. We should seize every opportunity to lead the lost to Christ

By Mrs. C. A. Eubanks
Fourth Vice-President
Central Auxiliary Convention

by giving our youth an encouraging word. May we strive to find a place in His service according to His will.

3. The Christian steward will support his church financially. One should support their church with systematic, proportionate, worshipful offerings. We know it takes money to run a church, promote a program, and send the gospel to the ends of the earth. It is unthinkable that God has no plan for financing His Kingdom work. Old testament law required the tithe and a person with a new testament experience should not do less. Paul teaches that giving is a grace to be cultivated and not done grudgingly. It must be done voluntarily, cheerfully and prompted by love. May we summarize what we have tried to say like this: We belong to the Lord; He purchased us with His own blood. As a matter of gratitude and love we must each give. Our giving should be done voluntarily, cheerfully, regularly, liberally and proportionately to the work of our Lord. All Christian stewards doing this will be workers together, therefore making His way known upon the earth.

A Bow at a Venture

A lady once writing to a young man in the navy who was almost a stranger, thought: "Shall I close this as anybody would, or shall I say a word for my Master?" And, lifting up her heart for a moment, she wrote, telling him that this constant change of scene and place was an apt illustration of the words, "Here have we no continuing city," and asked if he could say: "I seek one to come." Tremblingly she folded it and sent it off.

Back came the answer. "Thank you so much for those kind words. I am an orphan; and no one has spoken to me like that since my mother died, long years ago." The arrow shot at a venture, hit home, and the young man shortly afterwards rejoiced in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of peace.—D. L. Moody.

Middlesex Orphanage

Itinerary, W. A. Hansley Orphanage Representative

(All services at 8:00 p. m.)

(Unless otherwise stated)

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sunday—June 24, 1951—11:00 a. m.—Gum Swamp—Pitt County

FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION

Sunday—July 1, 1951—11:00 a. m. Marshall

JACK'S CREEK ASSOCIATION

Sunday—July 1, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Higgins Chapel

Monday—July 2, 1951—8:00 p. m.—North Bend

Tuesday—July 3, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Bowditch

Wednesday—July 4, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Young's Chapel

FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION

Thursday—July 5, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Shoal Hill

TOE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Friday—July 6, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Elk Mountain

Saturday—July 7, 1951—8:00 p. m.—St. Paul (Buladean)

WESTERN YEARLY ASSOCIATION

Sunday, July 8—1951—11:00 a. m.—Beaver Creek

FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION

Sunday—July 8, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Swannanoa

Monday—July 9, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Avery Creek

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 5, 1951—11:00 a. m.—Hugo

PEE DEE CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 12, 1951—11:00 a. m.—White Oak, Bladenboro, N. C.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 19, 1951—11:00 a. m.—Saratoga

ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 22, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Hickory Chapel (Ahoskie)

Thursday, August 23, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Little Creek (Virginia)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 26, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Smith's New Home

Monday, August 27, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Mt. Zion, Onslow County

Wednesday, August 29, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Beaufort

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 21, 1951—11:00 a. m.—Union Chapel

Itinerary For Miss Taylor

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Friday, June 29, 1951—8:00 p. m.—People's Chapel—Elm City, N. C.

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Sunday, July 1, 1951—11:00 a. m.—Pleasant Grove (Erwin, Harnett Co.)

Evangelism In The Sunday School

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children and young people are growing up without religious instructions. It is the responsibility of the church to reach and teach these neglected ones.

A woman once asked her pastor if she would let her 11 year old son join the church, she said that he wanted to and felt urged, but that she didn't know whether he realized what he was doing. The pastor's answer was to refer her to Mark 10—where the disciples rebuked the people for bringing the little children to Christ and Jesus said—"Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God."

Christ can use every one in his service—the old and the young. The Sunday School affords the best opportunities for soul winning because we have all age groups together, the little children, the boys and girls and the men and women. The individual group with its attendant intimacies make it a golden opportunity for the teacher to present the truth in such a personal way that it is almost impossible for one to continue to escape from the appeal of the gospel.

A good type of Evangelism for church workers to do outside the church is Visitation Evangelism. Have teams made up of church workers composed of two women or two men; assign them to visit families in the community who you know are not Christians; have them talk to these families about giving their lives to Christ. Have them use tact, not discussing belief or church de-

nomination, etc. But hold it simply to this: Will you give your life to Christ? All contacts will not be won to Christ, but some will, and remember to win one person to Christ is to save a life for eternity. You certainly will meet with opposition and criticism in your work. Christ did. He was rebuked, rejected and criticized, but he did not give up, neither can we if we are to be true disciples for Jesus.

Christian workers: You may think your job is finished with that person when you have won him to Christ, but no one expects a day old baby to act like a middle aged adult, and yet we sometimes expect children and adults who receive no Christian training to be as faithful, loyal and steadfast in Christian character as those who have been living for Christ for fifty years. Evangelism without Christian education is uneffectual. Our churches are filled with those who profess to be Christians but who show no outward manifestation of the spirit. So many times these people have no desire to lead useless Christian lives, but they have not been shown their place in the Church.

A new convert will need to be shown his places in the church work. he will need to be trained how to use the Bible, how to pray, and what to pray for, the meaning of church membership, and how his denomination carries on the work of the gospel around the world. No, the life of a true Christian worker is not a easy path to follow. It has its disappointments and sorrows, but the Hope Eternal springs forth in the Christian heart, he who has faith has hope for a better tomorrow beyond this vale of tears here on earth, and we also have the assurance of Jesus blessed promise, "Lo I am with you always, even until the end of the world."

Voice of Experience

"When I arrived home last night," related the young husband, "my wife greeted me with a big kiss. She had a swell dinner ready and afterwards she wouldn't let me help with the dishes, but made me sit in the living room and read the paper."

The old married man sighed:

"And how did you like her new hat?"

PROGRAM
of the
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
to be held in

Nashville, Tennessee, July 10-12, 1951

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THEME—"Evangelize Now"
MUSIC DIRECTOR—Mr. I. L. Stanley

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TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 10

- 7:45—Let His Praises ring out, Mr. Stanley
8:00—We listen to the Word and seek guidance through prayer, Rev. Ronald Creech, Nashville, Tennessee
8:08—We sing again, Mr. Stanley, directing
8:11—The National Association is officially called to order by the clerk, Rev. Paul Kettelman and turned over to Rev. Bruce Barrow, the Moderator
8:13—Moderator's Words, Rev. Bruce Barrow, North Carolina
8:23—Preliminary business and announcements, Moderator
8:28—Special music, Free Will Baptist Bible College Choral Group
8:32—Presentation of the speaker, the Moderator
8:35—The Keynote Message, "What Price Evangelism in Our Present World Crisis?", Rev. Floyd Cherry, North Carolina
9:15—Closing hymn
—Benediction

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 11

- 9:00—Morning meditations with song, prayer and Scripture, Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Missouri
9:15—Report of Nominating Committee, (Committee Selections)
9:25—Report of the General Board, Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Oklahoma
10:00—Nashville's Welcome to the National Association, Mayor West
10:20—Bible College Quartette
10:25—A word from Nashville's Churches, President of Pastors' Association, Rev. C. F. Bowen
10:35—Response, Rev. Homer E. Willis, Michigan
10:40—Report of W. N. A. C., Mrs. Hubert Sloan, Michigan
10:50—Highlights from Fourth Nationwide League Conference, Rev. C. F. Bowen, Secretary
11:00—Recess
11:10—The Worship Hour - Singing His praise, Devotional Service - Rev. J. B. Naron, North Carolina.
11:30—The Message, "The National Association's Place in the Current Evangelistic Movement." Rev. W. A. Hales, Virginia
12:15—Adjourn

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00—Devotional time, Rev. Louis Moulton, Georgia
2:15—"Promoting Evangelistically", Report of Promotional Secretary, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Tennessee
2:30—Business Session—
 Credentialed Committee Report
 Resolutions Committee Report
3:15—"Evangelize NOW via the Air Waves"—Report of Radio Commission
3:30—"Publication Evangelism"—Report of Board of Publication and Literature, L. E. Duncan, Mississippi
3:45—Free Will Baptist Bible College Quartette
3:50—"The Home Mission Board is Evangelizing NOW", Rev. H. E. Staires, Oklahoma
4:05—"Stewardship and Evangelism — Siamese Words", Report of Stewardship Commission, Rev. L. C. Johnson, Chairman
4:15—Adjourn

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 7:45—Congregation joins in singing His praises, Mr. Stanley
8:00—Invocation
8:05—Special Choral Number, Free Will Baptist Bible College Chorus
8:10—Presenting the speaker, Rev. L. C. Johnson
—Address, Congressman William "Don" Wheeler, Georgia
8:50—Hymn
9:00—Adjournment

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THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 12

- 9:00—The Worship Time, Rev. Orbin Doss, California
9:15—"Evangelism Emphasis in Training for Service"—Report of Free Will Baptist College Board of Trustees, Rev. J. L. Welch, Tennessee
9:35—The Board of Superannuation Reports, Rev. J. O. Fort, Florida
9:45—"Sunday School Evangelism"—Report of National Sunday School Board, Rev. John West, Oklahoma
10:00—Special Music by College Quartette
10:05—Business Session
10:50—Recess
11:00—Devotional, Rev. H. Ray Berry, Tex.
11:15—The Message, "The Theme of Evangelistic Preaching", Rev. J. R. Davidson, North Carolina
12:15—Adjourn

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00—Meditation and prayer, Rev. Ed Sunday, Oklahoma
2:15—Final Business—
 Report of Temperance Committee
 Report of Church Insignias Com.
 Miscellaneous Business
 Treasurer's Report
 Report of Nominating Committee
 Election of Officers
3:30—Adjournment

**SECOND UNION OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE
HELD AT GRIMSLEY CHURCH**

The 2nd Union of the Cen. Conf. of N. C. convened with Grimsley Church, Greene County, Saturday before the 5th Sunday in April, 1950. The meeting was opened by the Mod. Rev. D. W. Alexander. Mrs. J. E. Wooten led in devotions, Mrs. Matthew Sermons led in prayer. The minutes were read and accepted. Fourteen ministers were present and their names were recorded.

Rev. C. J. Harris reported the Needy Ministers Fund to be in the red. Moved that this Union request each church in the Union to raise large funds for the Needy Ministers Fund (for this Union) and that the clerk notify every clerk of the churches in this Union of this action taken.

Rev. R. B. Spencer spoke on the subject, "Evidence of Scripture Inspiration."

Rev. Rashie Kennedy and Rev. L. B. Manning each brought forward a letter of dismission and recommendation from their former Unions and Conferences to join this Union. Moved that the moderator extend to them a welcome and their names be recorded.

Rev. Manning was next on the program. His subject was "Outstanding Events in the Pentateuch" (or the first five books of the Bible). Rev. C. L. Patrick followed his message by preaching the Union sermon on "Conspicuous Types in the Pentateuch."

An offering was taken for the Middlesex Orphanage amounting to \$36.50. Rev. Bruce Barrow gave thanks for the offering and dismissed us for lunch.

During the lunch hour we were served plenty of delicious food on the grounds and listened to a recording of one of Rev. Rashie Kennedy's church services.

At 1:00 we reassembled. The Ayden League had charge of the program of devotions. Special prayer was offered by Rev. C. L. Patrick for Brother Cordell, pastor of the Rocky Mount church. Moved that this Union donate \$100.00 to the Bible College at Nashville in memory of this Union. The Moderator will decide whether someone's name will be placed or the Unions. Moved that an offering be taken to go on this \$100.00 and the balance be taken out of the treasury.

Rev. Rashie Kennedy spoke on the subject "Outstanding Prophecies in the Pentateuch."

Discussion followed concerning the speaker for the S. S. convention. Moved that this Union go on record repudiating the action of the Convention program committee in securing a Dr. Carter to preach during their program. Also moved that the committee with the Moderator of this Union to notify said speaker that his service was not wanted.

The treasurer's report was accepted as follows:

Total received \$236.68

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Christian Living in the Family

(Lesson for July 8)

LESSON: 2 Timothy 1:3-6; 3:14-15; Ephesians 5:22-23; 6:1-4.

GOLDEN TEXT: Ephesians 4:32

I. The Heart of the Lesson

That there has been a falling down in the home is all to apparent in our national life. It is God's will, of course, that the home should be an integral part of the training of any child. No parent can evade his responsibility here. The home is one of the divinely ordained institutions on the earth. In addition, God has ordained the state, and, thank God, the Lord Jesus Christ has set up the Church. There are definite and required demands on the part of all these institutions.

Many are the passages of Scripture which tell us that parents have a responsibility to tell the children of the Lord, and to set the example that will cause them to have a love for the things of God and not an abhorrence because of any hypocrisy that they might see.—Moody Monthly.

1. This phrase gives us to understand that Paul's forefathers were devout, religious people: and that they strongly influenced his life; that his zeal for God came as a result of their Godly example, although probably in ignorance. They acted conscientiously according to all the light they had. God remembered this and the result was the great Apostle Paul. Salvation does not run in the blood, but God does remember and reward sincerity and prayers to God out of an honest heart. Our lives lived now as Christians will affect future generations. "Thee and thy house" cannot be claimed by the slip shod and self-willed Christian professor. There are conditions attached. (Vs. 3)

2. A believing grandmother and mother can be a great spiritual power in a child's life (vs. 5).

3. God has given gifts to each of us, but sometimes we need to stir them up and make more use of them (vs. 6).

4. It is never too early for a child to learn to know the Holy Scriptures (3:14).

5. A thorough knowledge of the Scriptures is to lead to salvation thru personal faith in Christ Jesus (vs. 15).

6. Wifely submission in the meaning of the Scriptures is an ornament of grace beautiful to behold (Eph. 5:22).

7. Husbandly love should ever strive after the great ideal of Christ's love which prompted Him to give His life for the Church (vs. 25).

8. If it is a question of right or wrong, the Word of God says it is right for children to obey their parents (6:1).

9. Honoring parents is more than merely obeying them, for it is a definite indication of love and respect (vs. 2).

10. Fatherly discipline should not drive children from the Lord but lead them to Him (vs. 4).—Selected.

11. Some types of personalities, no matter how spiritual, simply do not function well together in continuous close proximity. In the case of incompatible dispositions only the full possession of the Holy Spirit in husband and wife can result in a harmonious home. In all cases the relationship between husband and wife can be improved by consistent prayer for each other.

12. Good children do not grow up spontaneously. They are the product of careful training—training which starts in infancy. The only discipline which an infant can comprehend is physical restraint, and it is folly to postpone it. Parents who refuse to discipline their children are creating unstable, neurotic adults. Spoiled children grow into spoiled, unloved men and women, ill prepared to meet the inevitable discipline of life. Fathers and mothers who "love too much to correct" are selfish, weak parents.

13. Quarrels and fights between brothers and sisters may be typical, but they can be reduced in frequency. Harmony can be increased if

children are taught to understand and share each other's problems and to rejoice in each other's successes. Here is where prayer is so important. As children are taught to pray more for one another, they will fight less with one another.—Arnold's Commentary.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

The Old-fashioned Home

When I was chaplain of a penitentiary in Arkansas, out of seventeen hundred convicts, I found only one that had been brought up in a home where they had had an old-fashioned family altar. I heard since that he was pardoned as he was found innocent of the crime with which he was charged.

There was an atmosphere in the old-fashioned home, a kind of prophylaxis that made it impossible for skepticism or atheism to live there. May God give us back the old-fashioned Bible, and old-fashioned parents; and then the Holy Spirit will come down on your little home like the glory cloud came down and went into the Tabernacle.—Selected.

Earliest Impressions Most Lasting

The most important ten years of human life are from five to fifteen years of age. The vast majority of those who pass twenty are never converted at all. One minister said that out of two hundred thirty-five hopeful converts, one hundred thirty-eight were under twenty years of age. Dr. Cuyler said he had been permitted to receive over one thousand persons into the church, and not a dozen of these had passed their fiftieth year. The heathen mother takes her babe to the idol temple, and teaches it to clasp its hands before its forehead in prayer, long before it can utter a word. Who ever saw a heathen child that could speak and not pray? The mother of the Beechers prayed for her children that they might be converted and become ministers or missionaries. Her five sons all became ministers and missionaries.—Practical Commentary.

(We are sure you will find many more truths in our quarterlies for your prayerful consideration. Don't neglect prayer and study.)

Cragmont

News and Views

The views at Cragmont are numerous, but the one most pleasant at this time was seen Monday afternoon as the Cragmont bus, driven by C. H. Overman, Jr., came to a stop in front of the building and the young people unloaded. They were "home" again for a full week of fellowship and spiritual blessings. It was indeed a beautiful sight to look upon—these young folks who will be our tomorrow, arriving at a Christian Training Center. What they are taught today will mean much as to what they will teach tomorrow; therefore, it was good to see, with them, Rev. Fred Rivenbark their director and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Phillips of Durham who will be their instructors. I'm sure each of these young folk who did not come to Cragmont are now regretting it.

The ministers during the week of June 4-9 enjoyed many wonderful blessings, and proved a blessing to others. Their hours were spent in listening to sermons by their Brothers in Christ, meditating upon The Word, discussing ways and means by which the cause might be furthered. Beside these hours of spiritual food, there were some applied to their physical needs. They were taken on sightseeing trips on the Cragmont bus, frequented the canteen, and seemed to enjoy the dining room very much.

Cragmont has had some additions recently. Mrs. Esther Smith of Black Creek, N. C. is the chef, but will be absent a few days to be with her son, Ralph, before he leaves for the service. Each of those who have ex-

perienced some of her delicious meals will be longing for her return. Another addition is the new floor waxer—in the person of Miss Lois Harrell also of Black Creek. When you arrive at Cragmont and see the waxed floors all the way up to the third floor—that is the result of the new waxer.

To those who would like to spend some time away from the trials, of everyday routine, we invite you to Cragmont. The period from the 1st. to 15th. of July is open time at Cragmont, so decide now to enjoy your free time in spiritual refreshments and recreations, such mountain climbing, pitching horseshoes, going sight-seeing, etc. The young people of the week June 11-16 can give first-hand reports on the mountain climbing. When you once visit Cragmont, we'll not have to say "come again."

Jerry Hall,
Hostess

Word of Much Meaning

Savings institutions in Sweden have a co-operative, one-ward slogan—"onskekonto."

The literal translation is "desire account" but its significance to natives is deeper than that or its equivalent English phrase, "save for a purpose."

"Onskekonto" seems also to imply the attainment of an ambition or a dream come true.

Youth Conference Held At Cragmont

July 16-21

Rev. J. B. Narron

Registrar

This week is for the young people of North Carolina who want to meet with other young people of other churches. Rev. Rashie Kennedy is director. He has planned a wonderful program for the week. There will be a period for worship, study, games, mountain climbing, sightseeing and many other interesting things. Young people, plan to attend this Youth Conference and you will return home with a fuller purpose for life. Bus transportation, room and board, linen and insurance will be \$20.00 if you travel on the bus, but if you have your own transportation, of course, your expenses will be room and board. There is a \$1.00 registration fee for every person. We will use the Cragmont bus, but we want all the young people that plan to go to send their registration fee to Rev. J. B. Narron, 206 E. Washington St., Kinston, N. C., so we will know how many to plan for.

Our Co-Laborers

I want you dear readers and preachers to read and ask God to help you to do more for superannuation this year than you ever have done. My heart goes out to the aged preachers as they are looking to us to care for them. They have walked miles and miles to carry the gospel. They have not had the advantage that our preachers have today; so let us ask God to forgive us for our neglect of them. If superannuation was put before our churches as much as foreign missions, I think that our preachers would be taken care of better.

How many of you preachers have given a tenth to superannuation. You young preachers are going to get old some day if the Lord lets you tarry that long. I would like to ask each church to give a tenth of your income one month to the year for superannuation. We can do it; so let us go forward this year.

Preachers, please take this to heart and do more for your brother preachers this year. Will you?

How many of you have gone to see the old ministers and said a cheering word to them? May the Lord bless you in your work. Pray more and do more for our disabled ministers. They are looking to us; so come on dear Christians, let us go our limit for them. Will you?

Mrs. Carrie Ringgold
Bridgeton, N. C.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

The future belongs to those who prepare for it.—Ex.

Our daily work should give direction and meaning to our prayers.—Copied.

Schedule of Cragmont Assemblies

Black Mountain, N. C.

VISITORS AND DELEGATES

to National League, Sunday School, Woman's Auxiliary, and National Association in Nashville, Tennessee: July 1-15 inclusive.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, Director

YOUTH CONFERENCE

July 16-21

Revs. Rashie Kennedy and J. B. Narron,
Sponsors and Directors

SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE FOR YOUTH LEADERS

July 23-28

Rev. Burkette Raper, Director

OPEN TIME

July 30 thru August 4

Raymond T. Sasser, Registrar

FAMILY SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

August 6-11

Rev. S. A. Smith, Director

THE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

August 13-20

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Director

SECOND FAMILY SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

August 20-25

Fountain Taylor, Director

Please contact the director for the week you wish to attend Cragmont for the bus schedule and other details.

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

TWENTY-FIVE THINGS WE CAN'T DO

1. "Sow bad habits and reap a good character."
2. "Sow jealousy and hatred and reap love and friendship."
3. "Sow wicked thoughts and reap a clean life."
4. "Sow wrong deeds and live righteously."
5. "Sow crime and get away with it."
6. "Sow dissipation and reap a healthy body."
7. "Sow crooked dealings and succeed indefinitely."
8. "Sow disloyalty and reap loyalty from others."
9. "Sow Dishonesty and reap integrity."
10. "Sow profane words and reap clean speech."
11. "Sow disrespect and reap respect."
12. "Sow deception and reap confidence."
13. "Sow untidiness and reap neatness."
14. "Sow self-indulgence and not show it in your face."
15. "Sow intemperance and reap sobriety and temperance."
16. "Sow indifference and reap nature's rewards."
17. "Sow mental or physical laziness and reap a responsible position in society."
18. "Sow cruelty and reap kindness."
19. "Sow wastefulness and reap thriftiness."
20. "Sow cowardice and reap courage."
21. "Sow destruction of other people's property and reap protection for your own."
22. "Sow greed and envy and reap generosity."
23. "Sow neglect in the Lord's House and reap strength in temptation."
24. "Sow neglect of the Bible and reap a well-guided life."
25. "Sow human thistles and reap human roses." —Taken from the Convert.

NOT BY SAYING

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21).

We are not saved by saying alone, but by doing what the Lord wants us to do. It is God's WILL that all be saved, but God does not force His WILL on any one. He leaves the doing to us; therefore Jesus said, "For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is as my brother, and my sister, and mother" (Mark 3:35).

Here Jesus makes our relationship to depend on doing the will of God. Notice that He said, in DOING the WILL OF GOD we were as His mother. His Mother from the

Spiritual viewpoint was, and is no more to Christ than the most humble, consecrated, believer. All believers in Christ are children of God and by being children of God we belong to God's family and thus we become "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ."

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together" (Rom. 8:14-17).

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." If the "peacemakers" shall be called the Children of God, they must be the born again Children of God. Not a peace that is made out side of the WILL of God. If there is a blessing for the PEACEMAKER what about the PEACEBREAKER? CURSE OF GOD. You fellows that break peace, better get down and take inventory of your state and standing with God and find who you are and where you are headed.

CHILDREN OF GOD BY FAITH

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond or free there is neither with condemnation to be repented for. I Jesus. Every God fearing, born again child of God is equal—that includes the Mother of Jesus—"the same is my brother, sister and my mother." said the Lord Jesus Himself.

"Whosoever that is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him and he cannot sin because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother."

The children of the devil follow the wishes of the devil. They do the will of the devil continually. They cannot live righteously because they are not BORN AGAIN. You cannot live a righteous life until you are made righteous, and you are not made so until you believe on and accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Saviour of your own soul.

I might say something about that assertion of John (1 John 3:9) where it says "he cannot sin because he is born of God." For there are people who make it a physical impossibility, by mis-interpretation. Even though you have been born of God and made a child of God you can commit sin, and you do commit sin, but you do not PRACTICE sin or continue to practice sin. You hate sin, you hate the very appearance of sin. You have no compromise with sin. It is not a physical impossibility for you to sin, but it is a moral impossibility. You cannot continue to practice sin and live in

fellowship with God. One little sin will hold us out of fellowship with Christ until that sin is repented for, and the only way to repent is to take it direct to the Lord Jesus Christ, our HIGH-PRIEST who is at "the right hand of God," and who is making intercession for us. I recently heard of a preacher who was reported as saying, "If he was to purchase a pint of whiskey and drink it that it would be no sin to him because he was a child of God." Brother, it would be a sin to me. I would hate to meet Jesus with whiskey in my stomach. I would hate for him to smell the damnable stuff on my breath. Whenever a man or a woman mis-interprets the Word of God to the extent that he justifies himself in doing wrong because he is a child of God that person is getting on dangerous ground. It is just where the devil wants to get a fellow.

A brother came to me after church services closed, and said, "Preacher, I want you to go home with me today." I answered, "I am sorry but I cannot do it." He said "Why?" I said, "Because I have promised Brother—." I could have broken my promise and gone with the latter, but I could not and remain true to the first. You cannot practice sin and be true to God, and if you are not true to your promise to God you are condemned. "There is therefore, now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. Condemnation brings separation from the fellowship of God. A Spirit-led believer will not follow after sin. Whatever appears to be sin a child of God will turn from. While being entertained at serving after a meeting of a certain church circle, there was passed to me a bowl that contained sillabub-highly flavored with wine, I refused to partake of it. "I could not take it in, because I am a child of God. It would have been a sin, therefore, I could not afford to commit sin by being sociable. If I had so desired, I could have taken the stuff into my stomach. Certainly, it was not a physical impossibility, but it was a moral impossibility. It would have left me male or female for ye are all one in Christ was stared at by those who gobbled the stuff down, but I would have been frowned upon by the most precious friend that I have ever known had I eaten the stuff.

Don't you believe that stuff that you cannot sin no how, because you are a child of God, that belief is of Satan.

Read First Corinthians 10:1-5 and see what happened to the Israelites because they sinned—displeased God. They fell. You may fall if you follow the flesh.

Silver Lining

Able to see the sunny side of any situation, however dark, he stood, hoe in hand, looking at the thick blanket of weeds in his potato patch.

"Makes it tough to have the weeds so thick," a passing friend remarked.

"Nope, easier," he rejoined. "Don't have to walk so far to the next weed."

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

WILLOUGHBY

On May 25th 1951, God called from this world Joe Willoughby, of near Ahoskie N. C. at the age of 85.

He was a faithful member of Hickory Chapel F. W. B. Church, where he served as deacon for more than fifty years. When his age hindered him from attending he was still active in heart and mind and contributed much in a financial way to the church and denomination.

His life was long and useful and will be greatly missed but our loss is his gain, for as much as we hated to see him go he realized God had something for better in store for him for the noble life he had lived.

He leaves to mourn their last seven children. To them the home will never be quite the same, for in his passing truly they lost a father like every child so badly needs, loyal devoted and kind, but most of all a Christian. But in his going he has left behind a life full of service that will cause them to strive harder to make Heaven their home.

His funeral was conducted from his church by the Rev. P. C. Wiggs and A. B. Chandler, and the large crowd attending the floral tribute which were many and beautiful showed the esteem in which he was held.

Bettie Tinkham

Resolutions of Respect

WHEREAS: Our loving heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from earth our sister, Mamie Meeks, who was one of our most faithful and loyal members of Piney Grove Church, Pitt Co. be it resolved:

FIRST, that we express our deepest appreciation of her devotion and long years of faithful service to the church; SECOND, that we commend to those who felt her example as being one eminently worthy of being followed it being the deepest joy of her life to serve her beloved Master in every possible way. Manifesting at all times a spirit of good cheer and encouragement to those about her;

THIRD, That we extend to the family our deepest sympathy; and

FOURTH; that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Baptist paper for publication and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Mildred Humbles
Irene Tyson
Myrtie Ruth Tyson
Committee

MINUTES

of

BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

and

LITERATURE

Nashville, Tenn.
April 17, 1951

The Board of Publications and Literature of the National Association met in business session on the above date. Chairman J. C. Griffin called the meeting to order. Revs. Daniel Pelt and L. C. Johnson, being absent, a motion was made by Rev. Ralph Staten, seconded by Bro. L. F. Duncan, and carried that Rev. R. H. Jackson of Davis, N. C. serve as proxy for Rev. Daniel Pelt, and that Rev. Laverne Miley, serve as proxy for Rev. L. C. Johnson.

Rev. Griffin read laws and by-laws governing work of the Board. A general discussion of the literature needs of the National Association and its auxiliaries, and what we as a Board might do in meeting the need, was brought to our attention which was the need of a better understanding with those doing the printing of our present literature and supplies.

Motion by Rev. Staten seconded by Rev. Jackson, and carried that we send a member of our Board to the June meeting of the Directors of the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, N. C. to confer with them concerning the needs of the National body, and also that we request that each of our standing Boards send a representative to this meeting, and further request that our Promotional Secretary attend. Rev. L. C. Johnson was elected to represent the Board of Publications and Literature.

Motion by Rev. Staten, seconded by Rev. Jackson, and carried that traveling expenses of Rev. L. C. Johnson to Press Director's meeting in June be paid out of Board's treasury.

Motion by Rev. Staten, seconded by Rev. Jackson and carried that we sponsor a Book Store during the meeting of the National Association and its auxiliaries at Nashville in July.

Motion by Rev. Staten, seconded by Bro. Duncan, and carried that Rev. Million continue to collect and compile historical data of the Free Will Baptist denomination and that he present to the Board of Publications and Literature bills for expenses incurred.

Motion by Rev. Staten, seconded by Rev. Jackson, and carried that the Executive Committee of the Board work with Promotional Secretary in supplying up-to-date church bulletins for sale to our churches.

Motion by Rev. Jackson, seconded by Rev. Staten, and carried that the promotional secretary proceed to distribute the first issue of "Yearbook of the National Association of Free Will Baptist Church" at \$1.00 per copy; that after all cost of publication and distribution has been paid the remain-

ing funds will be paid into treasury of the board.

Motion by Rev. Staten seconded by Rev. Miley, and carried that Executive Committee of Board with help of promotional secretary contact music publishers concerning the publication of a complete church hymnal for Free Will Baptists.

Rev. Damon Dodd, presented a copy of his manuscript for the publication of a "Ministers' Manual" to the board for their disposal.

Motion by Rev. Staten, seconded by Bro. Duncan, and carried that Rev. Dodd furnish each board member a copy of "Ministers' Manual" manuscript for their study after the meeting adjourned.

Motion by Rev. Staten, seconded by Rev. Jackson, and carried for adjournment after prayer. Rev. Griffin asked Rev. Miley to lead the closing prayer.

J. C. Griffin, Chairman
L. E. Duncan, Secretary

Second Union of Central Conference

Held At Grimsley Church

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Paid out as follows:

To clerk	\$ 10.00
D. W. Alexander (Special Service)	6.50
Needy Minister	73.75
F. W. B. College	100.00
Orphanage (collection)	36.50
Orphanage (appropriation)	2.64
Christian Education	.66
Missions	.66
Church Finance Asso. Inc.	.66
Cragmont Assembly	.66
State Promotional Work	.66
Superannuation	.66

Total paid out	\$ 233.35
Balance in treasury	\$3.34

Moved that all the 66 cent items in the treasurer's report be held over until the next sitting of the Union. Moved that the Union extend to Grimsley church a rising vote of thanks for entertaining the Union. Gum Swamp invited the Union in July to meet with them. Voted to accept the invitation. Rev. D. W. Hansley dismissed the Union.

Rev. D. W. Alexander, Mod.
Mrs. Guy H. Corbett, Clerk

ATTENTION, PLEASE!

As president of the North Carolina State Convention, I wish to urge as many of our ministers, as can possibly do so, to attend the National Association which convenes in Nashville, Tennessee, July 10-12, 1951. I am asking also the churches to help their pastors to bear their expenses to this important meeting.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
L. B. Manning,
Pres., N. C. State Convention,
Fountain, North Carolina

STOP AT CRAGMONT ON YOUR WAY TO NATIONAL MEETINGS

During the first half of July all four of our National Bodies will be meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.

Many of us will be going to these meetings and passing through western North Carolina. Many of us will find it necessary to stop over somewhere to spend the night, either going or coming, or both. For those who wish a nice place to spend the night, at a very reasonable price, the facilities of Cragmont are being offered. This will be a good time for us to get the accommodations we need and at the same time enjoy the beauty and fellowship of Cragmont.

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If you plan to spend some time at Cragmont on your way, it will be a great favor to Bro. and Sister Hall, if you will notify them that you expect to be there. If they know how many to expect, they will be better prepared to take care of all. Just write to Mr. J. B. Hall, Jr., %Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, N. C., and tell them when you will be there and how many will be in your party. However, if you do not have time to notify them after you decide to go, you may just stop by, and they will do their best to take care of you. If you know of others who will be going to the National, why not suggest to them that they stop over at Cragmont, the Free Will Baptist School House, away from home!

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Others, who will not attend the National meetings, are also invited to visit Cragmont during the Delegates and Visitors' Days, July 1-15.

See You at Cragmont!

Very truly yours,
M. L. Johnson,
Director, July 1-15

Hitherto - Henceforth

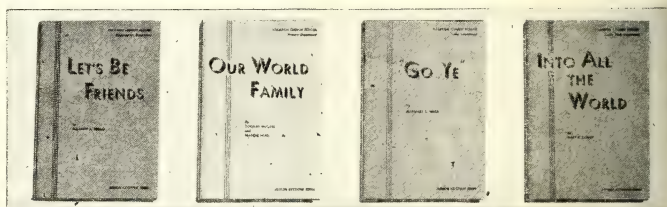
God of all my yesterdays, Guide thro' all my devious past,
Great has been Thy faithfulness, As the starry spaces, vast,
Like a pitying father, Thou, — Or a mother, until now.
Not a word of Thine has failed, No good thing hast Thou denied,
As my day of strength has been, Ev'ry need has been supplied,
With unfailing constancy Has Thy goodness followed me.
As Thou hast seen, Thou wilt be, Thou art evermore the same,
All the treasures of Thy grace I with confidence may claim;
Surely mine's a favored lot—Mine, a God "who changeth not."

—Selected

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God Give Us Men

GOD, GIVE US MEN! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready
hands;

Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office can not buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without
winking!

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty, and in private thinking;
For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn
creeds,

Their large professions and their little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land and waiting Justice sleeps.

—Josiah Gilbert Holland

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Thanks for the
"Dutch Oven"

Dear Bro. Riggs:-

We have received the "dutch oven" the Woman's Auxiliary sent to us. Will you please express our thanks to them for this lovely gift. It is a very nice gift and the food tastes so much better.

The hottest part of the hot season is over and the rains have begun. The rains are almost a month sooner this year. They are very welcome after eight months without any rain.

The work here is slowly but surely progressing. Paul baptized three last Sunday from a village a short distance from our new church, six more in this village are preparing for baptism. There are seven in another village, eighteen miles away, asking for baptism.

We are always glad to hear of the progress of the work at home.

Yours in His service

(Signed) Mrs. Woolsey
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Attention N. C. Women!

Registrations for the Women's Conference to be held at Cragmont Assembly August 13-20, 1951, and reservations for the special bus are coming in right along. GET YOUR REGISTRATION AND RESERVATION IN EARLY, if you plan to go, for it looks like an early sell out! There is just so much room on the bus and at Cragmont, and when we reach the limit, we will just have to stop.

REGISTRATION: Give your full name, address, church, conference and send the registration fee of \$2.00, plus 50 cents for insurance, which will begin at time you leave for the conference.

RESERVATION: You send in with your request for a bus reservation \$5.00, which is credited on your fare. Here is the schedule and rate from points of contact and return on the special bus:—New Bern, \$12.50; Kinston, \$11.75; Wilson, \$11.25; Raleigh, \$10.50; Durham, \$10.00. Arrangements may be made for picking up passengers at other points along route traveled by bus by corresponding with the director.

Send your registration and request for reservation on bus to

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Director
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Life is full of endings, but ending is a new beginning. Some could start a better week by attending all the church services

Only by the power of the passion of love can our personality be properly related to God, and only by loving our neighbors can we bring in the day of the beloved community.

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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

Beebetown Baptist Rolls
Along 125 Years

I traveled on the Boston Rd. yesterday but my destination wasn't the big town in Massachusetts. Actually I was hunting Beebetown and, more particularly, Beebetown Baptist Church.

If you ever start out to locate Beebetown you might scratch your noggin because the village is not shown on many road maps but it is designated on Cupahoga and Medina county maps.

Many years ago there was a post office and store in Beebetown but they disappeared. Today it is a pleasant and restful community of houses scattered around a road intersection where four townships and three counties are within nudging distance.

You can reach Beebetown by driving south on Rt. 2 until you come to Boston Rd. where a right turn is made and you run along the boundary line of Cuyahoga and Medina counties until you come to Marks Rd. where you swing left.

In a jiffy or two you pull up in front of Beebetown Baptist Church. And what a rare old congregation it is, as I learned yesterday from Beebetown old-timers after the 11 o'clock service.

The church was founded Feb. 12, 1876 and it has been rolling along without inter-

ruption for 125 years. Back in 1834 men of the neighborhood went to work to erect a place of worship and in 48 days they finished a two-story log building. Some of those old timers in the original structure are still standing although the frame building in 1905 was covered with bricks.

The church was lighted by candles and the first stove was bought by boys who made their way to the iron furnace at Rockport and chopped wood to pay for it.

Beebetown Baptist was once known as the Church of Liverpool and Strongsville. And in 1905 it was called the Free Will Baptist Church. After the services I talked with John F. Mayer, 86; his brother, Fred, 83, and George Taylor, 86, who now lives in a house once owned by one of the Beebes for whom the village is named.

Many of the Beebetown folks, beside the men I mentioned, have been members of the church for more than 50 years. Particularly there are the Clement sisters. Misses Lela and Edith. Miss Lela joined 62 years ago. Other old-timers are: Harley Fuller, Bert Lockwood, Floyd Sherman, Ruth Olds, Grace and Harley Lockwood and Ida Fuller.

My host, M. Olds of Columbia Station, who invited me to visit Beebetown Church, introduced me to Ralph Hershberger, whose cartoon, "Funny Business," is distributed by a national syndicate.

Two young women have gone out from the venerable church as missionaries. One is Olds' daughter, Connie, now serving in Assam, India, and the other, Mrs. Viola Fuller Canoge, now working in an Indian settlement in Oklahoma.

Present pastor of Beebetown Church is the Rev. Homer Graven, a young clergyman who came from Loudonville, O. His wife, Ruth, was pianist and soloist yesterday.

In the graveyard, adjoining the church, there is a tombstone which bears this inscription: "Jennie Elliott Schnell, lineal descendant of John E. Elliott, Apostle to the Indians."

—Submitted by Maurice W. Roach

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. N. B. Barrow, President of the National Association, is calling for a short conference with each State President, Vice-President, or representatives, at the National Association (July 10-12) in reference to the National Civil Defense Program.

The place for this special meeting will be announced in the first session of our National Association, and the above mentioned representatives are to be in readiness to meet with Brother Barrow in this meeting. This is vitally important.

Let us pray for a good session of the National Association, and also for the welfare of our nation which is undergoing a great crisis because of world conditions.

THE HOUR IS COME

"And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus. And Jesus answered them, saying, **THE HOUR IS COME**, that the Son of man should be glorified . . . Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name. Then there came a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again," John 12:20-23, 27-28.

"These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, **THE HOUR IS COME**; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: . . . I have glorified thee on the earth: **I have finished the work** which thou gavest me to do," John 17:1, 4.

" . . . So Moses finished the work. Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle," Exodus 40:33-34.

"**Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the Lord was finished:** and Solomon brought in all the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God . . . It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers **WERE AS ONE**, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord; So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God," 2 Chron. 5:1, 13, 14.

"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages,

world with out end. Amen," Eph. 3:21.

When Moses finished the work of the tabernacle, and Solomon had finished the work of the temple, it was then that the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord. When the Lord finished his work on earth by breaking down the middle wall of partition between the Jew and the Gentile—making all born again Jews and Gentiles as "no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief cornerstone; in whom all the building fitly frame together, groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together, for a habitation of God through the Spirit," (Eph. 2:14, 19-22), it was a few days afterward, on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2) they were all with one accord in one place . . . continuing daily with one accord in the temple (Acts 2:1, 46) "when there came suddenly a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting . . . And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost . . . And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?" Acts 2:2, 4, 12. The Father had said that he would glorify his name again," John 12:28. It was again that the glory of the Lord had filled the temple or house of God. They had received the promise of the Father. God had said that he would pour out his spirit upon all flesh (Jew and Gentile, Acts 2 and 10) and it was that which he shed forth that they saw and heard (Acts 2:16, 17, 33). Moses was faithful in all his house (God's house, Num. 12:7). For this man (Christ Jesus) was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house, Heb. 3:2-3.

The Father had his name glorified by the personal ministry of Christ

RALPH STATEN

State Promotional Secretary

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on earth, through his work, death, resurrection, and ascension. He is to have glory in the church throughout all ages. Is glory being given to the Father and the Son today among Free Will Baptists? The sin of the Lord's people caused the glory of the Lord to depart from the tabernacle of the congregation of Israel (I Sam. 2:22-24; 4:21-22). The Lord has promised glory to the church or people that will carry out the Great Commission: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, even unto the end of the world. Amen," Matt. 28:19-20.

The Great Commission has a four-fold program for glory to dwell among us as a brotherhood of people: (1) Missionary, (2) Evangelistic, (3) Educational, and (4) Patriotic. The Missionary is the "Go ye therefore"; the Evangelistic is the "teaching—making disciples of Christ or Christians through the giving out of the Gospel"; the Educational is the "teaching whatsoever I have commanded you"; and the Patriotic is "the observance of whatsoever I have commanded you." Unless Free Will Baptists carry out these orders from the Lord, we will not be as the salt of the earth or as the light of the world in our own sphere to lost souls and deluded masses.

Before the glory of the Father was manifest, there stood between the Lord Jesus and his unfinished work at least five challenging things for the **HOUR OF UNPRECEDENTED HISTORY**. This was an hour of Opposition, an hour of Obligation, an hour of Opportunity, an hour of Op-

erations, and an hour of Optimism. Each hour was to grow greater each time.

THE HOUR OF OPPOSITION

This was an hour of opposition. Throughout the Lord's ministry on earth, there was an increase of opposition to the good work that he was doing. Judas, one of his own company, betrayed him. Peter, one of the chief spokesmen, followed afar off. The chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders came out against him as if he were a thief, with swords and staves. It was then that Jesus said, "When I was with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: BUT THIS IS YOUR HOUR, and the power of darkness" (Luke 22:52-54). Our hour has come. Thus it is the hour for Free Will Baptists everywhere.

Those who have been entrusted with the responsibility of leadership in the promotion of the different phases of our denominational enterprises have had some signs of scars and wounds upon their personalities because of some undue criticism. As in the Lord's day on earth, it came from those who were in the rank and file of the religious groups of that day. Ours has been an opposition from within. It is true that mistakes have been made. The program as a whole has been a good work. Brothers Riggs and Bloss have done a good job in our Foreign and Home Missionary work. We have been weak in the field of evangelism. Some of our churches only have one short revival a year. We appreciate those churches which sponsor Daily Vacation Bible Schools, have Midweek services and Cottage Prayer meeting Bands, and those who have gone from quarter to half and full-time pastorates. There are those district associations sponsoring simultaneous revivals. These are to be highly commended for this evangelistic undertaking. Bros. Melvin and Johnson are to be commended in the great work they are doing to give our people an educational program to meet our spiritual needs. It so happens that we have been unpatriotic in a good measure to the wishes and needs in the causes our leaders are promot-

ing. However, there are a goodly number of our churches that have responded well to the needs of these phases of our National program.

Thanks to Bro. Dodd for his untiring efforts as National Promotional Executive-Secretary.

Goals of achievement and standards of excellence have been set. As we come to the close of this another National Associational year, can we say that we finished the work that has been planned for us as the Father had planned for his Son? Will this our state have made a great contribution in reaching the goals set for the National Associational year? Have we given opposition to the Missionary, Evangelistic, and Educational phases of our church work?

To stand in opposition to this type of ministry that the Lord has given which will bring a blessing to us and honor and glory to the Lord Jesus is to invite greater opposition in days to come from the growth of liquor dealers, gambling syndicates, pseudo-statesmen, communism, and worldliness. We may pay heavily for it in the terms of a World War III. We may be subjected to a Nero, Domitian, Dark Ages, or final doom if we do not rise in righteous indignation and join as on militant spiritual force in carrying out the orders of the great Captain of our salvation.

Let us cease our opposition to that which will be the program that the Lord has given us. Ours is a need of unity. Harmony must prevail. May every pastor, evangelist, and minister among us become an ardent supporter to Foreign and Home missions, to our Bible College and Christian Worker Institutes, and to our Orphanages. It may be that some of the churches will have to lead their pastors. Whatever, may both observe what the Lord has commanded them to do.

THE HOUR OF OBLIGATION

This was an hour of obligation for Jesus. He said, "Now is my soul troubled. What shall I say? Father, save me from this hour, but for this cause came I unto this hour." The Lord Jesus had come to do the will of the Father and finish his work. He had come for such an hour and he

was going to be true to that obligation.

He was going to obey his Father because of his great faith in him. He had commissioned his disciples to go as he had gone. "As my Father has sent me even so I send you," John 20:21.

This is the hour of obligation for us to our leaders by showing our moral and financial support. We must pray and we must assume the role of a great responsibility if we are to carry on as the Lord wants us.

What an obligation we have—and what an hour! We must be true to this great hour of obligation by going to the cross as Jesus did. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die it abideth alone but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal," John 12:24, 25.

May we feel as if this is our hour of obligation to missions, publication and literature, education in the Sunday Schools, Leagues, Auxiliaries and Christian Worker Institutes, Orphanages, Superannuation, and the Stewardship Commission. Let us give a feeling of greatest concern to the greatest usefulness of our own printing presses. Their success is our success.

THE HOUR OF OPPORTUNITY

This was the hour of opportunity for the Son of God. "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father," John 10:17-18. Christ used the opportunity to lay down his life to pay the debt that had been charged to him. It was a debt or obligation that no one else could pay. It is one that the whole world can benefit from. If he should not have used this opportunity to lay down his life, the plan of the Father would have without Christ's execution, spelled a catastrophe and chaos for the whole world.

Jesus had wept over the city. He had already seen and had compassed

on the multitude. He had fed the multitude. He had taught the multitude. Would he now do more by dying for them? Yes, he is going to shed his blood for them as a surety to the promises of God or the new covenant. He is going to make a great sacrifice for them.

This is our hour of opportunity to make greater sacrifices. We owe it to all phases of our denominational set up as a fit-in of the plan of the Great Commission. There are those who are waiting for the go signal to our Foreign fields for service. There are those who are in need of training that our Bible college offers. It is a grand challenge to churches and associations to sponsor an orphan, missionary, or student in college, in preparation for the ministry. There is the opportunity for church extension. Too, there is an opportunity to expand the facilities of our Bible College to take care of its growth. We should not forget to make sacrifices to support our printing presses. These all belong to us as a whole. We have just as much in one as we do the other.

THE HOUR OF OPERATIONS

This is the hour for great evangelistic operations. The hour that Jesus was talking about was one that would open the doors to every point of human habitation. It was "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15. These were to witness unto the uttermost part of the earth, Acts 1:8. Christ had tasted death for every man, Heb. 2:9. Before his death his disciples were to go among the lost sheep of the house of Israel, Matt. 10:5-6. Now their operations are unlimited.

We have a splendid opportunity to use evangelistic operations in the Sunday School, League, Auxiliary, Daily Vacation Bible School, and Christian Worker's Institute. Leaders have been trained under consecrated teachers in the Bible School. Instead of making infidels out of the students as some might want you to think, they have been in an educational environment and spiritual atmosphere. They can go back to their homes and churches with a greater appreciation of God's word and a

much deeper sense of consecration and devotion. If our churches do not open their doors to them, we may lose some valuable talent and spiritual energies.

Our pastors are awakening to the realization of the importance of visitation evangelism. One cannot have the care of three or four churches and do justice to personal evangelism among each constituency. A full-time pastorate will help solve most of our spiritual problems and remove many of our hindrances. It is the hour of operation in this field. Thank the Lord for the preachers who have been willing to sacrifice jobs or vocations on the side to give a whole-hearted service to the taking care of a flock! Yes, and thank the Lord for those churches who have met God's challenge to as much as tithe of their incomes. This is the hour for most of us to operate with tithing members. There are those who will give opposition, feel no obligation, and use no such opportunity. This is our hour to do as much as to tithe if we ever mean to.

THE HOUR OF OPTIMISM

It was an hour of optimism for the Lord Jesus. For this hour of ours we need the optimism of Jesus. He asked his Father to "glorify thy name." A voice from heaven said, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die," John 12:32-33. This was great optimism. This is not bragging. This is holy optimism. We cannot face the hour of opposition, the hour of obligation, the hour of opportunity, and the hour of operation without the holy optimism of Jesus the Christ. We need to lift him up with our faith, our lives and our means with an unreserved patriotism to the things of the Great Commission: A missionary zeal, an evangelistic compassion, and an educational fervency. When we do this he has promised to be with us always, even unto the end of the world. What glory is ours if we only will be obedient to the Great Commission of the Lord to his disciples! Our sins of omission may cost us as a brother-

hood the glory of God. Every religious movement that has honored and submitted to the things of the Lord's orders in the commission have made great strides in growth and success.

I'm sure reports that shall be given at the National Association in Nashville from the different departments of church activity will indicate to us as a whole that it is an hour of optimism. May the next Yearbook of the National Association disclose that there has been much progress made in all of our enterprises.

We need in this mid-century to make our entire consecration to the living Christ for the great optimism he had in his hour. When he had finished his work, and the great number had gathered in the temple at Jerusalem, there was a great outpouring of the Spirit. It meant greater things were to be done. Jesus had conquered sin, death, the grave, hell, and the devil for the whole world, As a great conqueror and an ascendancy above all principalities and powers, with all power in heaven and earth in his hands, as his followers why should we not face the future with the optimism of Jesus?

This can be the finest hour of the National Association to meet in the gigantic conclave in the War Memorial Auditorium in downtown Nashville. Oh, the glory that could be ours as a great host to praise the Lord for his guidance in the past and for the leadership that he shall give us in the days to come! Let us advance unto that hour with repentance, prayer, faith and complete sacrifices and we shall see a mighty spiritual awakening throughout our ranks, and the nation.

"God of grace and God of glory,
On thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient Church's story;
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage
For the facing of this hour."

A man who boasts about his ancestors confesses that he belongs to a family that is better dead than alive.

New Church Organized

For many weeks, plans had been in the making for launching a revival campaign in the City of Florence, South Carolina, for the purpose of Organizing an Original Free Will Baptist Church, and on June the third at eight o'clock the revival got underway with several hundred people in attendance. The choir stood and began to sing "Revive Us Again" at the command of the leader Rev. Reedy Servance of Timmonsville, S. C., while the Evangelist, Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, Professor from the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, and others prayed for the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The Hammond organ and the piano furnished the music for the singing, hundreds and hundreds of people filed in to hear the young evangelist bring forth God's message and declare war on Satan and prescribe the way of salvation.

Truly our hearts were overjoyed as people from all walks of life and from the many denominations in this section of the state came out to learn what the Original Free Will Baptists really believe in. Many thought that we were affiliated with the Free Will Baptist Holiness here in the City since they do not identify themselves as a branch of the Holiness Church, so perhaps we here in this section of our State can appreciate this revival for this very reason more than we can explain.

Many weeks were spent in preparation, and hundreds of prayers had been offered up on behalf of the campaign. The National Home Mission Board with the Local Home Mission Board had been laboring with great pains to make it a great success, and I believe it was the greatest Campaign in the History of South Carolina Free Will Baptist.

In the ten years that I have been in the Gospel ministry I have never at anytime witnessed the leadership of the Holy Spirit more than I did in this endeavor. Truly it was a great undertaking for any one person to make all the arrangements, and just as I was beginning to realize the tre-

Rev. Seldon Bullard,
Home Mission Director for S. C.

mendous responsibility, Rev. Paul J. Kettelman, Pastor of Mt. Elem F. W. B. Church, stepped in to help and was very active throughout the revival. The men from his church along with some of the men from the Darlington Church labored faithfully in putting down the shavings, erecting the platform, building seats and an altar all of which was covered by a 40 x 90 ft. tent. The Banning Music House furnished the piano and the Electric Hammond Organ, while Rev. Jimmy Caston, pastor of the Independent Baptist Church, furnished us a loud-speaker system, three lumber companies in this section furnished the lumber and the revival was underway. On Friday evening of the first week a storm

came up and blew the big tent down, and in just a few minutes Brother Caston came up and informed us that we could use his church for that night or any night that he was not using it. So we had service in his church and two souls were saved. By the next night the tent was up again, and we worshiped under it.

The Florence Morning News, a daily paper here in the city, carried several write-ups in it, concerning the revival, then we had a nice advertisement running for several days. We had a fifteen minute broadcast over Radio Station WJMX, a 5,000 watt station, every day, Monday through Friday.

During this revival a great number found their way to an old fashioned altar and surrendered their lives to our blessed Lord and Saviour. On Sunday, June the 17th, at three o'clock we organized a church with 52 charter members, and for the first time the Original Free Will Baptist Church in Florence met in Sunday School, June 24 at 10 o'clock with 87 in attendance, and the total offering for the day amounted to more than \$82.00. These fine people have as their pastor the Rev. Luther Saunders of Betsy Lane, Ky. He is a graduate of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, and also a graduate of Bob Jones University in Greenville, S. C. Brother Saunders and his congregation certainly deserve our most sincere prayers, and any help we might be able to give them. Their aims are to erect in the city a church building that will be a credit to any denomination, and I am sure that anyone reading this article who feel the Lord leading them to send a contribution, and will do so, it will be greatly appreciated by the writer and also by them. At the present they are meeting in the Masonic Temple basement, but after July 8th they will have to make other arrangements. Please pray for them. Anyone wishing to contact them may write the pastor, Rev. Luther Saunders, 1001 King Ave., Florence, S. C.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE NEW QUARTERLY

It was announced in the Baptist paper recently that the Press would have ready for sale the Young People's quarterly, beginning with the Fourth Quarter of this year, 1951; but, in the Board of Directors' meeting of June 28, the matter was discussed, and it was decided that, due to the limited time in getting the work done at the Press and because of the shortage of labor, the quarterly could not be ready until the first of the new year, 1952.

The reason for the delay in printing this quarterly is no fault of Rev. F. B. Cherry, who has been employed to write this quarterly.

Those concerned with the ordering of quarterlies will do us a great favor by kindly letting us know how many Young People's Quarterlies you will need for the first quarter of 1952 and also how this new Quarterly will affect the number of Advanced and Senior Quarterlies you will need for the first quarter of 1952.

Thanking you in advance for any information you may be able to give us.

D. W. Alexander,
Business Manager

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

"LOVES TOO MUCH TO PUNISH"

While we were looking through some religious magazines a few days ago, we clipped the words, "loves too much to punish," from one of the articles which we read. The main drift of the discourse was to the effect that God's love is universal, and is so great for humanity that He will not suffer people to be punished for their sins in an eternal hell. We were so shocked by the erroneous doctrine of eternal salvation for everyone that we read the entire article in that paper. To say the least, it is certainly a dangerous doctrine.

No unbiased student of the Bible can, for one moment, conscientiously teach such doctrine. The Word of God plainly sets forth the fact that there is a hell for the wicked, as well as there is a heaven for the righteous. It is true that God loves mankind, the highest of all His creation, but He does not "wink at sin." Finite and rational man is responsible for the kind of life he lives.

If God's love were too great to punish sin, why was it that Dives "lifted up his eyes in torment?" If God so loved sinners, why did he tell John to write in the Book of Revelation these words: "Unbelievers, the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." If God loved His chosen people Israel so well, as the writer of that article contends, why did He let them be taken into captivity by the Babylonian king for seventy year and suffer all kinds of hardship? Paul said that a man will reap whatsoever he sows.

A true mother or a good father will chastise their children with the rod when it becomes necessary, though they do love them with the greatest of parental love. Their chastisement is to correct bad behavior or corrupt habits. God's punishment in this life is to chastise evil doers, and to teach them the way of truth and righteousness. Divine justice must be meted out to everyone. This is true for the righteous as well as it is for the unrighteous. Anyone who teaches differently in his talk, writing, or speaking is not taking the Word of God in its truest meaning.

ONLY ONE GOSPEL

Remember, beloved, there is only one gospel in the New Testament: It is that Christ loved us, died for us, and saves us if we trust Him. It is called "the gospel of Christ" (Rom. 15:19), for He executed the terms of the gospel on the cross; it is called "the Gospel of God" (1 Thess. 2:9) for He planned it; it is called the "everlasting gospel" (Rev. 14:6) for it will last forever; Paul calls it "my gospel" (2 Tim. 2:8) because he was one of its heralds; he also calls it "our gospel" (2 Thess. 2:14) for all

who herald it share in the privilege of giving forth its blessing; it is called "the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24) for that is its activating source; and it is "the gospel of His Son" for it concerns itself with Christ: the good news that He came into the world to save men exposed to the wrath of God; that He died for their sins and rose again for their justification. Ten million praises to God for the matchless Gospel of the grace of God!

Whoever seeks to substitute "another gospel" which is not another, for the gospel of the grace of God, is under a curse: "Thou

Recently an interested, and a deeply consecrated churchwoman felt free to speak her mind to the editor concerning the Baptist paper, and its outlook for the future. In fact, she reprimanded the editor sharply for not having a larger circulation of the Baptist paper among our church people.

This good lady said, "Why don't you, editor, speak out in your editorial column boldly and frankly to the pastors, and other church leaders, and show them their duty concerning stressing the need of more church members taking your church paper. Those leaders can stir up the people in their churches, and show them what they are missing by not taking the Baptist paper. It seems to me that you are not doing what you should do along this line. As for myself, I would not do without the paper each week for anything. I feel that I would be lost, as to what the denomination is doing, if I did not get my paper and read it each week that comes."

We thanked this good woman for her interest and zeal, and at the same time accepted her criticism of the editor.

It is not true that the great majority of the pastors and lay leaders of our churches are silent in regard to the Baptist paper? But, should they not be interested in the paper to the extent that they will urge members of their churches to become subscribers to it? Doubtless a great many of them have not given this matter a great deal of consideration. We will appreciate it if they will begin to show a deep interest in our national church magazine, and insist upon their church families, each one of them in their community, to have the paper, read it, and thereby keep informed as to what the different organizations of the denomination are doing for the expansion of the kingdom of God.

Furthermore, we will be very glad to furnish sample copies of the Baptist for distribution in their churches if they will keep us informed of their needs. We are always glad to co-operate with our brother ministers in any way possible in rendering a greater service to our domination. Feel perfectly free to call on us any time.

we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:6-9).—Selected.

There is one broad sky over all the world, and, whether it is blue or cloudy, the same heaven is beyond it.

That was excellently observed, say I, when I read a passage in an author where his opinion agrees with mine.—Swift

If you want enemies, excel others; if friends, let others excel you.—Colton

"GOD IS LOVE"

John had a wonderful conception of what God is, and expressed it in this short sentence of only three short words. It would mean so much to us of today if we as witnesses for God could really get the meaning of these three little words, "God is Love." So many get the idea that He is love, and will not punish disobedience. But He is also a jealous God, "visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate him; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love him, and keep my commandments." He is here saying that he is anxiously concerned about us, and it is for our good, and if we let some one else take his place as God, he will visit the iniquity of that disobedience unto the third and fourth generation; that is, to all of those that indulge in the disobedience. We as parents should be careful what we sow in the minds of our children, for the kind of seed that are sown in their mind will be the kind they will have to reap. Yes, he is really jealous, but it is for our good, and we would miss a lot of heart-aches if we would let him have first place in our lives. He does not take second place. I am fearful that a lot of us are going to miss heaven because we are not giving him first place in our lives. Ex. 34:14, "For thou shalt worship no other God: for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God." De. 29, 20, "The Lord will not spare him, but then the angel of the Lord and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the Lord shall blot out his name from under heaven." From these statements, and many others we find in the Bible, God will punish sin, if he is love.

De. 4:24, "For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God."

From this statement he is a consuming fire. He will destroy or punish with fire all that oppose him. He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah and Korah and his followers with fire be-

(I Jno. 4:8)

cause they opposed him. The promise to them that continue to oppose him is eternal punishment by fire. He is a consuming fire, and don't let the devil deceive you.

In Matt. 3:11, John the Baptist said, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire. If you will let him (Christ) he will baptize you with that fire, and it will consume that love for the things of the world, and the blindness to the things of God, and kindle within you a love for righteousness, and a vision of God and his greatness; that will enable you to sing from the depth of your heart: "A charge to keep I have, A God to glorify, A never dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky."

He is life; for he so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life, Jno. 11:25, "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth on me, though he were dead yet shall he live." "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and with out him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men" (Jno. 1:14). From these scriptures we see that Christ is God manifested in the flesh that he might make God known unto man, that man might believe and have life. But after all this has been done, people are being deceived and are refusing the way of life, and are going the way of death, and into eternity by the millions. All of them want to live, but are blind to the way of life.

Last but not least, he is a Father to all them that will let him be. He is the greatest Father that ever lived.

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No one has ever loved their children as he loves his. His greatness as a God is above ours, so is his love for his children above our love for our children. Our ability to take care of our children is nothing to compare with his ability to take care of his children. There is nothing that we as parents can do for our children that we will not do, but we are often limited. He can supply all our needs of his children, for his ability is not limited. Therefore, Christ said, "First seek ye the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you." He was speaking of the necessities of life.

I can't tell of the joy that it brings to me to know that he is my Father, and I am his son. An heir of God and a joint heir with my Saviour. All that he has is mine to enjoy if I will let him have his way with me. The reason that he wants his way in our lives is that he may show us how to use the things that he has for us that they may be blessings to us. The older I become the closer to him I want to be, for I know as a Father he is not going to leave me alone, and that I can trust him to take care of me. As such it is my pleasure to present him to you, dear reader. GOD IS LOVE. That being true, if he is your Father, and that love is for you. It is great to think of him as a Lord, because a Lord is supposed to rule; as a God, for a God is thought of as the greatest of all powers; but the greatest of all is to think of him as a Father of love that will bring to his children the greatest blessings obtainable. If you want the best he has for you as his child, give him the best you have in the way of service as a loving child, and the blessing will be beyond your expectation. May God bless you with this experience, dear reader, is my prayer.

"Occupy Till I Come"

These words were spoken by Jesus when he related the Parable of the Pounds. He was finishing his work in setting up his kingdom, and was about to depart to the Father. He was leaving his work for his followers to accomplish. To one he gave ten pounds, and to another, five, and to another, one pound, according to their several abilities.

The two who had five and ten pounds improved them, but the one who only had one seemed to think that his talent was so small that it was not worth fooling with, so he hid his talent. He was cast out into utter darkness. If he had put his Lord's money to use, as did the others, he would have got the approval of his Lord, just as the others had received the Lord's approval.

The trouble was this: His talent was so small that he was ashamed of it. Think how vividly it pictures the lives of Christians all about us today. They refuse to work for Christ because they feel like they are too little and feeble to do anything for the Lord.

My friends, I think God wants us to feel our unworthiness, then we will fully yield ourselves into his hands, and let God work through us as he sees fit. Paul said, "When I am weak, then I am strong." In other words, Paul got self out of the way so that God could work through him.

"Occupy till I come." In other words, I am leaving the work in your hands, and I want you to keep house for me until I come back. Christ said, "I am the vine and ye are the branches. Every branch in me that beareth no fruit He taketh away." Are you, my brothers and sisters, a branch of the vine, the **True Vine**? If so, you are expected to bear fruit. The branch that bears no fruit becomes withered, and is cast into the fire. "Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit." Have you faith in God? If so, then you are to exercise that faith by doing something for the cause of Christ in the world.

Did you not promise God that if he would forgive you of your sins that you would do anything he wanted you to do? And now he is telling you to go work in his vineyard. You are not to idle away your life by saying that no one has hired you. Remember, God will give you what is right for you to have. The harvest is ripe, and the laborers are few, so go, and reap the ripening grain. The night is coming when no man can work.

If this day were all that you have to live in, what would you spend it for? Is there not a loved one somewhere you would like to bring to Christ? You have no promise of one minute after you read this message. When God pardoned our sins, he gave to us the light of his Spirit, and he said for us not to put this light under the bed, but to put it on a candlestick so that all will see it shining. How about this, dear reader? Are you letting your light shine? If you don't your light will finally go out, as the lamps of the five foolish virgins who had no oil in their lamps.

You say that you do not do anything wrong, and is not that bearing fruit? I will answer by saying that Jesus saw a beautiful fig tree, and he went to get some fruit, but he found none. It did not bear any bad fruit, but it simply did not bear any fruit at all. Therefore, he pronounced a curse upon the tree, and it died. Just so, every Christian who simply sits down and does nothing at all will soon wither away spiritually. He will simply be a backslidden Christian.

I once knew a sainted mother who said that she could not preach, sing, or pray, but she would cook for the preachers, and for the church folks. She did that very thing, and a plenty of it. She thought that she could not pray, but in reality she could pray the most powerful prayer I ever heard, and that woman was my mother. When she prayed, it seemed that the heavens came down, and flooded the earth. When she would testify,

Naaman Borders

Waverly, Ohio

the saints would shout, the sinners would weep. May God bless the dear soul! She has been gone a very long time, but I expect to see her soon.

What about it, dear readers? May we get out and do something for the glory of the Lord. But you say that you can't. Oh, yes you can. If old Paul had had the chance which we have, he would turn in his grave and say, "Let me go back to earth again and save one more soul."

There is not so very much said about Andrew in the Bible, but he led Peter to Christ, and Peter became the foremost one of the disciples. We read of Dorcas, learning how she sowed and mended clothes for the poor of the town. She became a great benefactor of the church. Moses, who was the greatest leader and statesman of the world, owed his training to a godly mother. Samuel, who was the most able and godliest leader in Israel, owed all of it to his praying mother. Charles and John Wesley would never have been heard of had it not been for a noble and godly mother. C. H. Spurgeon, who was the mightiest preacher of his time, was led to Christ by a little country preacher.

The greatest revival that Scotland ever had was started by a little boy's prayers. E. Howard Cadle, who was a great radio preacher, owed his great success as a gospel minister to a praying mother. Billy Sunday was converted in a little mission in Chicago. He was drawn inside the mission by hearing the old songs sung which his dear old Mother used to sing. An invalid woman, lying on a cot in the attic, wanted to do something for Christ. She wrote Scripture verses and tossed them out of the window, and one fell on a drunkard's hat, and it brought him to Christ.

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Middlesex Orphanage

Itinerary, W. A. Hansley Orphanage Representative

(All services at 8:00 p. m.)
(Unless otherwise stated)

FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION
Thursday—July 5, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Shoal Hill

TOE RIVER ASSOCIATION
Friday—July 6, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Elk Mountain
Saturday—July 7, 1951—8:00 p. m.—St. Paul (Buladean)

WESTERN YEARLY ASSOCIATION
Sunday, July 8—1951—11:00 a. m.—Beaver Creek

FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION
Sunday—July 8, 1951—8:00 p. m. Swannanoa
Monday—July 9, 1951—8:00 p. m. Avery Creek

WHY NOT SAY "AMEN?"

I often wonder what is wrong with a lot of our churches of today. Are they spiritually dead? We never hear an "Amen," no matter how hard the preacher preaches.

I was in a meeting not very long ago, and the preacher was preaching the full gospel. He had to ask for an "Amen," and then it was very weak. I think that it would do our preachers much good to hear a few good, old-spirit-led "Amen's" come from the Christian brethren.

What do you think about it, preachers? I do not think that it would make you nervous. Would it? I believe that it would serve to strengthen and encourage you.

I do want to say, "Praise the Lord," for some of our preachers who have rededicated their lives to the Lord, and are preaching the full gospel stronger than ever they have preached before. They are not afraid that they will offend someone, or hurt someone's feelings. You have my prayers, and if you are put out one door, God will open a bigger door for you. I say keep up the good work and the blood will be off your hands at the judgement bar of God.

Dear Christian people, Sunday School teachers, leaders, and preachers, let us spend more time with the ones who are not sure of their salvation, and also those who come accepting Christ for the first time, or those who are dedicating their lives unto the Lord anew. Let us pray with them more and show them by the Word of God that they can be sure, and know that they are saved. Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. The plan of salva-

CENTRAL CONFERENCE
Sunday, August 5, 1951—11:00 a. m.—Hugo

PEE DEE CONFERENCE
Sunday, August 12, 1951—11:00 a. m.—White Oak, Bladenboro, N. C.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE
Sunday, August 19, 1951—11:00 a. m.—Saratoga

ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE
Wednesday, August 22, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Hickory Chapel (Ahoskie)
Thursday, August 23, 1951—8:00 p. m. Little Creek (Virginia)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Sunday, August 26, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Smith's New Home
Monday, August 27, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Mt. Zion, Onslow County
Wednesday, August 29, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Beaufort

WESTERN CONFERENCE --
Sunday, October 21, 1951—11:00 a. m.—Union Chapel

tion is not as simple to them as to us, therefore let us give to them Scripture to claim for their very own. Let us study our Bible more, and show that we are worthy to be approved of God as his servants. The Devil wants us to doubt, and he knows our weakness. He knows how to get us to agree with him and to follow in his ways.

Church members, let us pray harder than we have ever prayed, because the time is so short and we must be busy in the Lord's work. Let us pray that our churches will have spirit-filled people in them. Let us pray that we may have everyone working together for the Lord. Pray, and let us help our pastors to carry on the great work. Will you remember our church at Grimesly, Greene County, North Carolina, and pray that we may do a greater work for Christ in winning lost souls than we have ever done before?

Hookerton, N. C.
Mrs. Zeb Moye

The one thing worse than a quitter is the man who will not start.

THERE WILL BE NO BAPTIST PAPER NEXT WEEK

Since we, for special reasons, did not omit getting out the Baptist paper the week of the Fourth of July, as we have been doing heretofore, we will not publish one for the week of July the eleventh. Our subscribers are requested to take note of this announcement.—Editor.

Attention! All District and Local Fifth Vice- Presidents

We are happy to announce that our Albemarle Cottage at the Middlesex Orphanage will be completed and ready for the furnishings by July 1st.

We wish to congratulate the small and faithful Albemarle District for the challenge they are giving our Free Will Baptist people.

They have twenty churches in their district. Through their untiring efforts they have financed the building of this nice and up-to-date building, which surely stands out as a job well done.

In our State Executive Committee meeting on May 30, Mrs. J. C. Moye, State President, and Mrs. H. L. Spivey, State 5th Vice-President, were instructed, with the suggestions and approval of our Orphanage Superintendent, Mr. Walter McD. Croom, to purchase the drapes and window furnishings. We can buy cheaper in larger quantities. Our rooms do not have the same number of windows you would not know how to match.

Therefore the S O S call is being sent to each and everyone and as our time is short please assume the responsibility in helping us at once.

Please present this information to each individual and also to your auxiliary:

The desired plan is to send all money you can raise from this purpose direct to Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Maury, N. C. Then we can place the order for the drapes. *These materials are hard to get* and it takes time; so, by all means, don't put this important matter off. Contact your people as soon as you read this article. The need is urgent.

We appreciate your interest and co-operation you have given and are giving. We are sure we can depend on YOU.

Yours for the Cause of Christ,

Mrs. H. L. Spivey,
Maury, North Carolina

St. Mary's Bible School

The Daily Vacation Bible School held at St. Mary's Church, Wilson County, N. C. opened on June 10 and closed on June 15. The enrollment was 132, with an average attendance of 112. The offerings for the week amounted to \$17.14.

Mrs. Louise Overman was the superintendent, and Mrs. Fannie Simpson was pianist. The pastor G. C. Joyner helped with the Intermediate department. Refreshments were served each day during the school. Much good was accomplished.

Reporter

Prayer is our speech to God: when we read God's word he definitely speaks to us; when we pray, we speak to God. (Do you ever speak to God?)

AVAILABLE FOR EVANGELISTIC SINGING

I will be glad to assist pastors and evangelists in meetings close enough to New Bern, N. C., to reach by car from night to night, during this season, by leading singing and rendering special solos. During the spring season I have worked in meetings with Rev. J. C. Griffin, and those desiring to know more about my work can write him. I can be reached by mail at 1314 Spencer Ave., New Bern, N. C., or by telephone number 5160. Youth choir work and chorus singing especially emphasized.

L. Beverly Ballard

Vacation Bible School At Fairmount, Norfolk, Va.

There has been a few weeks now, that the Daily Vacation Bible School has been voiced around the church people and in the church bulletin. We were really hoping and praying that there would be at least 200 in attendance, so we began to make all plans and preparations. Teachers and helpers had several meetings and much was done, as well as ordering the literature for 200 boys and girls. The date was set for June 18-19 and we were working to that end.

June 18th rolled around this past Monday and there were 176 enrolled. We knew that if they came for the first day in that number that the next day would really be great and there were 260 present the next day. Checking our attendance and our enrollment as of today, the fourth day, there are 296 on our roll. "The Lord Hath done great things for us." It is our goal now that we go over 300 present for the Bible School this year. This is the greatest in the history of the Fairmont Park Free Will Baptist Church. We really think we have something to sing over.

We still covet the prayers of the praying friends that our work will be continuously growing in spirit and in the glory of God.

Rev. J. Albert Harris

Director

Pastoral Announcement

This is to state that I will be available for pastoral services for another year. Any church or churches that are interested in securing me as pastor for the coming year may write to me at the address below. Also, I will be available for revival work during the summer and fall should anyone desire to have me hold revivals. Please write, or call by to see me at your convenience.

Your brother in Christ Jesus

Rev. M. L. Tyndall,
213 S. McLewen St.,
Kinston, N. C.

Saratoga Bible School

The Vacation Bible School at Saratoga Church began on June 11 and continued through June 15. Mrs. Paul Thigpen was the director of the school. Mrs. Floyd White was time keeper and Miss Shirley Little was secretary. The bus driver was Paul Bennett.

Teachers for the Beginner's Department were Mrs. Hubert Burress and Mrs. Joel Ellis. The teachers for the Primary Department were Mrs. Tom Padgett and Mrs. Paul White. Teachers for the Junior Department were Mr. Albert Proctor for the boys, and Mrs. Albert Proctor for the girls.

Mrs. R. W. Allman was teacher for the Intermediate Department. Rev. R. W. Allman was the Adult teacher. Mrs. Essie Burress and Mrs. Dow Beamon had charge of hand work for the girls who made aprons. The aprons were judged by Mrs. Buby Jones, Mrs. Jim White, and Mrs. Virginia Proctor. Patsey Gardner won the Bible for having made the best apron. Each child was given the apron she made.

The attendance on Monday was 179; on Tuesday, 199; on Wednesday, 208; on Thursday, 220; and on Friday it was 218. The total attendance for the week was 1,024, which makes the average attendance per day 204.

The theme for the week was: "Fishers of Men." The theme song was: "I will Make you Fishers of Men." Each child was given a fish each time they brought in a new person to the Bible School. The one having the most fish at the close of school in each department was given a gift.

In the Beginners' Department, Diana Rogers, Ann Hobson, and Roger Byrum were the winners, and received the "Story of Jesus." In the Primary Department, James Author Beamon received a Bible for having the most fish.

In the Junior Department, Johnnie Fay Kerns won the Bible in the girls' group, and Gene Rodgers won the Bible in the boys' group for having the most fish.

Jannie Burress won the Bible in the Intermediate Department for having the most fish. On Friday there were 161 certificates awarded, and the school closed with an old-fashioned picnic in the Saratoga Park. Every one declared that it was the best vacation Bible School that they had ever had, for it was a full week of instruction, inspiration, and recreation for all who attended.

Mrs. Paul Thigpen

God is looking for men who are big enough to be small enough to be used of God in a big way. Quit making excuses and let God use you.

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Barnard And Wilson Sail

On Board the S. S. Steele Executive, leaving New York Harbor on June the 12th, were two Free Will Baptist Missionaries. The Misses Laura Belle Barnard and Volena Wilson. Miss Barnard returns to India for her third term as a missionary. She was supposed to have sailed on May 30th but for some reason the boat was delayed and surely it must have been the hand of the Lord, for during that delay the necessary visa and papers of Miss Wilson arrived, thus enabling her to sail with Miss Barnard. We are sure that our people will be glad to know that Miss Barnard did not return alone, but was able to take another missionary with her. They are now on the high seas and we should be much in prayer for their safty and welfare.

Several have sent in special gifts to reimburse the treasury for their passage fare. However, more money is needed to underwrite all the expense involved in sending missionaries to a foreign country. May you continue to give as the Lord directs. Send all offerings to your state treasurer or this office.

Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board

242 Victor Ave.,

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(Raymond Riggs)

TESTIMONIALS

The guest that I enjoyed most at Cragnot was Dr. Fellowship, the occupant of every room. The spirit was good. I am looking forward for the next season when we can meet again.

Rev. W. L. Hart

Brother Griffin, I hope you and family are well, and here's greeting for a happy birthday. Hope to see you soon. May the blessings of the Lord be with you and your family.

Your brother in Christ

W. L. Hart



Safeguarding The Home

(Lesson for July 15)

LESSON: Matthew 19:3-9; I Corinthians 13:4-7

GOLDEN TEXT: I Corinthians 13:7.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

We have for discussion two great subjects of the Bible, namely: Divorce and Love. Christ clearly set forth in his teaching his position regarding divorce. In the Old Testament scriptures we learn that the Israelites were warned against the use of unjustifiable excuses to seek divorce. This same question today is giving great concern in this country. Paul wrote the great love chapter in the Bible, the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, a part of which we study in this lesson. Christian love is one of the safeguards of the home life, and without it many homes become divided, broken up, and members of the family are scattered. Divorce is one of the great evils which helps to destroy homes in this country.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Jesus did not deny that Moses permitted divorces, but told the Pharisees that he allowed it because of the hardness of the hearts of the people. Later, after the children of Israel became established in the land of Canaan, Samuel allowed them to have a king. He knew that it was not best for them, but they would not be quiet and content without a ruler as the other nations had. God allowed them to have their way, and they suffered the consequences later. It was so when Moses allowed the people to write divorces. It was a departure from God's original purpose for man, and a declension from the ideal as set forth in the Decalogue.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. Love does not grow impatient but is longsuffering (I Cor. 13:4).

2. Love does not envy others, nor does it boast of itself (vs. 4).

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3. Love does not act discourteously, uncivilly or impolitely (vs. 5).

4. Love does not bear grudges nor seek to get revenge (vs. 5).

5. Love does not take pleasure in doing or seeing wickedness (vs. 6).

6. Love does not look for evil in others but seeks their best (vs. 6).

7. Love will outlast teaching, preaching, human language and understanding (vs. 7).

8. Love should be the basis of every human marriage in order to make it successful and glorify God.

9. Where love reigns supreme in a home there is no great danger of divorce.

10. It is not so strange that worldly people secure divorces, but they are certainly out of place among Christians.—Selected

11. It is much easier to introduce a child to God while he is young and at home. Yet how many parents there are who never talk to their children about dedicating their lives to God! The best way to impress children with God's friendship is to discuss it frequently around the table. How many youngsters hear their parents talk about God as a friend of the family?

Obedience to God is difficult for many young people because as children they never were taught obedience to their parents. One phase of obedience to God which is unusually difficult to cultivate is respect for the Sabbath. Forcing children to "keep it holy" usually causes inward rebellion and makes them dread the day. Activities reserved for Sunday such as Bible and missionary games participated in with the parents will make Sunday a delight to the children.—Arnold's Commentary.

12. Many people accuse our Saviour, Paul, and many other Christians of "narrowness" but when God restricts it is for the best of all concerned.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

"Narrow" or Sensible?

A girl away from home at school prayed for her husband. Some of her girl friends discovered her secret. "You silly thing! You haven't even a sweetheart, and here you are praying for your husband," they cried, and

they laughed and made sport of her. But with the sweet innocence and fine, unconscious dignity of a true, purehearted girl, she replied: "True, I have no sweetheart and I may never have, but I hope to have one some time. I hope to have a home of my own and little children to hold to my heart and cradle in my arms, and if I ever do, the boy who is to be my husband is now living, I know not where. I know not what kind of home he has, or parents or companions. So I am praying for him that he may be kept from shame and evil in the midst of temptations; kept pure, and manly, and strong, and that when we find each other we may be wholly worthy one of the other, with hearts pure and lives unsullied and unashamed." A wise girl was that.

Not Fully Safeguarded

A mother who was conversing with a lady church worker declared that her children were being brought up right. Said she, "I've had their tonsils out and they see a dentist every six months. They are given spinach and orange juice. On Monday they go to Scouts and Guides meetings; on Tuesdays they have music lessons; on Wednesdays, dancing; on Thursday, elocution; Friday they go to pictures; on Saturday they play with friends; on Sundays they go out in the car for fresh air." "But," asked the church worker, "what do you do for their souls?" She was answered by an amused laugh and the words, "For their souls? How quaint!" Perhaps attention to the soul is something quaint, but statisticians prove that it has the quaint result of keeping those religiously trained out of jail, as well as producing the highest type of citizenship.—Union Signal.

"Occupy Till I Come"

(Continued from Page Nine)

Sow thy seed in the morning,
And in the evening withhold not
thine hand;
For thou knowest not which will
prosper, this or that.
He that goeth forth weeping and sowing
precious seed
Shall come rejoicing, bringing in the
sheaves with him.

"PEACE, BE STILL"

Walter King Deep Run, N. C.

Matt. 8: 18 to 34; Mark 4: 35 to 5: Luke 8: 22 to 40

When the evening came, after teaching all day by the sea and in the house, Jesus saw that the crowds of people were still pressing around him and there was no time for him to rest. Jesus said, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they took Jesus into the boat and began to row across the sea of Galilee. Other little boats were with them for many wished to go with Jesus.

While they were rowing, Jesus fell asleep, resting on a cushion of the boat. Suddenly a storm arose and drove great waves of water into the boat so that it was in danger of sinking. But Jesus sleep on. The disciples were very much frightened because of the storm, and they awoke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are lost! Help us or we shall perish!"

Jesus awoke and rose up and looked out upon the sea. He said to the waves "Peace, be still!" and at once the wind ceased, the waves were quiet, and there was a great calm. Jesus said to his disciples "Why are you afraid? How is it you have so little faith in me?" They all wondered at Jesus' power and said to each other, "Who is this man whom even the winds and the sea obey?"

They came to the land on the eastern side of the lake, which was sometimes called "the country of the Gadarenes" from the people who lived in the large city of Gadara, which was not far away, and sometimes "Decapolis," the name given to that part of the country. As they were landing, a man came running down to meet them. He was one of those poor men in whose body evil Spirits were living. He would not stay in any house, but slept in the graveyard among the dead, nor did he wear any clothes. They had often chained him, but he had broken loose from his chains and no one was able to bind him. When this man saw Jesus afar off, He ran toward him and fell down on his face before him. Jesus saw what was the trouble with this man and He spoke to the evil Spirit in him, "Come out of this man, vile Spirit of evil!" The Spirit within the man cried with a loud voice, "What have I to do with thee, Jesus thou Son of the most high God? I call upon thee in the name of the Lord, do not make me to suffer!" Jesus saw that this man was troubled more even than most men who had evil Spirits in them. He said to the evil one, "What is your name?" And the Spirit said "My name is Legion, because there are many of us." "A Legion was a name to an army; and in this man was a whole army of evil Spirits.

There was on the mountain side a great drove of hogs feeding. The Jews were not allowed to keep hogs nor to eat their flesh; and the evil spirits said to Jesus, "If we must leave this man, will you let us go into the drove of hogs?" Jesus gave them leave; and the evil spirits went out of the man and

By Nebo's lonely mountain,
On this side Jordan's wave,
In a vale in the land of Moab,
There lies a lonely grave.
And no one knows that sepulchre,
And no man saw it e'er;
For the angels of God upturned the sod,
And laid the dead man there.

That was the grandest funeral
That ever passed on earth;
But no man heard the trampling,
Or saw the train go forth:
Noiselessly as the daytime
Comes back when the night is done,
And the crimson streak on ocean's cheek,
Grows into the great sun.

Noiselessly as the springtime
Her crown of verdure weaves,
And all the trees on all the hills
Open their thousand leaves;
So without sound of music
Or voice of them that wept,
Silently down from the mountain's crown
That great procession swept.

Perchance the bald old eagle
On gray Beth-Peor's height,
Out of his lonely eyrie
Looked on the wondrous sight;
Perchance the lion stalking
Still shuns that hallowed spot;
For beast and bird have seen and heard
That which man knoweth not.

But when the warrior dieth,
His comrades in the war,
With arms reversed and muffled drum,
Follow his funeral car;
They show the banners taken,
They tell his battles won,
And after him lead his masterless steed,
While peals the minute-gun.

(Published by request of Mrs. Lucy Daugherty, better known as Miss Lucy Linton)

into the hogs. The whole drove, two thousand in number, became at once wild. They rushed down a steep place on the mountain and into the sea and were all drowned.

The man who kept the hogs ran into the city near by, and told all the people how the man had been made well and what had come to the drove of hogs; how they had drowned. The people came out to meet Jesus, and they were full of fear. They saw the man who had been filled with evil spirits now sitting at the feet of Jesus, no longer naked but clothed and in his right mind. But they did not think of what Jesus had done to this man; they thought only of the hogs that they had lost; and they begged Jesus to go away from their land.

Jesus turned away from these people and went again to the boat on the shore; and the man who had been set free from the evil spirits pleaded with Jesus that he might go

The Burial of Moses

Amid the nobles of the land
We lay the sage to rest,
And give the bard an honored place,
With costly marble drest;
In the great minster transept,
Where lights like glories fall,
And the organ rings and the sweet choir
sings
Along the emblazoned wall.

This was the truest warrior
That ever buckled sword;
This the most gifted poet
That ever breathed a word;
And never earth's philosopher
Traced with his golden pen
On the deathless page, truths half so sage
As he wrote down for men.

And had he not high honor?
The hillside for a pall;
To lie in state while angels wait,
With stars for tapers tall,
And the dark rock-pines like tossing plumes
Over his bier to wave;
And God's own hand, in that lonely land,
To lay him in the grave.

In that strange grave, without a name,
Whence his uncoffined clay
Shall break again—oh, wondrous thought!
Before the judgment day;
And stand with glory wrapped around
On the hills he never trod,
And speak of the strife that won our life
With th' Incarnate Son of God.

O lonely tomb in Moab's land!
O dark Beth-peor's hill!
Speak to these curious hearts of ours,
And teach them to be still.
God hath His mysteries of grace,
Ways that we cannot tell,
He hides them deep, like the secret sleep
Of him he loved so well.

—Cecil Frances Alexander

with him. But Jesus would not take him into the boat. He said "Go home to your friends and tell them how the Lord has had mercy on you and has done great things for you." The man went home and then traveled up and down all through that land, which was called Decapolis, and told the people everywhere the great things that Jesus had done for him. Jesus went on board the boat and crossed over the lake, and came again to his own city of Capernaum.

Then let everyone of these short lives
leave its sure record of some kindly thing
done for others, some goodly strength or
knowledge gained for yourself.—John Ruskin.

Let every dawn of morning be to you as
the beginning of life, and every setting sun
as its close.

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

EXTRA BIRTHDAY DINNERS

I seldom, in fact, only once in a life time of 72 summers have I had two birthday dinners. This occurred this year of 1951. It was this way. On the 15th of June, wife and I were closing our Vacation Bible School at Ruth's Chapel. This was on Friday when I was invited to step to the table, which was set picnic-style on the church lawn, for the blessing, and I noticed that a large number of the children gathered close to me. So after the blessing, they began sing "Happy Birth Day," which was a complete surprise, since my birth was not until the 22nd of June. But I could not help the dates as you know. Well I was presented with a large cake with the words "Happy Birthday, Preacher," and other nice gifts. The women served refreshments each day, after the closing of the morning session, so I thought nothing strange of an extra serving on the last day, so I never caught on until the singing began.

2. Friday the 22nd, which was my 72nd birthday, wife and I were invited to get supper (dinner in some parts) with a family of the church, at Antioch who lived right close to the church. We accepted the invitation. upon arriving, my wife sent me off to get some children that had no way to ride to the closing exercises at the 8:00 o'clock hour. So, I made the trip and returned to find that my wife and the lady of the home were missing. Then the gentleman took me to the living room where we waited some time, but I thought it strange that I could not smell food cooking, but passed it off by just thinking that the closed doors could prevent the odor going through the house. Then about 7:00 p. m. the man of the home said, "I reckon that it is about time for us to go out to the church. So, out we went to behold a large congregation of people at the back of the church around a table that is built there for picnic dinners, for Unions, Conferences and other like occasions. Then I caught on, as I approached. Another Birthday salute began with "Happy Birthday to you." Another nice cake and nice gifts were presented. Well, I could only say, "I thank you and hope to see eight or ten more occasions like this, Amen."

It certainly is an enjoyment to serve as pastor of people who are so appreciative of the service rendered. These are my home folks. I have been living in this section now since 1918. I love my home folks and have tried to live so that they would love me. Praise God, I have that blessed assurance.

MORE ABOUT CRAGMONT

The week of June the 3rd we had a group of children to go to Cragmont from Ruth's Chapel. The news that reached us during the week was: "We are having a swell time," or some said, "A good time." But the grandest news came when the children arrived back home, when one of the oldest said, "About the first thing, Brother Griffin, everyone that was not saved was saved before we closed the services to come home."

That news eclipsed anything that could be brought back. They were so happy to know that they not only had a vacation in the mountains of North Carolina, but that they had enjoyed a spiritual feast which gave them "mountain-top experiences."

Those people who have never seen Cragmont and witnessed the great spiritual blessings that are poured out upon those who go after spiritual food, ought to go up for one time and see what the Lord is doing on those "hills."

A CORRECTION

In the issue of the Baptist, published June the 20th, the testimony of Brother R. C. Ambrose of Creswell was far from complete. His testimony should have read:

"It has been my privilege to attend Cragmont Assembly, and I appreciate it as a place of spiritual blessing".—R. C. Ambrose.

I believe that Brother Ambrose received as much, perhaps more, than any one, and I want to express my regret to Brother Ambrose for the error. I do not know how the error occurred. I am not blaming the error on the typewriter nor the make-up man. It could have been mine. It is easy to put the blame on the other fellow when more than one is involved.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Just as I try to "peg" out these lines. I am interrupted by the postman who brings in more cards from some old and some new friends, expressing their appreciation towards us and our work on this birthday. But those that mean most are thanks attributed to my Saviour who is the LIFE OF IT ALL.

LEADING OTHERS TO CHRIST

A lady said sometime ago, "I have been a Christian for several years, but I never was so happy over anything as leading my first soul to accept Jesus." That is a happy experience, Sister. It is a pity that ninety out of every hundred know nothing of that joy. According to statistics, only TEN PER CENT of all Christians ever lead a soul to Christ.

Did some one ever slip close your side and say, "It was you who led me to accept Christ?" or perhaps, "It was you who said something that caused me to seek the Lord." Well, if you haven't you have an a-biding joy that surpasses all other joy.

A lady said to me one day, after she was married and had several children in the home. "Brother Griffin, you know what it was that led me to accept Christ?" I said, "no." Then she said, "When I was a little

girl about twelve years of age, you placed your hand on my head at the church door and said, 'Little girl you are old enough to accept Christ and live for Him.' Those words brought forth fruit. Paul planted, but he said, "God gave the increase." Just a little word from the heart, breathed with a prayerful spirit, will not return unto the Lord in vain.

OFFENDING LITTLE ONES

I spoke to a little boy about his soul and he said, "My mother says I am too young to join the church." It is a pity that people who profess to be Christians cannot see anything but "joining the church." I asked the boy how old he was and he said, "eleven years old." I knew that he was very intelligent and I said, "Son, you are old enough to go to hell if you were to die without Christ." He replied, "I know it." Then I said, "Son, will you accept Christ as your Saviour?" and he said, "Yes."

Jesus said, "Better that a mill stone were hanged about your neck, than to offend one of these little ones that believe in me." Many children die and go to torment for the lack of having parents that know the Lord and know not how to deal with their own children. According to the words of an old minister, who long since passed to his rewards, we give this account: "There was a girl who attended a revival meeting and was brought under conviction by the Holy Ghost, and she desired to become a Christian; but, when she mentioned the fact to her parents, they objected and told her not to throw away her life by 'joining the church.' (All they knew about religion was church membership.) So she left off because of her parents. Not long afterward she was taken sick with a dreadful fever, and just before the end came, she called her mother to the bed she said, "Mother, I am going to die; and mother I am going to hell, and you are to blame; I wanted to be a Christian and you objected."

Clegge Holds Good Revival

Reverend Ralph E. Clegge, an evangelist of Durham, North Carolina, held a revival at Stony Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, North Carolina beginning on June 3 and continuing through June 10.

Surely, our community was greatly blessed when God sent Brother Clegge our way, because a number of people were saved during the meeting. During the time that he was with us in this meeting the young people, as well as the older people, learned to love and to respect Brother Clegge.

The week following our revival we held our Vacation Bible School, and surely we could see the results of our revival in this Bible School. The average attendance for the week was 114 present. On Saturday night we had a picnic supper, and the Bible School Commencement. There 91 pupils who received perfect attendance certificates. Brother Clegge was our guest speaker.

Reporter

Cragmont

News and Views

Youth Conference

July 16-21st is Youth Conference at Cragmont. This conference is mainly for the youth of our denomination but we would urge you as a Sunday School class, a League class or as a family unit to plan to go that week. The activities will be arranged to fit the group that is there. It will be a week of great Christian fellowship. Rev. Rashie Kennedy is director and Rev. J. B. Narron is registrar. There will be a period of worship and study and there will be time for sight-seeing and mountain climbing and also time for games. The cost to those that will use the Cragmont bus will be \$20.00 which includes all expenses (such as bus fare, room board, insurance, linen); you will need to bring Bible, towels, etc.

To those that will furnish their own transportation the cost is \$12.70.

If you plan to ride the bus, I urge you to send your registration fee of \$1.00 to Rev. J. B. Narron, 206 E. Washington St. Kinston, N. C. by Friday, July 13th.

Give the following information: Name, Address, Church, and Conference or Association.

The bus schedule will be as follows: Each time the bus will stop at the Free Will Baptist Church: New Bern, 5:00 a. m.; Kinston, 6:00 a. m.; Goldsboro, 7:00 a. m.; Smithfield, 7:45 a. m.; Raleigh, 8:45 a. m.; Durham, (Edgemont) 9:45 a. m.

See You at Cragmont.

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Rev. J. B. Narron, Registrar

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August 20-25

Fountain Taylor, Director

Please contact the director for the week you wish to attend Cragmont for the bus schedule and other details.

Calling All Boys And Girls!

I once read of somebody who said that his friend had a New Testament face. No doubt he meant a happy or good face. What a pity it is when so many people go about scowling and looking disgruntled. Boys and girls sometimes wear a frown on their foreheads because they have lost their tempers, and some have pouty lips because they have not been given something they wanted. What a help it would at times if someone could hold a mirror in front of us!

Here is a little story about a twelve-year-

old who was rebuked for his miserable face:

WHO OWNS YOUR FACE

We read that a father once told his twelve-year-old boy that he did not own his own face. The boy was very puzzled. He had come to breakfast looking cross and disagreeable. He was sulky as he ate. Everyone felt the shadow of his ill-nature. His father's telling him he did not own his face surprised, and he half-brightened up although he did not know what his father meant. His father added: "No, you do not own your own face. Remember that. It be-

longs to other people. They, not you, have to look at it. You have no wright to compel others to look at a sour, gloomy, crabbed face."

The boy had never thought of this, but he understood and remembered. All of us will do well to remember this, to, and notice how a happy face will help other people to be happy also.—*The Elim Evangel.*

BOOK REVIEW

FANNY CROSBY

"SINGING I GO . . ."

By Basil Miller

Publisher: Zondervan Publishing Co.
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Price: \$1.50 per copy

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During the time our pastor is taking his vacation for part of July, the Rev. Joseph G. Ange will supply the pulpit and assist the Educational and Musical Director, the Rev. J. Albert Harris, in the work of our church. The Bible School being on hand and the many activities, there is really such a need.

We are happy to have Brother Ange to work with us in the church at any time and especially in the time of such activities. We feel that Brother Ange is a man of God and is one of our own young men who is in the Free Will Baptist Bible College, training for service with and for God in the ministry. We really thank God for such men as he is.

Our pastor, the Rev. W. A. Hales, is leaving for a revival in Pensacola, Florida, and will attend the National Meetings in Nashville, Tenn.

Brother Joe will preach the Youth Revival for us the week of July 29 until August 5. He also will conduct a Christian Worker's Institute with the assistance of Brother Leroy Forlines. This will begin August 6 and continue through the 17th for the first session. Then the second session will begin August 20-31. This is a great need in all of our churches over the nation, and the sooner we finish the course the better and sooner our workers will be better qualified to serve the Lord in personal working and teaching the Word of God.

We are praying that God will give us a successful Institute, and we covet the prayers of our friends for this also.

MOUNT ZION REVIVAL

Mount Zion F. W. B. Church, Washington, County, North Carolina, had its revival meeting, beginning on the third Sunday in June and lasted for a week. Rev. E. E. Edwards of Chowinwity, who is the pastor of our church, brought the messages each night. They were enjoyed by everyone who heard them.

There were visitors from other churches in the surrounding community. Some of the many friends of our pastor from Union Grove Church, Beaufort County attended this meeting. Their Junior choir rendered special music for us which the people enjoyed. The Lord did bless those little ones who sang praises to his holy name.

Although there were no additions to the church, we do feel that there were many who received blessings for having attended these services. We extend a welcome to all to come and worship with us whenever you can find it convenient for you to do so.

Mrs. Morton Marriner
221 Wilson Street
Plymouth, N. C.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Attention, Sunday School Superintendents of the Western Conference

As denominational enterprise director of the Western Sunday School Convention district, I am appealing to all Sunday Schools to rally to the support of furnishing the Albermarle Cottage at the F. W. B. Orphan age at Middlesex, North Carolina which has been built entirely by the Albermarle Conference. (By the way, this is the smallest conference in the state.)

Now, they are asking us, the other conferences and associations, to furnish this building which will be ready for occupancy about the middle of July. Superintendents, will you please put this before your Sunday Schools, and let us go over the top in this worthy cause?

Yours for His service,
Mrs. W. O. Fields
Selma, N. C.

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Elwood Lane Bible School

Elwood Lane F. W. B. Church held its Daily Vacation Bible School from June 11 through the 15. Around one hundred persons were enrolled in this school.

The teachers were as follows: Beginners, Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Absher; Primary, Mrs. Steen and Mrs. Paul Jenkins, Mrs. Lambert, and Ruby Wagoner Juniors, Mrs. Collier; Intermediates, Mrs. White.

There were about one hundred certificates awarded to the children who were present at least four days out of the five. Commencement night was held on Friday, June 15.

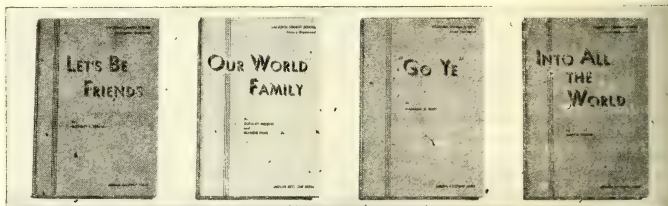
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One example is worth a thousand arguments.—Gladstone

To be ignorant of one's ignorance is the malady of the ignorant.—A. B. Alcott

Luck has a peculiar habit of favoring those who don't depend on it.

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A Message of Peace

Were half the power that fills the world with ter-
ror,
Were half the wealth bestowed on camps and
courts,
Given to redeem the human mind from error
There were no need of arsenals or forts!

The warrior's name would be a name abhorred!
And every nation, that should lift again
Its hand against a brother, or its forehead
Would wear forevermore the curse of Cain!

Down the dark future, through long generations,
The echoing sounds grow fainter and then
cease;
And like a bell, with solemn, sweet vibrations,
I hear once more the voice of Christ say,
"Peace!"

Peace! and no longer from its brazen portals
The blast of war's great organ shakes the skies!
But beautiful as songs of the immortals,
The holy melodies of love arise.

—Henry W. Longfellow

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1951

NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM

While I was studying my Sunday School lesson recently, a thought came to me about this study: "The Worth of Individual Life."

In the Free Will Baptist church at Rosedale, Ohio, there occurred a marvelous work of the mighty hand of God. There were the father and the mother, and their three little children. They came to the church for a service or two. But when the altar call was given, they would take up their children and leave the church, they were so much under conviction. They stayed away for a Sunday or two, until the little girl, about three years, began to cry to go to church. Nothing would quiet her but for them to take her to church.

That night at service her mother was saved, and the father was down at the altar. Two days later he was saved also. A short time later, the father, brother, and sister of the mother of the little child were saved. Thus it was shown that five persons gave their hearts to the Lord, as a result of a little child's cries. Isaiah said, "And a little child shall lead them" (ch. 11:6).

Millie Moore
Wodstock, Ohio

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CRAGMONT AGAIN!

Yes, this is another article about Cragmont inviting you to a week of spiritual refreshing. When the State League Convention met last month, it was very kindly offered the opportunity to sponsor the open week of July 30-August 4. We accepted that offer and now we are calling all Leaguers all over the State of North Carolina to come and enjoy that week. Some who have already been there once this summer might have the opportunity of returning, and those like myself who have not been for quite some time should return along with those that have never attended. This week, sponsored by the League Convention, is open to Leaguers regardless of age and we are looking to see you pack out the house on this our first week at Cragmont.

The cost will be the same that it has been all summer long: \$1.00 registration fee and \$20.00 for the cost at Cragmont including room, board and transportation. If you get your registration fee in, in advance, then your insurance will cover you both to and from the camp. Plan to go, send in your registration fee to:

Rev. R. P. Harris
Box 1265
Durham, N. C.

and then look in this paper for further information next week. I know that many of you will be glad to know that Brother Harris will be director of this week's camp and he will want to see many of you there.

Yours for Christ's sake,
David M. Wooten, Pres.
N. C. State League Con.

SCHEDULE OF CRAGMONT ASSEMBLIES

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THE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

August 13-20
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SECOND FAMILY SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

August 20-25
Fountain Taylor, Director

Please contact the director for the week you wish to attend Cragmont for the bus schedule and other details.

This week has been dedicated to the work of the young people whose interest centers in Christ for the advancement of Christian activities and experiences and the salvation of lost souls. There will be studies in Bible, music, handcraft, youth rallies, and others.

BUS SCHEDULE

Leave St. Mary's church in New Bern Monday, July 30 at 6:00 a. m. Leave Kinston Court House at 7:00, Leave Ayder Free Will Baptist Church, 7:30—Greenville, F. W. B. Church, 8:00—Farmville Bus Station, 8:30—Wilson Bus Station, 9:00—Middlesex Bus Station, 9:45—Durham Edgemont F. W. B. Church, 10:45 a. m.

Remember to send one dollar (\$1.00) registration fee immediately to Rev. R. P. Harris, P. O. Box 1265, Durham, N. C. This will assure you of a place on the bus and insurance from home and return.

If there is other information desired write to Rev. R. P. Harris (address above) and he will be glad to help you.

Rev. R. P. Harris, Director

Superannuation Report

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Convention of Free Will Baptists for June, 1951.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand June 1, 1951	\$ 986.53
Receipts for June	160.63

Total to account for	\$ 1,147.16
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DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Superannuation ministers	\$ 225.00
Paid to ministers widows	172.60
Operating expense	28.60
Paid to the National Board	13.20

Total disbursements	\$ 439.30
Balance July 1, 1951	\$ 707.86

RECEIPTS ITEMIZED

Davis	\$ 5.00
Friendship (Johnston Co.)	1.00
Srd. Eastern Union Meeting	20.00
N. C. State Aux. Conv.	119.73
Free Union Leagues	.75
Core Creek S. S.	9.15
Cramerton Aux.	5.00

M. L. Johnson
Chairman-Treasurer

For the gift without the giver is bare;
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,—
Himself, his hungering neighbor, and me."

—James Russell Lowell.

Cute Customer—Excuse me, sir, may I ask if you have notions on this floor?
Floorwalker—Yes, ma'am, we do, but we suppress them during business hours.

Youth Looking to Pastor for Leadership

Dear Christian Friends:

I have never had the pleasure of knowing Rev. Albert T. Coates, but I certainly hope everyone of our ministers read and pondered his article "The Pastor's Teaching Ministry," which was published in our Free Will Baptist Magazine of June 20th issue.

We sometimes wonder if our ministers realize that they are teaching indirectly as well as intentionally. Recently a friend told me of having heard a bad remark—"I thought our pastor promised to help us in our young people's work, but I haven't ever seen him at one of our league services since he made the promise." How true it is that not only our ministers are being watched by the youth of our churches, but every one of us who profess Christ. They are questioning our lives to see if we are being led by His spirit. Del Rice of the St. Louis Cardinals says. The backbone of any church is its youth movement. Unless you are constantly bringing youngsters into the congregation, you are losing ground." And as Steve Farish, one of our young leaguers in Ayden Free Will Baptist church recently said to his co-workers, "Whether or not we want to accept it we boys and girls of today are leaders of our Church of tomorrow." Pastors the youth of our church need your leadership. As I look over our field there is to me nothing nearly so important as training our youth, and if the shepherds fail, to whom shall they look for teaching and encouragement?

Brother Coates says, "The minister is in the classification of an interpreter. How do you suppose the lad interprets the failure of the minister who promised to help with the youth meetings, but never attended another meeting? Are our lives speaking so loud that what our lips utter can't be heard?

The fields are ripe unto harvest. May God arouse us so we will be more punctual in our service.

I am so glad to learn that many of our churches have employed full-time pastors. I pray God that soon many more will do so, for no minister can find time for the personal contact with his membership and those who should be brought into the fold, if he attempts to pastor two or more churches. He really can't work with such a large group when scattered over many miles.

He doesn't have time to know the church officials, the Auxiliary leaders, Sunday School officers and teachers—All of whom could and would become more efficient if they felt the close interest and sympathetic understanding of their pastor. Our task is great. May God give us guidance, I pray.

Your Sister in Christ,
Katie S. Jackson

Acts of kindness may give us insight into truths which we can gain in no other way.

NOTICE TO "LEAGUE" SUBSCRIBERS

It was with regret that we suspended publication of the Leaguer some few months ago due to the lack of funds. Since that time the N. C. State League Convention, which sponsors the magazine, has met and has worked out a plan whereby we think that we will be able to resume publication. It will be necessary, however, to raise the subscription price from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per year due to the small number of subscribers that we now have. We hope that, in the months and the years to come that the Leaguer will be published, the price will come back down as our list of subscribers grow.

The reports that we have received from our paper indicate that it is beginning to fill the place that it was designed to fill among the young people, and that was one of the factors which helped us decide to resume its publication. We are asking your support in prayer and your help in obtaining new subscribers. If our magazine has been a blessing to you, why not try to get someone else to take it also and then they would receive a blessing, and the cost of the copies that you will receive in the future will thereby be lowered.

Our present subscribers may look for the next issue to appear in their boxes about the first week in August. Those of you who are not taking this publication may obtain a sample copy by writing to:

Rev. R. P. Harris
Box 1265
Durham, N. C.

P. S.—If you have already seen it, then mail us your name and address with the price of the subscription and you will receive the first copy as soon after that as is possible. Pray and subscribe!

Sincerely in Jesus,

David M. Wooten, Pres.
N. C. State League Con.

Safe Side Inside

As a tall, athletic-looking young man entered the room, he was greeted by many acquaintances.

"A popular young man?" inquired a stranger.

"Yes," was the reply, "he distinguished himself when the circus was here."

"In what way?" asked the stranger.

"A lion escaped and while everybody else was yelling and trying to get away, he calmly walked into the lion's cage and shut himself inside."

Where are the nine in this day of desperate need?

PROGRAM

First Union of the Western Conference
Wilson County, N. C. July 28,

1951

Rev. Willie Renfrow, Moderator

MORNING SESSION

9:30—Devotional—Rev. L. H. Boykin
—Welcome Address—Host Pastor
—Response—Rev. Wiley Ferrell
—Enrollment of ministers and churches
—Seating delegates and visitors
—Minutes of last Union—Clerk
—Report of National Meetings—Rev. R. H. Hinnant

11:00—Inspirational Service Rev. M. Davis
—Offering for Orphanage and
SPECIAL MUSIC—Eugene Waddell

—SERMON: "The Church and Community"—Rev. N. Bruce Barrow

12:00—RECESS AND LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00—Talk: "The Rural Church Program"
Rev. W. R. Williams
—Reports of Boards and Committees
—Business of the Union
—DISCUSSION, "The Sunday School Program" R. T. Sasser

3:00—ADJOURNMENT

Rev. Willie Renfrow, Moderator
Bro. C. S. Hinnant, Clerk
WELCOME ALL VISITORS

PROGRAM

Following is the program for the union meeting of the Albermarle District which will be held with Free Union Church, Beaufort County, Saturday, July 28, 1951.

10:00—Devotions and welcome by Oscar Webster

10:15—Moderator's address

10:20—Reading minutes of last meeting
—Calling the roll of ministers
—Calling the roll of churches

11:10—Offering for orphanage

11:15—Announcements by Oscar Webster

11:20—Special music by local church

11:25—Sermon by Rev. Joe Angle

12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00—Devotions conducted by Hunter Gordan

1:15—Special Music

1:20—Business period

—Treasurer's Report

—Finance Committee Report

—Miscellaneous Committee Report

—Petition's for next Union

3:00—Adjournment

Alice Webster

Program Committee

She—It's not my fault I get so deep in debt.

He—Oh, no it's all owing to other people.

The righteous life is the more abundant life.

Sunday or The Sabbath

There is much variance of opinions in our land today concerning this subject. Some groups still hold that the fourth commandment is still intact and is still to be observed on the seventh day of the week which would be our Saturday. Others hold the view that we are to still keep the Sabbath day, but since the resurrection of Christ it should be observed on the first day of the week. While others hold that the day should be the first day of the week, but is not rightfully called the Sabbath but the Lord's Day. There is still another group that holds that one day is not to be esteemed above the other.

It is the writer's purpose to set forth which of these would be in keeping with the Scripture and the manner in which this day should be observed.

I. THE SABBATH

In order to arrive at the proper conclusion upon this subject it will be profitable to set forth briefly the sabbath of the Old Testament.

A. IT'S BEGINNING

There is some variance of opinion as to whether the sabbath had its beginning in Gen. 2:2-3 or when the Ten Commandments were given at Mount Sinai. Since the main import of this theme is to prove the day that should be kept at present we will only set forth our view as to its beginning and our reasons for believing it.

Gen. 2:2-3 "And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day, from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it; because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made."

Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown say concerning the words: "blessed and sanctified the seventh day" a peculiar distinction put upon it above the other six days, and showing it was devoted to sacred purposes. The institution of the Sabbath is as old as Creation, giving rise to that weekly division of time which prevailed in

the earliest ages. It is a wise and beneficent law, affording that regular interval of rest which the physical nature of man and the animals employed in his service requires, and the neglect of which brings both to premature decay. Moreover, it secures an appointed season for religious worship, and if it was necessary in a state of primeval innocence, how much more so now, when mankind have a strong tendency to forget God and His claims?"

The next mention of the seventh day as a day of rest is found in Exo-



Rev. Leroy Forlines,

dus 16:22-30 when the children of Israel were to take a double portion of manna on the sixth day so as to make the seventh day a day of rest.

Let us quote Matthew Henry concerning this passage:

We have here, 1. a plain intimation of the observing of a seventh day sabbath, not only before the giving of the law upon Mount Sinai, but before the bringing of Israel out of Egypt, and therefore, from the beginning Gen. 2:3. If the sabbath had now been first instituted, how could Moses have understood what God said to him (v. 5), concerning a double portion to be gathered on the sixth day, without making any express mention of the sabbath? And

REV. LEROY FORLINES
Winterville, N. C.

how could the people so readily take the hint (vs. 22), even to the surprise of the rulers, before Moses had declared that it was done with a regard to the sabbath, if they had not had some knowledge of the sabbath before? The setting apart of one day in seven for holy work, and, in order to that, for holy rest, was a divine appointment ever since God created man upon the earth, and the most ancient of positive laws. The way of sabbath-sanctification is the good old way."

It seems from the passage found in Gen. 2 and this one found in Exodus 16 that up until this time there was at least a realization that the seventh day was set apart from the other six.

Let us take a quote from Butler-Dunn concerning this period between Gen. 2:3 and Exodus 16:

"But it would be very unsafe to conclude that the Sabbath, or any other institution, was not observed during a given interval, merely because it is not expressly mentioned. No particular instance of circumcision is recorded in Scripture from the settlement of Jews in Canaan to the circumcision of Christ, a period of about fifteen hundred years; yet no one doubts that the rite was practiced throughout. When an institution is established by Divine authority, the presumption is that it is observed by the godly until it is repealed.

"We learn, also, from the testimony of Philo, Homer, Hesiod, Josephus, Prophyrius, and other ancient writers, that the division of time into weeks and the observance of the seventh day were common to the nations of antiquity. They would not have adopted such a custom from the Jews. Whence, then, could it have been derived, but through tradition, from its original institution in the Garden of Eden."

Our conclusion is from the facts

that have been presented from Scripture, reason, and history that the institution of the Sabbath was made when God rested on the seventh day and sanctified it. Even the words used in the giving of the fourth commandment, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy," seem to prove that the institution of the sabbath was known, because it was given in the form of a command as if it were already known.

B. MANNER IN WHICH IT WAS KEPT

Let us use a quote here from Scofield: "It was observed by complete rest (Ex. 35:2, 3), and by Jehovah's express order a man was put to death for gathering sticks on the sabbath day (Num. 15:32-36). Apart from maintaining the continued burnt-offering (Num. 28:9), and its connection with the annual feasts (Ex. 12:16; Lev. 23:3, 8; Num. 28:25), the seventh-day sabbath was never made a day of sacrifice, worship, or any manner of religious service. It was simply and only a day of complete rest for man and beast, a human provision for man's needs." There was, however, some deviation from this by the Jews during the period between the Old and New Testaments.

Concerning this period we read from I. S. B. E.: "With the development of the synagogue the Sabbath became a day of worship and of study of the law, as well as a day of cessation from all secular employment."

Dr. John R. Rice says, "There is no Bible command for the synagogue nor for any of the synagogue worship. The Sabbath of the Mosaic Law was purely a day of rest, not a day of worship nor church-giving."

We can clearly see from the teachings of Jesus that the Jews were continually placing their own traditions along with that of Divine command which He sharply rebuked them for. Therefore for the proper manner of Sabbath keeping we must accept the teaching of God's Word rather than Jewish practices and traditions.

C. JESUS AND THE SABBATH

During Jesus' earthly ministry we find that Jesus was continually attacked by the Pharisees for breaking their traditions concerning the

sabbath. In Matt. 12:1 His disciples gathered corn to eat on the sabbath. In Matt. 12:13 He healed the man with a withered hand on the sabbath.

Jesus was rebuked for doing this but He answered them by saying Mark 2:27: "And He said unto them, the sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath."

When human need presented itself, "the sabbath was made for man," therefore there is no contradiction between God's commandment for keeping the sabbath and human need. Had man been made for the Sabbath he would have had to adjust himself to fit the sabbath regardless of human need. It must be observed here that need and not desire gave the right to do these things.

Matt. 12:11-12, "And He said unto them, What man shall be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the Sabbath Day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath days."

Here Jesus is speaking of unavoidable occasions that present themselves. Surely such occasions sometimes presented themselves and had to be coped with. But notice the words, "And if it fall into a pit on the Sabbath day," in other words it was an occasion that came to pass on the Sabbath day and not a previous happening that should be corrected on the seventh day. If the sheep was in the pit on the sixth day that was the time to get it out.

D. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT SABBATH

1. The sabbath commemorated a finished creation. It commemorates God's creation rest.

Exodus 31:17: "It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed."

2. A perpetual reminder to Israel of their separation to God.

Exodus 31:13: "Speak thou unto the children of Israel, saying, verily my sabbath ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout

your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you."

3. The day was a day of rest.

It has well been proved that for a person to keep in good physical condition that it is necessary that he should have proper rest. If the rest is not taken it will result in a premature death.

II. WHICH DAY SHOULD BE KEPT AT PRESENT?

A. IS EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK CONSIDERED ALIKE WITH GOD?

Rom. 14:5-6: "One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth everyday alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks."

Matthew Henry says concerning this: "Concerning days, vs. 5—Those who thought themselves still under some kind of obligation by ceremonial law esteemed one day above another—kept up a respect to the times of the passover pentecost, new moons, and feast of tabernacles; thought those days better than other days, and solemnized them accordingly with particular observances, binding themselves to some religious rest and exercise on those days. Those who knew all these things were abolished and done away by Christ's coming esteemed every day alike. We must understand it with an exception of the Lord's day, which all Christians unanimously observed; but they made no notice, of those antiquated festivals of the Jews."

The writer is in full agreement with this interpretation of this passage of scripture.

Our conclusion is that one can not rightfully claim that every day of the week is considered alike with God.

B. Which day should be kept? The question that is raised is should we observe the seventh day as it was in

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Report Of Treasurer Of State Mission Board North Carolina

MISSIONS	
Marlboro S. S.	\$ 5.40
3rd. Eastern U. M.	15.00
Selma	7.93
Christian Chapel	17.15
Friendship, (Jones Co.)	10.00
Portsmouth, Va.	10.00
Mae's Chapel D. V. B. S.	8.25
Hickory Chapel D. V. B. S.	10.21
Ruth's Chapel S. S.	4.16
Marlboro S. S.	7.60
Long Ridge L. A.	2.00

Total	\$ 97.70
Expenses	80.30

Grand Total	\$ 17.40
50 per cent to Home Missions	8.70
50 per cent to Foreign Missions	8.70

HOME MISSIONS	
Balance brought forward	\$ 3,416.54
Lowell	17.00
50 per cent mission receipts	8.70

Total	\$ 3,442.24
Paid to Harry E. Staires, Treas.,	
National Home Missions	218.12

Balance on hand	\$ 3,224.12
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FOR MRS. STEVENS	
Avery's Creek	\$ 2.00
Swannanoa	5.00
Beaverdam	10.00
Barnardsville	2.00
Walnut	6.00
Sweeten Creek	8.60
Asheville	30.00

Total	\$ 63.00
Check to Raymond Riggs for	
Miss Volena Wilson	75.00
Marion S. S. Check to Raymond	
Riggs	\$ 75.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS	
Ruth's Chapel, Penny a meal.	\$ 5.00
Mt. Zion L. A. (Nash Co.)	5.00
Davis	25.00
Washington	8.00
Sherron Acres for full time Cuban	
Missionary	30.00
Avery's Creek	3.83
Swannanoa	5.00
Swannanoa S. S.	19.01
Kinston League	5.67
Mrs. Doyle H. Frisbee, Sr.,	46.00
St. Mary, (Wilson Co.)	21.90
Kinston L. A. for Cuban student	20.00
Bridgeton	2.00
Malachi's Chapel, Penny a meal.	7.00
Antioch, for Miss Barnard's return	10.00
Welcome Home	35.00
N. C. Woman's Aux. Convention	428.40
Oriental L. A.	6.00
Black Jack League	2.00
Shady Grove, (Sampson Co.)	20.54

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE NEW QUARTERLY

It was announced in the Baptist paper recently that the Press would have ready for sale the Young People's quarterly, beginning with the Fourth Quarter of this year, 1951; but, in the Board of Directors' meeting of June 28, the matter was discussed, and it was decided that, due to the limited time in getting the work done at the Press and because of the shortage of labor, the quarterly could not be ready until the first of the new year, 1952.

The reason for the delay in printing this quarterly is no fault of Rev. F. B. Cherry, who has been employed to write this quarterly.

Those concerned with the ordering of quarterlies will do us a great favor by kindly letting us know how many Young People's Quarterlies you will need for the first quarter of 1952 and also how this new Quarterly will affect the number of Advanced and Senior Quarterlies you will need for the first quarter of 1952.

Thanking you in advance for any information you may be able to give us.

D. W. Alexander,
Business Manager

Pearsall's Chapel Adult S. S. Class for Cuban student: Celia Izquierdo	15.00
Juniper Chapel L. A.	2.00
Greenville, Willing Workers Class, for Miss Barnard's return	5.00
Greenville Willing Workers Class	10.00
Calvary S. S.	10.50
Black Jack D. V. B. S.	30.00
Free Union L. A. (Beaufort Co.)	2.19
Shady Grove, (Durham Co.) League	7.00
Core Creek S. S.	8.82
Elwood Lane D. V. B. S.	16.85
Morehead City L. A.	6.00
Kenly S. S., Jr. Girls Class	8.00
Spring Hill Willing Workers Class for Cuban School	5.00
Sound Side, Penny a meal	13.07
Piney Grove, (Johnston Co.)	1.00
St. Mary's, New Bern, N. C.	70.00
Edward's Chapel S. S. (Class NO. 1, 5.35, Class No. 3 2.17, Class No. 5, 6.48.)	
Total	14.00
50 per cent Mission receipts	8.70

Grand Total	\$ 938.48
Check to Raymond Riggs	\$ 938.48

For this very good report during the dull season financially, I am profoundly grateful to everyone of you who have been so faithful and loyal. Your zealous liberality deserves the highest praise. May God continue to bless and prosper you in every way.

In His Service,
J. W. Alford, Treasurer,
Columbia, N. C.

Annual Report Of National Superannuation To National Association

JULY 1, 1950, through JUNE 30, 1951
Bal. brought forward July 1, 1950 \$6,016.50

RECEIPTS	
Alabama	\$ 30.00
Georgia	190.15
Michigan	110.15
Missouri	16.40
North Carolina	413.39
Tennessee	67.83
Woman's National Auxiliary	81.17
Premiums and Applications	687.37

Total Receipts	\$ 1,668.71
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Total Receipts Plus Balance	\$ 7,685.21
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DISBURSEMENTS	
National Promotional Sec.	\$ 300.00
Secretary	120.00
Office expense	10.00
Refund to W. E. Stilly on application	5.92
Ministers Life And Casualty	
Union for Premiums and Applications	1,540.45
Expense of Board Members to meeting	198.00

Total	\$ 2,173.77
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Balance plus receipts less disbursements	\$ 5,511.44
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Number of \$1,000 policy holders	24
Number of \$2,000 policy holders	14

Total	38
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J. O. Fort, Treasurer
National Superannuation
Free Will Baptists
Lake Butler, Fla.

Vacation Bible School at Black Jack

The church and community around Black Jack had a wonderful time this year at our Vacation Bible School, which began May 28, and closed June 1.

We had an average attendance of 160 each day.

The Ladies Auxiliary sponsored the Vacation Bible School each year with the help of the church and community. Which is indeed a pleasure.

Refreshments were served each day which was enjoyed by every one.

The theme for the week was "Prayer" which was carried out by scripture reading, songs and the order of prayer.

We closed on Friday night with commencement exercises that tried to bring out a part of what the children had studied and learned in that week. Everyone declared it was a wonderful occasion, and are hoping to come back another year, with a larger and better Vacation Bible School.

Yours in Christ
Mrs. Lester Mills

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

GOOD REPORTS FROM NATIONAL MEETINGS

From all reports, the four Annual National meetings, which convened recently in Nashville, Tennessee, had the best sessions yet experienced by Free Will Baptists. The National League convention of the young Leaguers of the various states came first and great interest was shown by the representatives, ministers, and others who were present. The messages, group conferences, and business sessions were outstanding events in the convention. Steps were taken to further the cause of the Young People's Leagues in the various churches of the denomination.

The Sunday School convention came next, and it was expressive of better things in the future for the Sunday School work throughout the denomination. The need of better organized Sunday Schools, as a whole, was discussed, and emphasis was laid on more improved Sunday School literature for some of the departments of the different schools throughout the denomination. The interest was high, and many expressed themselves as being greatly concerned about the advancement of the Sunday School work among our people in general.

The Woman's National Auxiliary convention was the third one to convene in Nashville, following the Sunday School convention. This body was composed of a splendid group of women from the various states. They represented in the meeting their respective state bodies, and showed their great concern, by their enthusiasm, in the forward march of the Auxiliary work of the denomination. They had a good program, fine speeches and commendable business sessions during the sitting of this Annual convention. They showed some vitally interesting ideas of advancement that the Woman's Auxiliary should strive to make during the next fiscal year. It is expected that the work of this national organization of the women of the denomination will go forward in a great way, and that wonderful reports will be made in the next National convention of the progress which the women of the different states were able to make in all leading phases of their work.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists was the fourth and last of these Annual meetings. It marked the climax of these meetings with splendid attendance, great interest, and noble speeches which were presented by outstanding leaders of the denomination. It was an occasion long to be remembered by those participating in its proceedings, and others who were deeply interested in its forward movements for the greater growth and expansion of the denomination. From all reports, it is expected that the forward steps taken will be the means of advancing the different phases of the national work of the denomination in a way greater than ever before in the history of Free Will Baptists in this country. May everyone look forward to a great year in home and foreign missions, Christian education, orphanage work, sup-

ernation, church building programs, Sunday School and League expansion work throughout the whole denomination.

THE FORWARD LOOK

When Christopher Columbus set sail to discover a shorter route to India, he had a forward look. And as he sailed westward for weeks in the midst of difficulties, he certainly had indomitable courage, great faith, and an ever increasing hope that he would discover new sources of wealth for his native country. His untiring spirit, and willingness to pay the price at any odds led him to success and renown.

In a different way, and for a different cause, the Apostle Paul took the beacon light of the Gospel of Christ, and placed it in the midst of heathen peoples for a guide to brighten their pathway on life's journey. He too, had his hardships, but he never gave up. Christ was his Captain, the Word of God his chart, and the Holy Spirit was his Teacher and Comforter. His life and works stand as God's memorial in the realm of Christian missions, ever to be appreciated by the children of men.

The forward look among Free Will Baptists, home and abroad, is an upward look, and an outward look in the field of Home Missions, for the opportunities are great each way we look. Like Paul of old, may Free Will Baptist ministers lift up their heads and set up evangelistic campaigns wherever the field is promising, and organize new churches. May Free Will Baptists lift their eyes and, with the forward look, view greater possibilities in India, Africa, Cuba, and other foreign countries where mission work is so greatly needed. And here at home, let the leaders of the churches, and their pastors, look about them, and visualize a greater work needed to be done among their own people in their own communities for the cause of Christ. We pray that God will give the officers and teachers of the Sunday Schools greater vision and understanding for a greater Sunday School work for the years to come. May the young Leaguers of the various churches of the denomination look out and catch a greater vision of what they can really do for the cause of the youth of their communities. We pray that their leaders may ever manifest the forward look into things that are possible, and then seek to reach definite goals for furthering the cause of Christ among the young people of the land. Obviously enough, the forward look in the religious field is of as great importance as it is in any other endeavor in life.

It is a known fact that the Christian faith is a moving, living faith in the hearts of God's servants. The more they do for the cause of righteousness, the more do they see the need of doing for the expanding of the kingdom of God in the world.

When Christ Controls

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

These last few days, the theme of the National League Conference in its third annual session at Norfolk, Virginia, last June, has been ringing in my ears and presenting to my mind much food for thought. "When Christ Controls," has a wide meaning, if we only dig down deep in the word of God. In doing this, we will find among other things, the reason for much of our failure, as individuals and as a church. It is true that we do not want to recognize our failures, much less to acknowledge them, but "When Christ Controls," really and actually, we will "confess our faults one to another, and pray one for another." We will humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord, knowing that "He will lift us up." Our attitude toward each other will take on the real meaning of Christian love. Jesus said, and is still saying, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (Jon. 13:35).

"When Christ Controls," many changes will take place, first in our own lives, then in our churches. I often think, and I verily believe, that we need to get self and self interests out of the way. After all, what are we? Who are we, anyway? We are not to think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think, but we are to think soberly, according as God

hath dealt to every man the measure of faith, (Rom. 12:3).

David asks in Psalm 8:4, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the Son of man, that thou visitest him?" Then hear his statement in verses 5 and 6: "For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor. Thou hast made him to have dominion over the works of thy hands: thou hast put all things under his feet." Listen as Peter speaks to us from the 24th verse of the first chapter of I Peter: "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof fadeth away; But the word of the Lord endureth forever."

We should pause occasionally and ask ourselves: "Does Christ Control" my thoughts, my aims and purposes in life? My part in the on-going of His kingdom work, through my church and its program, through our Educational, Benevolence, Missionary and other channels whereby we might be a blessing to others?

We need to come face to face with ourselves often. Self is treacherous to the will of God, and we forget that

we have a fight on our hands when we try to subdue self and bring it under subjection, without prayer. The apostle Paul surely experienced the fact that Christian character and activities are produced by the Holy Spirit, and not by self effort.

He said in Gal. 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." He also said in Phil. 1:21, "For to me to live is Christ." So Christ is our pattern, and if we are so eager to make our lives follow the pattern He has given us as we are to follow after selfish desires and appeasements, we will eventually overcome self and be able to live the surrendered life in Him; and let Him control. Let us think and pray and labor in His will at all times.

The midnight hour is upon us. To many it brings no sense of the danger of putting off preparations for the great day of the Lord. The responsibility rests upon us to warn, to plead, and to pray for, and with the unsaved ones. "When Christ Controls"—We shall live in the center of His will.

When Christ Controls—there is a bit of heaven and we gain inspiration and encouragement to press on in the battle against the "spiritual wickedness in high places," or wherever we find it.

Three Glorious Weeks at Long Ridge

On June 9 at 9:30 a. m. members and friends of Lone Ridge Church met at the church to pray for rain. Brother Jonas Dail had charge of the meeting and gave some splendid thoughts on the subject of prayer. There were several requests of prayer for the sick, and for peace, as well as for rain.

At an old-fashion altar the people gathered for prayer. There they prayed together and wept, and were much revived.

Brother Dail invited everyone back for prayer on Wednesday, if rain came, for thanksgiving, and the rain did come so very beautifully, light and easy, with no storms or disaster. Then for two weeks we assembled at the church at the same hour of the day (9:30 a. m.) for prayer and thanks

giving, with various members in charge of the program.

Following this we had a great week of Bible School, under the direction of Mr. Bennie Outlaw, and Mrs. Wesley Price. It was a very successful school, with regular attendance of 78. Seventy-five certificates were given for excellent work during the week. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way, and the parents co-operated splendidly with the school. We closed the Bible School with a picnic on the church grounds on Friday afternoon.

The following Saturday was time for the regular Quarterly Church Conference. Rev. Wesly Price presided over the meeting in a very efficient way. The business matters of the church were attended to in a good

Christian spirit. On Sunday morning a large crowd of people attended the Sunday morning service. The whole church seemed to have been greatly revived. God had so wonderfully answered our prayers, and had so blessed souls that it was decided to continue Mid-Week Prayer services each Wednesday night.

With a different member in charge each time, the object for prayer was for the lost of the community, and for the revival meeting, which is set to begin on the third Sunday night in September with Brother Wade Calvert doing the preaching. We wish to say that the Lord is blessing us here at Long Ridge Church, and we need the prayers of all Christians, that we may use our talents for His glory. Mrs. Ben Sutton

THE CHAIN

E. G. CLARKE

Bill stood with his legs apart and his hands in his pockets. He was watching his grandfather and wondering why he behaved so queerly when he put his shoes on. At last he blurted out, "Why do you turn them over and shake 'em before you put them on, Grandfather?"

Grandpa looked up with a smile and said, "Do I?" "Yes, you do," replied Bill. "I have seen you do it before, but I never see anything come out. I have to shake the sand out of my shoes almost every morning, but you don't come on the beach do you, Grandfather?"

Bill was having a never-to-be-forgotten holiday with his Grandpa and Grandma at the sea and spent most of his time making castles with sand or paddling in the rock pools. Grandma did not mind coming on the beach, but Grandpa liked to sit on a seat on the promenade above and watch the proceedings from there.

Grandpa looked up at Bill's puzzled face and said, laughingly, "I did not notice that I shook my shoes Bill, but I got into the habit when I was in India, of shaking them every time I put them on." "Why did you do it?" asked Bill. "To shake out scorpions or centipedes, or other vermin that might be hidden there." "But you don't need to do it here," cried Bill. "We don't have those nasty things here." "I know, but you see, Bill, I formed the habit, and now I do it without thinking," and Grandpa got up and put on his hat.

Bill was rather thoughtful as they walked along the front. "Habits are queer things aren't they, Grandpa?" "Habits are very strange things my boy, always remember a habit is like a chain, it grows stronger every day and it seems as if a bad one grows faster than a good one. If you want to have good habits when you are

old, you must form them when you are young." "Is it a good habit to read the Bible every day, Grandpa?" "One of the very best habits," replied Grandpa emphatically. "A chapter a day keeps the devil at bay."

After this there was a long silence. Grandpa could see that Bill was thinking deeply. He saw his little grandson getting rather pink in the face, and then at last the honest blue eyes looked up into the old man's face and said, "Grandpa, what can one do who has a chain round him which he can't break?" Grandpa knew he was thinking about a bad habit which he longed to get rid of, but which was proving too strong for him. How glad Grandpa was that he knew the secret that could break every chain.

"Bill, when the Lord Jesus died on the Cross, He broke every chain which Satan tries to bind round you. The chain, whatever it is, was broken at Calvary. Satan can bind you with it no longer. He can only hang it round you to try to make you believe that you are bound by it. Ask the Lord Jesus to take the chain away and to set you free, and He will." Just then, Grandpa came up and Bill raced to meet her.

When night time came and Bill put his arms around Grandpa's neck he whispered, "My chain's gone, Grandpa. Jesus took it off me and set me free on the beach tonight."

Grandpa smiled. "God bless you, my boy," he said.

—Juvenile Pleasure

such a storm that all hope of being saved was lost (Acts 27:9-20). In the storm, however, Paul learned anew the unfailing Presence of the Faithful One, who had promised never to forsake him. Are you in a storm today because others had their way, despite your advice to the contrary? If so, do jump over board and abandon ship, saying, "I told you so;" rather stand by and see the matter through to the end, when "they escaped all safe to land" (v. 44).

But storms are not limited to our disobedience or the design of others. They might be caused by the devil. Do I believe that? I certainly do! The wicked one hurled lightning on Job's sheep and a cyclone on his sons. What did Paul mean by saying, "but Satan hindered us"? Was not the Prince of demons seeking to prevent the Lord Jesus and the disciples from helping the demoniac on yonder shore of Gadara? (Mark 5:1-2). Does Beelzebub know when blessing is about to become the portion of God's people, when sinners are to be converted, when revival is at hand? Of course he does, and just then he sends some storm to make the saints so scared or seaisick that they want to turn back from the bidding of their Lord, who has told them, "Let us go over to the other side."

If the devil is stirring up your storm, stand still and see the salvation of God. If disobedience is its cause abandon ship. If the design of others has put you in the tempest, count on the presence of the Strong One. Then the storm will be the mercy of God to you, and not your master.

—Selected

We Have The Command

Someone in China asked John W. Foster: "What right have you Christians to come over here and bother these poor people with your religion?"

Mr. Foster, who was called a Christian statesman, replied: "It is the right to give to others something that is too good to keep."

We know that missions mean not only the right to take the Gospel to all who need it but the obligation to do so.

If a large family is starving and someone gives a great basket of food to one boy for the family and if that boy eats all he can hold and then hides the rest under a bridge for his pleasure on future visits, we think him too bad and selfish for words.

Well, the Lord has given to us the bread of life and the water of life—given not for our sakes only but given to us for all the family—for all the human family. Too bad if we take this Gospel and all its by-products and use these upon ourselves, forgetting the world "that lieth in darkness" and privation.

We have no choice. We have the command: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

WHY THIS STORM

"And there arose a great storm of wind . . ." (Mark 4:37).

Why were the Disciples in the storm? We are forever asking the question, "Why?" Every effect must have a cause, we reason, and rightly so; and yet we should be most careful and prayerful in seeking to determine the cause with definiteness. We may not have perspective, insight or judgement enough to know the true cause.

Our first observation would be, undoubtedly, that the disciples were in the storm because of disobedience. After all, Jonah disobeyed God, with the result that he and his fellow travelers were in jeopardy of their lives. The storm was a veiled mercy of God, sent to turn the fearful and fainthearted prophet from his flight, back to the center

V. Raymond Edman

of God's will. It may be that you are in a tempest today because of disobedience; if so, jump overboard for God, and start back to the place of obedience. If we are storm tossed because of disobedience, we shall find the billows of surrender to be safer for us than any boat of self-will.

Not all storms are encountered because of our unwillingness to obey God; rather they may be our experience because of the design of others. Paul cautioned the captain not to leave Fair Havens for the open Mediterranean, even though "the south wind blew softly," but Paul was overruled by the majority; and soon they were all in

SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE FOR YOUTH LEADERS

Wm. Burkette Raper, Director

Attention: Sunday School Teachers
Sunday School Superintendents
All those who work with young
people in your local churches

July 23 thru 28 has been set aside as a special week for you at Cragmont. The mornings will be given to a devotional service, study of Sunday School organizations, selection of teachers, and a discussion of various Sunday School problems. Brother C. H. Overman of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville will be in charge of the Sunday School work. Wm. Burkette Raper will give a lecture each day on the planning of worship services for Sunday School and Church.

The afternoon will be turned over to rest periods, recreation, and sight-seeing. Each evening there will be a worship service.

The total cost for this week will be \$20.00. This amount includes: transportation on the Cragmont bus, insurance to and from Cragmont and while you are there, room, board, and linen. In addition to your personal clothes you will want to bring: Bible, towels, spending money, pencils, and note books.

The bus schedule will be: Monday, July 23, 1951 6:00 a. m. Leave St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern, 6:30 a. m. Vanceboro (Bus stop)
7:00 a. m. Ayden (F. W. B. Church)
7:30 a. m. Snow Hill (Moye Motor Company)
8:30 a. m. Wilson (F. W. B. Church)
9:00 a. m. Middlesex (Bus stop)
10:00 a. m. Raleigh (F. W. B. Church)

You may register upon entering the bus or you may send your registration in advance to Wm. Burkette Raper, Trenton, N. C. Registration fee is \$1.00. (This registration is a part of the total cost for the week.) For those furnishing their own transportation, the cost for the week is \$12.70.

Wm. Burkette Raper

"How did you ever come to marry your wife?"

"Well, you see, we started out to be friends but we changed our minds."

"What did you think of the ventriloquist?"

"He didn't amount to much, but that little fellow on his knee was awfully funny."

"The strongest principle of growth lies in human choice."—George Eliot.

The Church is the best institution for promoting peace among all nations of the earth.

God will never fail or disappoint our trust.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Middlesex Orphanage

Itinerary, W. A. Hansley Orphanage Representative

(All services at 8:00 p. m.)

(Unless otherwise stated)

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 5, 1951—11:00 a. m.—
Hugo

PEE DEE CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 12, 1951—11:00 a. m.—
White Oak, Bladenboro, N. C.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 19, 1951—11:00 a. m.—
Saratoga

ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 22, 1951—8:00 p. m.—
Hickory Chapel (Ahoskie)

Thursday, August 23, 1951—8:00 p. m. Little
Creek (Virginia)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 26, 1951—8:00 p. m.—
Smith's New Home

Monday, August 27, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Mt.

Zion, Onslow County

Wednesday, August 29, 1951—8:00 p. m.—
Beaufort

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 21, 1951—11:00 a. m.—
Union Chapel

NOTICE CORN NEEDED AT ORPHANAGE

We are trying to feed out approximately two hundred hogs and our corn supply is running short. If any of our friends have a surplus of corn and would like to give it to us, you may bring it to us or notify us and we will make arrangements to pick it up.

Any assistance you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely Yours,
Walter McD. Croom,
Superintendent

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When the space for the notice is short, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

MRS. ADA PICKETT

Mrs. Ada Pickett was born September 22, 1881, died Jan. 1951. At the age of sixteen she joined the Missionary Baptist Church. Later she moved her membership to the Beech Grove Free Will Baptist church, located near Chinquapin, North Carolina. Beech Grove has since been discontinued. Mrs. Pickett, from that time forth until her death, was a member of Lanier's Chapel.

She was married in June 1902 to John Allen Pickett, and they lived in and around Chinquapin, North Carolina, all their lives.

They had three children, William, Lossie, and Richard Pickett.

Mr. Pickett died in 1924.

Mrs. Pickett was the oldest member and one of the most Christ-like members of the church. She was loyal to the church and was active in church activities until her death.

When church time came Mrs. Pickett would say, "If you won't take me, I'll walk."

She was the former Ada Dail.

Written for Lanier's Chapel Free
Will Baptist Church by
Conrad Sloan and Sebelia Williams

Death Takes Charlie T. Smith

Memorial Day Eve, May 25th, 1951, will be remembered by many with a sad and heavy heart. That day at 10:20 p. m. Charlie Tobe Smith was called to his eternal home.

He had been in ill health for the past two years, suffering a great deal for the last few weeks from an internal cancer. He prayed for death to come. Dady will be deeply missed by all of us; but we are comforted knowing that he is forever released from earthly sorrows and pain in his heavenly home. He was born Jan. 6th, 1878 near Seven Springs, Wayne County, North Carolina, and married Fannie Gray in 1902. A credit to the community, he was loved and respected by all that knew him.

In early life, he became a member of Grants Chapel Free Will Baptist Church serving it earnestly and faithfully as deacon for over forty years.

Funeral services were conducted at the family home by the Rev. Lloyd Vernon, a former pastor of Grant's Chapel. His body was laid to rest in Pine View Cemetery near his home and the people he so dearly loved. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Fannie Smith; his sons, Milford and Allen; his daughters, Lillie and Llewellyn; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Sleep gently dear one; your labors are ended, your goodness lives on.

Mrs. Llewellyn McNeill
642 Haight Ave.,
Alameda, Calif.

AVAILABLE FOR EVANGELISTIC SINGING

I will be glad to assist pastors and evangelists in meetings close enough to New Bern, N. C., to reach by car from night to night, during this season, by leading singing and rendering special solos. During the spring season I have worked in meetings with Rev. J. C. Griffin, and those desiring to know more about my work can write him. I can be reached by mail at 1314 Spencer Ave., New Bern, N. C., or by telephone number 5160. Youth choir work and chorus singing especially emphasized.

L. Beverly Ballard

New Church Organized In Tennessee

The Seventh Avenue Free Will Baptist Church of Lewisburg, Tennessee, was organized on Thursday evening, June 28, with Rev. J. B. Bloss, chairman of the National Home Mission Board, in charge and assisted by Charles B. Craddock, evangelist for the Home Mission Board. The pastor of the new church is Rev. Craddock, who was sent to Lewisburg the first of June for the purpose of conducting a two weeks' revival meeting, he contacted Free Will Baptist people of this area, and organized a church. Through the means of radio broadcasts, newspaper and poster advertisements, and personal contacts many people came to the meeting which closed June 29 with eleven members joining the new church. A Sunday School, League, and Woman's Auxiliary have been organized and the church is operating on a full-time schedule.

A nice church building, valued at \$5,500, has been purchased, and Rev. and Mrs. Craddock are living in the parsonage at the church. The Lord is blessing the work in a marvelous way.

By Church Clerk

Second Union of Cen. Conference of N. C. Convenes With Gum Swamp

Saturday before 5th Sunday, July, 1951
9:45—Devotions, Mrs. D. W. Hansley
10:00—Business
10:15—"Christian Education," Rev. L. E. Ballard
10:40—Business and singing
10:50—"The Six Cities of Refuge and Their Antitype," Rev. R. N. Hinnant
11:20—Announcements, Offering, Congregational Song
11:30—Union Sermon, Rev. N. D. Beaman
12:00—Lunch
1:00—Devotions, Mrs. Elmer Dail
1:15—Business
1:30—"The Life of Christ Prefigured by the Life of Joseph," Rev. Bruce Barrow
2:00—Business
2:30—Adjournment

Attention Please!

Youth for Christ Rally.
Where—Aspin Grove Church
When—August 4th. 1951 8 p. m.

PROGRAM

Devotional Period—Marlboro Juniors and Seniors
Special Music—Saratoga
Bible Quiz—Aspin Grove
Testimony Period
Special Music—King's Cross Roads
Speaker—King's Cross Roads

TO A CHRISTIAN

(This poem, which was written by Jessie Peele Mills, was composed one month before she accepted Christ as her Savior. This is what she saw in a Christian's life as she waited before God in making her decision for Him.)

I looked into your smiling face
And saw an inner shining light;
I noted your calm and gentle grace
And I knew that I was right.

To seek your company and to try
To seek that ever lasting goal,
For I am lost and my lonely cry
Is for Salvation of my soul.

For over me a loneliness can steal
A loneliness that stems from my soul,
For to Christ, my heart I did not give
And my feet lag on His Threshold.

Dear God, what makes me hesitate
To render my lost soul to Thee?
Though I know you wait at the gate
With open arms to love and comfort me.

Ah, Christian, as into your face I look
I see your love just shining through,
I'd like to take the road you took
And walk along that pathway, too.

And so dear God, I shall come to give
My unanchored soul to Thee,
So that I may ever eternally live
And pray I may ever worthy be.

Jessie Peele Mills

Pastoral Announcement

This is to state that I will be available for pastoral services for another year. Any church or churches that are interested in securing me as pastor for the coming year may write to me at the address below. Also, I will be available for revival work during the summer and fall should anyone desire to have me hold revivals. Please write, or call by to see me at your convenience.

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Rev. M. L. Tyndall,
213 S. McLeween St.,
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The results of the revival and Bible School were wonderful. The Bible School was held in the day time with four classes. The Ladies' Class was conducted by Rev. L. C. Johnson; Intermediate Class, by Mrs. Chester Pelt; Junior Class, by Doris Pace; and Primary Class, by Gloria Reeves.

We began at 9 o'clock and finished our classes at 10:30. From 10:30 until 11:00 o'clock we had recreation, and ate watermelons after recreation. Rev. L. C. Johnson delivered a Sermon. Then lunch was spread and everyone enjoyed it.

There were three converts, and all were spiritually uplifted. We had services at night and I think every one enjoyed it.

Doris Pace
Jakin, Ga.

A GOD LOVING PERSON

Dulan Powell
Mount Olive, N. C.

A God-loving person is filled with delight,
Always willing with never a fright;
From country to country they take God's name,
With respect and care, so others may claim.

A God-loving person is always joyful,
Helping the sick, poor, and the mournful;
Serving God with joyful hearts,
And a holy spirit that will never depart.

A God-loving person may live anywhere,
If they are serving God and doing their share;

They are always working with little rest,
So they may have assurance of eternal rest.

I, too, should seek the experience of St. Paul who said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."—Phil. 4: 13.



CHRISTIAN SOCIAL LIFE

(Lesson for July 29)

LESSON: Romans 12:1-2; I Corinthians 8:1-13

GOLDEN TEXT: I Corinthians 3:16

This is our Temperance Lesson for the quarter. The scripture passages selected for this lesson deal with both the religious and social aspects of the life of the Christian. The example of correct living in the home, in the church, and in society plays an important part of this study. The noble instructions which Paul and John give in these verses of scripture will serve to bless everyone who will seek to abide by them. Personal consecration to God, and the brotherly relations with others in society constitute leading phases of these discussions in the presentation of this temperance lesson.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. The mercies of God to us demand that we make an unconditional surrender of ourselves to Him (Rom. 12:1).

2. The sacrifice on the altar of the Old Testament was dead; our bodies as believers are to be a living sacrifice in order to be of service (vs. 1).

3. Some Christians are still conformed to the world; they need transformation by the renewal of their minds (vs. 2).

4. It is only after we have fully surrendered to Him that God will reveal His perfect will to us (vs. 2).

5. It is possible for a Christian to be puffed up with knowledge of the grace of God but to ignore the need of loving consideration of a weaker one (I Cor. 8:1).

6. The Christian who thinks he knows everything usually is the one who is very shallow in his conception of the Christian life (vs. 2).

7. It is an empty gesture to bring an offering to idols, for "an idol is nothing in the world" (vs. 4).

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8. It is not only our conscience that should influence our conduct but also the conscience of the one who is weaker than we (vs. 7).

9. There are things which it would not be sinful for us to commit, but they might lead a weaker Christian into sin, that is why we abstain from them (vs. 8).

10. Christian liberty is a wonderful blessing, but it can become a curse to others if we abuse it (vs. 9).—Selected.

11. We should consider the welfare of our brother and fellow men from two angles. First, we must be considerate of his own safety and happiness. In the next place, God wants him, and Christ paid a tremendous price for him. We should never be guilty of doing things which might turn an individual from the road to eternal life, and rob heaven of a soul for which Christ died. Paul said that if his eating meat would do that he would never eat any more meat, even though to him it might not be harmful.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. "Everyone Else Does It." How often these or similar words are used as an excuse for drinking or smoking or doing whatever seems popular in one's social set. But that does not make it expedient or wise or right. Mary L. Emmert, a missionary to Africa, says that even we can learn a lesson about this from the filthy habits of the African.

"Take the porch-post towel, for instance. After the black man finishes his 'tasty' repast, he finds it much to far to go to the stream to wash, so he wipes his sticky fingers on the porch post. There's nothing dirty about that, surely, for everyone does it, too! Every porch has a slick, greasy, black band around it, which never gets cleaned off. And yet they think nothing of it because it is a common custom."

13. Late in 1949 the results of a survey by the United States Interior Department was released which declared that the natives in the Aleutian Islands and some other parts of Alaska are drinking themselves to death, with resulting disease and impoverishment and decline in numbers. For the entire territory, the re-

port said, "the most deplorable conditions exist among the natives in those communities and villages where liquor is available." In contrast with this, in the Pribilof Islands to the north of the Aleutians, where no liquor is sold, there are no destitute families and there is no crime.—Arnold's Commentary.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Follow the Bottle

The liquor bottle is America's greatest single menace, public enemy Number 1, and our nation's foremost saboteur of home, city and state.

Follow the bottle to Birmingham. The bottle has emptied its poison into the veins of a driver who new finds it difficult to avoid the oncoming traffic. Suddenly there is the sound of screaming tires, splintering glass, grinding metal. The drunk man sobs dazedly as the ambulance arrives to take from the other car the mangled body of the young wife of Dr. Monroe Parker, head of the Department of Religion of Bob Jones University. This scene is multiplied a thousand times over in our cities across the nation. The bottle has no respect for human life—and I have no respect for the bottle!

Follow the bottle to Evansville. A young husband on his way home from work stands at the entrance of a bar room and watches his wife down her liquor. Mournfully he proceeds home to find his two children hungry and cold. Because Mother spends all her allowance for liquor they are without the necessities of comfort and sustenance. In utter despondency over his wife's prodigality the young man takes the lives of both children and then turns the pistol on himself. Returning home the young mother finds a note tacked to the mantel. "I gave the children their choice and they said they would rather go with me than stay with you. I hope you see their faces in every glass of beer you drink!" The bottle has no respect for the American home—and I have no respect for the bottle!

Follow the bottle to Los Angeles. A man sits up late at night, intermittently raising the glass to his lips. Under the Frankenstein influence of

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A NOBLE PURPOSE

Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, took many captives to his country from the land of Judah. Then the king ordered that a selection be made, from among these captives, of healthy, intelligent, promising children, that they might be taught the Chaldean language, and trained for positions in the service of the king. Among those chosen were Daniel and three of his companions.

The king wanted them to have what he considered the best of everything for three years, so he gave orders that they should have food such as he ate and wine such as he drank. But Daniel and his companions had been taught that it was wrong to use certain things for food. Now the king's commandment put them to a test. Would they be true to their early teachings, or would they obey the king's commandment and accept his dainty foods, even though they felt they would be doing wrong? Daniel seems to have been the leader of this group of noble boys, and it was at this time that "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank."

What a noble resolve! What a proof of a strong, Godly, character! He would not do wrong, even at the command of the king. But what could these boys do about it? God had a way to help them. They bravely stood for God and right, and God was faithful (as He always is) to give the help needed. Daniel asked permission of the king's officer who had charge of their food that they might be given vegetables and water fourteen days, instead of the king's meat and wine. That would be a fair test, for ten days would be enough time to prove whether or not the boys could keep well and strong on this plain food and drink.

When the ten days were ended, "their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat." So they were allowed to have the kind of food they wished for the three years. Then, when they were brought into the king's presence and the king questioned them, he found that they excelled all others in knowledge and wisdom.

Because these boys stood this test and God blessed them for their purpose to be true to Him, they were able to stand other tests later on, and God was honored by their loyalty to Him.

Children, have you a purpose to serve the Lord? Have you decided to do right even when others want you to do wrong? God always helps boys and girls who are true to Him, and in their lives others can see the grace and power of God.

"Dare to be a Daniel,

Dare to stand alone!

Dare to have a purpose firm!

Dare to make it known!"

—God's Revivalist.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

SPARROWS THAT BECAME TEACHERS

It seems a strange thing for a Christian to say, but there are times when it is actually uncomfortable to know some parts of the Bible. You wouldn't think that one Golden Text learned in Sunday School would keep a small boy from getting rich, but that is practically what happened to me.

When I was very young, I lived in a small town in California. There were so many English sparrows that it looked as though they were going to carry the town away. They became such a nuisance that the city officials passed a law saying they would pay anybody five cents for each sparrow killed. I was sure there were a million dollars worth of sparrows right around my house. I decided that on Monday morning I would start out and collect.

I picked up my trusty air rifle, then loaded my pocket with B-B shot, and started out to reap a fortune. Within ten feet of the front door I saw a dozen sparrows sitting on the limb of a tree. I aimed my rifle, and when the rifle went "ping" a dead sparrow hit the pavement.

I said to myself, "There is the first nickel. I will be rich before night."

But just then, into my mind there flashed the Golden Text that I had learned in Sunday School the day before. This text was from Matthew 10-29: "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father" (that is, without the notice of your Father which is in Heaven). That thought ruined my prospects of getting rich. Every time I aimed my air gun at a sparrow, I thought I could see the eye of God in front of my sights watching the sparrow I was trying to shoot. I just could not make myself pull the trigger.

Other boys with their guns made three dollars, four dollars, and five dollars, which was a fortune to a boy ten years of age. But as the days went by, I stayed poor, because I couldn't shoot a sparrow if the eye of God was on it.

By the way, did you ever think of sparrows? They preach the Gospel of the grace and love of God. On one other occasion Jesus said, "Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?"

Some people have thought there was a great contradiction between these two texts. In one place it is said that sparrows are sold two for a penny, and in the next place it says they are five for two pennies. Indeed, one man told me he could not believe the Bible because this "mistake" was there. I asked him whether he ever saw apples offered at five cents a piece, or six for

twenty-five cents. Is that a mistake? Of course not! Sparrows were so cheap, that if you would buy two pennies' worth, the merchant would throw in one for nothing.

Then Jesus said, "Ye are of more value than many sparrows." If God is so careful about common things like birds, how much more interested He must be in boys and girls!

But suppose we ask: Where did birds come from? Oh, you say, they hatched out of eggs! That is true, but where did the eggs come from? You say that is easy—birds laid them. Now we come back to the old, old question: Which came first, the bird or the egg? The bird would have to come first before an egg could be laid; if a bird was made without an egg to hatch from, that was creation, and only God could have done it. Birds are a proof of creation. They are born knowing things that you never can learn. When a sparrow is thirty days old, it is able to care for itself. Could you do that at four weeks of age? When you were thirty days old, you were getting your beefsteak out of a bottle and you hardly knew enough to swallow it. By the time a sparrow is six months old, it knows enough to build a house and get ready to raise a family. Everything you can do, somebody had to teach you. But nobody teaches birds how to build a nest or what kind of a nest to build. Somebody had to tell you what things in this world were good to eat, and what would make you sick. Birds are born knowing what bugs and worms they can eat, and which ones to leave alone.

In nature the general law is that anything heavier than air will not float in air. Birds have a very high temperature in their bodies which in you would be a dangerous fever. This heats up the air in their bodies so that they are in a sense tiny, hot-air balloons, and helps them to rise when they fly. Their bones are hollow so as to reduce weight, and no engineer that ever graduated from college could build a machine as perfect as the body of a bird.

Birds were created to be of service to men. Our battle to exist is largely a struggle against insect enemies. Bugs would eat up our crops and spoil our houses if the birds did not eat them. Every time you see a bird, you should think of God, and His wisdom in creating everything that man needs.

Do you have as much sense as a sparrow? The sparrow serves God where God intended it to be of use to Him. It never sins by disobeying God; it is always obedient to God's will. I hope that the love of the Lord Jesus Christ in your hearts will keep you, too, always obedient to His will.—*The King's Business.*

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

A NEW PLACE AND A NEW TYPEWRITER

This writing is being done in Mt. Beulah Free Will Baptist Church, on the Air Port Road, Rockingham, N. C., of which the Rev. Noah Brown is the pastor. It is being on my new typewriter, the old 1914 model having been retired for a rest, badly needed.

I arrived here last evening, (July 1,) where I showed pictures denominational and closing with the "Door To Heaven," after which I preached to a very attentive audience in which the church was about full. At the close of the message a goodly number assembled at the altar to pray for the meeting.

There was an interest manifested on the part of the believers in behalf of the unsaved.

Mt. Beulah is a young church, but the pastor is called for full time service, and he is well supported.

I noticed that the bulletin board had an unusual reading. This reading is for July the First:

"Attendance today 92
Collection today \$136.65
Attendance Last Sunday 100
Collection last Sunday \$87.06."

This shows that many of the congregation are tithers, obeying the Lord's command, and are receiving the Lord's blessings. It is a fast growing church.

Alec Free Will Baptist Church
Rev. Walter Carter, pastor

S. S. Bulletin for July 1,
Attendance today—149 Offering \$134.75.
Last Sunday 183 Attendance—Offering
Last Sunday \$138.47.

Highland Pine Free Will Baptist Church
Rev. Lenwood Bryant, pastor
Sunday School Bulletin
Attendance 89—Offering \$171.00

Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church
Rev. Steve English, Pastor
Sunday School Bulletin
Attendance 47. Offering \$125.00

Pine Grove Free Will Baptist Church
Rev. George Langley, Pastor
Sunday School Bulletin:
Attendance 112—Offering \$205.95—Last
Sunday—attendance 146—Offering \$183.
00.

All these churches are practicing "Tithing." The preachers preach tithing

and the congregations are growing. People are being saved.

It takes money for a growing church. God's plan for the support is the "Tithe" with offerings—Free Will offerings. All spirit-filled believers who are properly taught will admit that God's plan is best. When God's plan is carried out there is no hard-feelings.

When you have contests, so-called 'Benefit suppers,' or gamble on quilts, or "bingo" for the church, you are compromising with the Devil. God has not promised to "Open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing." But He has promised to BLESS THE TITHER. Read Malachi 3:7-12 and obey the Lord, and look for the blessing. Paul says: "On the first day of the week (not the seventh) let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him,..." (I Cor. 16:2). And again: "But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (II Cor. 9:6). Well has the poet said: "God's Way Is The Best Way." Have you tried it? If not why not?

THE HEART OF JESUS CHRIST

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matt. 11:28,29).

In Matthew 12:34 Christ said "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." So out of the abundance of the heart of the Lord he spoke and manifested his matchless love toward us poor, weak, sinful, human beings. His heart was: AN INVITING HEART.

"Come unto me." If we are to follow Jesus, we first must learn of Him. To learn of Him we must go to Him. No man can live an inviting life until his heart is made a new—by being born again. Our life should be so clean that it would be continually inviting others to accept the Lord Jesus. The life of a hypocrite cannot invite lest men and women to Christ.

I heard a young girl say to a young lady, who was doing personal work in a revival meeting that I was conducting: "I want to be just like you." I saw a man stand up in another meeting. After that a fine Christian woman had stood to her feet and testified as to her salvation. A man arose and said, "Preacher, every word of that testimony is true, that is my wife and I want the same salvation that she possesses."

I heard another man say (who had married a woman that claimed three separate and distinct "works of grace") "Everything that shines, preacher, is not gold." This he said after I had spoken to him about Christian life of his new wife. This man was sadly disappointed. He thought that he was getting a real Christian.

Not only should I invite people to church by letter, verbal conversation, or preaching, but my daily life should be an invitation. I

am glad that I can preach to people who know me best. "Not I, but Christ that liveth in me," said the Apostle Paul. The poet has well written, "I want my life to count for Jesus." The only ones that we can take with us to heaven are "Those we have won to Christ." Only 10 per cent of professing Christians, according to statistics, ever lead a soul to Christ. "What will the ending be? Reader, ask yourself this question. Must I go an empty handed, not one soul with which to greet Him?"

RELIGIOUS DANCING

I have just read where a certain "denomination" has arranged a manual for dancing. I guess that this manual is like other manuals which set forth the regulations for the organization. I have been unable to find where Jesus Christ ever taught or practiced dancing. However, I find in the New Testament where it was practiced, but by whom? I read in the gospel according to Matt., Mark, and Luke that on "Herod's birthday, that the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod." All dancing pleases such as King Herod. I am sure that this young woman was dressed proper for the occasion in order to meet the lust of a wicked king and his congregation; and, this being true, the old king vowed a gift, "even to the half of his kingdom," to this girl. So she being wicked, and her mother wicked and full of Satanic desire, requested the head of John the Baptist, because John had condemned the adultery of Herod and Herodias. King Herod believed in dancing. So did his associates. Carnality calls for it today, but I cannot believe that the Lord Jesus is pleased with a dance, whether it be in a so-called church program, or on the ball-room floor with drunks and harlots.

I stopped in front of a certain grill some time back about 10:00 p. m., thinking to get something to eat, after having a service at a church, not far away. I was hungry and had about 75 miles to drive to get home. But when I looked in and saw young men and women all locked up in each other's arms with bodies in the closest compact, I started up my motor, and the Ford and I left for home.

Before I met the Lord Jesus Christ, I could have looked on or even participated in the carnal spree that was going on with these men and women. Yes, I say that dancing as carried on by any group, whether so-called church, or in the road-house, belongs to the carnal mind, and, according to the Word of God, "Cannot be subject to God." Then, if it is not "subject to God," it MUST BE SUBJECT TO THE DEVIL.

"So your husband's a big gun in industry."

"Yes, he's been fired—I'd say—17 times."

Christianity is the greatest constructive force in world.

SUNDAY OR THE SABBATH

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the Old Testament or should we observe the first day which is observed by Christians today?

Our disproof for the keeping of the seventh day will be given in our positive proof for the first day of the week.

Acts 20:7 "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight."

The following remarks concerning this scripture has been taken from **The Preacher's Homiletic Commentary**: "The time of the meeting. On the first day of the week, the Lord's day (Rev. 1:10), an intimation that thus early the practice of meeting for worship on Sunday was observed by the followers of Christ.

"They kept the first day of the week as a memorial of Christ's resurrection is apparent, though it is more than likely Jewish Christians, for a considerable time after, continued also to observe the seventh day as a day of rest."

The observance of the seventh day also by the Jewish Christians does not stand as any proof that we should do so today because it is plainly stated in Scripture how that they were so slow in turning away from the Jewish customs, of which we are not in question about the fact of the Christian being freed from them.

I Cor. 16:2 "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him that there be no gatherings when I come."

It seems evident from this verse that there was some stress laid upon the first day of the week. Comparing it with Acts 20:7, it seems evident that the first day of the week was a regular day of worship in the early church.

Rev. 1:10: "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet."

Dr. John R. Rice says, "It is probable that the Lord's day of Revelation 1:10 means the first day of the week

on which disciples were accustomed to gathering for worship. John was worshipping the Lord on this day, that is, he was in the Spirit on the Lord's day! Certainly the Bible nowhere teaches that, "the Lord's day" is the Sabbath or seventh day. The Bible does not even hint that any other day besides the first should be used as a day of worship. The Lord's day must be our Sunday. New Testament Christians did not have a day commanded for rest, but they used the first day of the week, not the Sabbath as a day of worship."

Dr. Evans says, "The Lord's day is not the original Sabbath. Who dared change it? Ponder the tenacity with which the Jews held on to their Sabbath given in Eden, and buttressed amid the thunders of Sinai. Recall how Jews would sooner die than fight on the Sabbath day (of Titus' invasion of Jerusalem on the Sabbath). The Jews never celebrated the birth-days of great men; they celebrated events, like the Passover. Yet, in the New Testament times we find Jews changing the time-honored seventh day to the first day after a man—the Lord's Day. Here is an effect, a tremendous effect—what was its cause? We cannot have an effect without a cause. The resurrection of our Lord was the cause for this great change in the day of worship.

It seems although it is not definitely stated in Scripture that the day was changed by the Apostles after the command of Christ.

Surely if Christians should have kept the seventh day it would have been stated in the report from the Jerusalem Council. Acts 15:28-29. The silence here about the Sabbath is much more in favor of the fact that we are not to observe the Jewish sabbath than that we should.

Our conclusion is that the Christian church should definitely observe the first day of the week which is our Sunday as a special worship day.

C. What should this day be called? There is some difference of opinion as to whether this day can rightfully be called the Christian Sabbath or not. This will only be discussed briefly. Dr. John R. Rice says, "The word (in which the command was given), means 'cessation' or 'rest.' This is

further born out in the fact that the Old Testament Sabbath was a day of rest. The Lord's day is a day of worship. The very name Sabbath would be misleading should it be placed on the first day of the week. Note the contrast "rest," "worship." The very fact that the first day was never referred to as Sabbath is strongly in favor of the view that it cannot be rightfully called the Sabbath. It seems from Rev. 1:10 that the first day of the week should be called, "The Lord's Day."

D. The significance of the Lord's Day. Scofield says, "The Christian first day perpetuates in the dispensation of grace the principle that one-seventh of the time is especially sacred, but in all other respects is in contrast with the Sabbath."

The first day commemorates a finished redemption.

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS . . .

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the spirits he heats a poker in the fire and then proceeds to use it to tease his little baby boy lying in his crib. An hour later the man lies on the floor in drunken stupor. The baby is mutilated and dead, almost every opening of the little baby having been subjected to unmentionable torture. The bottle has respect for neither life nor soul—and I have no respect for the bottle!—Condensed from The Methodist Challenger.

LET FREEDOM RING

The ringing of the Liberty Bell to announce the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, in 1776, has resounded down subsequent decades and echoed all over the earth. It still proclaims the rights of Life and Liberty, secured by governments "deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." It has called us to fight two world wars to shield our liberty and assure other people like liberty. It warns us that to preserve our own independence, we must aid other nations to attain theirs.

Son—Why do they rope off the aisles at a wedding in the church?

Pop—So the bridegroom can't get away.

Son—I think I'd like to be a bone specialist.

Dad—I believe you have the head for it.

UNION MEETING REPORT

The Fifth Eastern Union Meeting of the Eastern Conference convened with Juniper chapel, Craven County, for the April session.

The union was organized and prayer and prayer service conducted by Rev. A. C. Austin. The Moderator could not be present and the Assistant Moderator conducted the business of the day.

The union was organized and prayer was offered by Rev. J. R. Davidson. The minutes were read and approved after which the list of ministers was called.

Thirty-two churches responded to the roll call.

Rev. Marshall Joyner and Rev. W. A. Dail visiting ministers from the Central Conference were present and made some remarks.

Rev. J. R. Davidson brought the union sermon, which was an inspiration to all present.

An offering was taken for the Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., and \$35.68 was received. After the sermon dinner was spread in the yard by the ladies of the church and community.

After an hour of social activities the union reassembled for business.

The after noon song and prayer service were conducted by Rev. B. F. Ringgold. Prayer was offered for the armed forces by Rev. J. C. Griffin, asking for peace and the safe return of our boys.

A motion was made and carried that this union send \$100.00 to the Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, to memorialize our deceased ministers, by placing their names on a plaque and placing it in the new building along with other names.

A rising vote of thanks was extended this church and community for the hospitality shown this session of the union.

The finance statement was as follows: On hand today, \$216.12; Disbursements, Orphanage \$75.00; Bible College, \$50.00; Missions, \$25.00; Superannuation, \$25.00; Rev. Duffy Toler, \$25.00; Clerk, \$7.50; Total paid out, \$207.50; On hand, \$8.62.

The union adjourned with a prayer

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to meet next time with New Haven Church in Craven County.

Rev. E. E. Edwards, Acting Mod.
Rom Mallard, Clerk

ONE WAY OUT

Children, and even grown people, at times get lost in forests and perish before they can be found. They wander for days, in a circle, covering the same ground over and over.

How many of your friends are wandering around in the financial woods? So many people are getting no place and will keep up the dreary round year after year only because they do not try to get out. Is it that way with you? If so:

The quickest way to escape is to start putting part of your money on deposit in a bank account.

Then the path will become clearly outlined.

One who follows this plan can soon find his way out of a forest of difficulties into a region of increasing financial independence.

ACT of APPRECIATION

As a token of appreciation the Long Ridge Free Will Baptist Church wishes to use this method of expressing its thanks to Alton E. Dail for a set of beautiful urns which he gave to the church on June 8, 1951, in loving memory of his deceased father, Faison Dail, former deacon of the church, and his brother, John Donald Dail, who was killed in action in Korea.

Mr. Dail is now attending summer school at the University of North Carolina. He taught French and English in the Lemon Springs High School this past school term. His mother, Mrs. Della K. Dail is a faithful member of the church.

JUNE 28, 1951

Signed:

Mrs. Orrie J. Scott, Presented the Urns,
Rev. Wesley Price, Pastor
Mr. John Kornegay, Clerk,
Mr. Jonas Dail, member of Board of Deacons

ATTENTION

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Arise, Oh Mission-Friends

Long years ago a faithful band
Of Christ's disciples true
United stood 'midst trials great
To share the Christ they knew.

Arise, oh mission-friends, arise
And sing His praise today,
That all the lands both near and far
May know the Christ, the Way.

Thus on and on, for years and years
By heavenly power nerved,
Our missionaries sacrificed
To share the Christ they served.
Arise, oh mission-friends, arise
And keep His banners bright,
That all the lands both near and far
May know the Christ, the Light.

Now everywhere throughout our land
Through faith in Him above,
Let mission-friends united stand
And share the Christ they love.
Arise, oh mission-friends, arise
And let your light so shine
That all the lands both near and far
May know the Christ Divine.

—Clara M. Bode

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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

Prospect Holds Good Bible School

The Vacation Bible School of Prospect F. W. B. Church of the Cape Fear Conference was held June 18-20 with enrollment met on June 15.

The School was a very successful one this year with refreshments being served by the Ladies and Men's Bible classes of the Sunday School. The school had five departments, with an enrollment of 105 and an average daily attendance of 93.

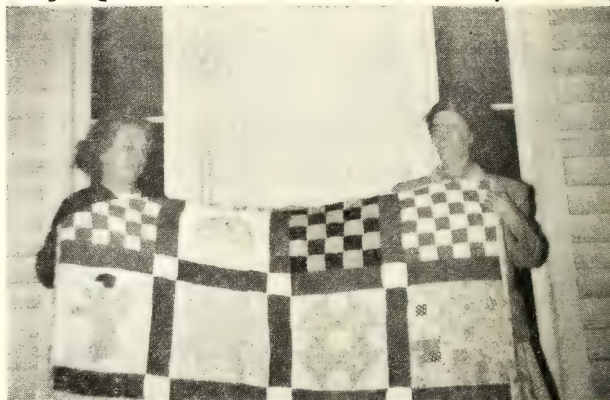
The teachers and officers who gave their time so faithfully are as follow: Principal, Mrs. Ashley Stewart; Pastor, Rev. C. H. Coates. Teachers: Mrs. Hubert Dormain, Mrs. Astor Gregory, Mrs. W. D. Avery, Mrs. Bruce Gomedella, Miss Carolyn Avery, Miss Patsy Smith, Mrs. Earl Avery, Miss Lucy Pruitt, Mrs. Bob Lane, Miss Sally Pat Howley, Mrs. W. S. Dorman, Mrs. D. H. Surles, and Miss Beky Upchurch. The offering of the week was \$9.45 which goes to Missions.

Mrs. A. E. Stewart
Buies Creek, N. C.

"The daily round, the common task
Will furnish all we ought to ask:
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To lead us daily nearer God."

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Crazy Quilt for Middlesex Orphanage



Pictured are Mrs. Floyd Bunn and Mrs. Eddie Williams, members of the Orphanage committee of New Sandy Hill Church W. A. S. They are holding a "Crazy Quilt" that the auxiliary made for the Orphanage at Middlesex. Squares, cotton lining, and labor were donated by members and it was quilted at the home of Mrs. Edward Bunn. It was an all-day quilting. A picnic dinner was spread at lunch time. It was a most

enjoyable and heart-warming day for everyone present.

Members of that auxiliary are: Jenny Lee Sherrod, Daisy Griffin, Jenny Bisette, Inez Bunn, Sennie Davis, Thelma Sherrod, Evelyn Bunn, Shirley Creech, Geraldine Williams, Mary Creech, Hilda Bridgers, Janie Williams, Laura Bunn, Hattie Bunn, Cleo Bunn, Deliah Bisette, Sudie Bunn, Margaret Skinner, Mary Frances Hall, Frances Hall, and Bettie Lee Teddar.

To The Young People's Auxiliaries Of South Carolina

Dear Young Ladies Auxiliary,

The Bethany Young Ladies Auxiliary held it last meeting with the orphan children at Turberville. While visiting there we found the new dining hall in need of some type of covering; as you know, a concrete floor is very hard to stand on all day to work. In fact the lady that is helping out at present says she will have to quit because it is so hard on her feet and legs. We are sure that you will agree with us when we say something should be done.

Here is our plan, have as a project for our young people of each of our churches in South Carolina to give a donation as soon as possible to the orphanage for tile for the dining hall. Bethany is starting this off by giving our donation this Sunday. Let's co-operate together and carry out this project. We feel sure that all of our young people in the state will want to contribute to this cause.

We are asking that you send your donation directly to the orphanage.

The matron of the orphanage has been asked to sign this letter and send a copy to each of our churches.

Thank you,
Mrs. Sarah Granger,
Coward, S. C.

STACY FREE WILL BAPTIST HOLDS REVIVAL

Rev. Fred Rivenbark of Durham, North Carolina, held a revival meeting for us at John's Chapel Carteret County, beginning May 28 and closing second Sunday night in June. Our pastor, Rev. R. H. Jackson, Davis, North Carolina, was present for most of the services. The attendance was very good, with people coming from several surround communities for each service. The interest shown was most encouraging. Two men were received in the fellowship of our church on profession of faith in Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and baptism by immersions.

The evangelist preached the gospel with persuasive power and the church was greatly revived. Several who did not come forward, showed a desire to accept Christ and we are praying that the Holy Spirit will have His way with them and that they will join us soon.

We ask the prayers of all Christians that the spirit of Revival will increase and that our church will grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Weldon Fulcher, Clerk,
Stacy, North Carolina

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, all to the glory of God."
—I Cor. 10:31.

Church Organized in Washington, North Carolina



The organization service of the Washington Free Will Baptist Church was held in the Red Man Hall, Wednesday night, April 25, 1951. It was opened with hymn, "Standing on the Promises," led by Bro. Rashie Kennedy. Prayer was by Bro. Ralph Osborne. The meeting was called to order by Bro. James A. Evans, chairman of the North Carolina Mission Board. The Mission Board members present were Bros. James A. Evans, J. W. Alford, Rashie Kennedy, and P. C. Wiggs.

After calling the meeting to order the chairman presented to the executive board of the Albermarle Conference of the Free Will Baptist a very fine group of people who have been working as a Mission in Washington, North Carolina, stating that it was their desire to be organized into a church of the original Free Will Baptist faith and doctrine. Members of the board present were the Moderator, Bros. L. E. Ambrose, W. A. Hales, Oscar Webster, and D. H. Furlough, proxy for Bro. R. P. Har-

ris. The moderator proceeded to examine the members. The moderator asked for a vote of the prospective members as to the acceptance of the treatise of the Free Will Baptist faith and doctrine, and the vote was in the affirmative. The Bible was then presented to the church by Bro. Oscar Webster. The Church Covenant was read by the moderator and then adopted by the membership. Prayer was led by Bro. D. H. Furlough. Hymn, "I Am Thine, O Lord," was sung while the right hand of fellowship was given.

At this time photographs were taken by a representative from the Credal Studios.

The moderator proceeded to elect the church officers. Bro. Otis Deaver was nominated and elected church clerk. Bro. George Webster was elected treasurer. The following were nominated and elected as deacons Bros. Hubert R. Cox, G. P. Nobles, and George Webster.

The following board of Trustees were nominated and elected G. P. Nobles, Hu-

bert R. Cox, George Edwards, Otis Deaver, and George Webster.

The following were nominated and elected to the Finance Committee: George Webster, Otis Deaver, and Lee Williams.

Hubert R. Cox and Cathy Cox were elected to represent the Washington Free Will Baptist Church in the Albermarle Union Meeting convening with the Portsmouth Free Will Baptist Church April 28, 1951.

At this time Bro. James A. Evans, chairman of the Mission Board, presented Bro. P. C. Wiggs (first regular preacher for the mission) who spoke to us from Matthew 16:18. Subject: "The Church." Text: "Upon This Rock I Will Build My Church."

Remarks and welcome into the State Convention by Bro. M. L. Johnson, promotional secretary of the North Carolina State Convention.

Hymn, "Trust And Obey," was sung and the invitation for church membership was (continued on page six)

Sunday or The Sabbath

(Continued from Last Week)

III. THE MANNER IN WHICH THIS DAY SHOULD BE KEPT

A. HISTORY OF THE LORD'S DAY

"The earliest traces of the observance of the first day of the week in remembrance of Christ's resurrection is found in the Pauline period of the Apostolic Age. Preceding this Christians had after the example of Christ Himself and as a continuation of the Old Testament custom, kept the Sabbath, but with some freedom as to the method of its observance.

"The author of the Epistle of Barnabas speaks of the day as the eighth day and justifies its observance as celebrating the resurrection of the Christ. His first appearance to the disciples, and His ascension.

"From Tertullian and others it appears that after the Apostolic Age, since Sunday was a day of rejoicing, fasting and kneeling at prayer was not observed. Tertullian advised that the ordinary daily routine of labor be avoided not out of respect to the Old Testament law, but because it was in keeping with the purpose of devoting the day to a celebration of joy.

"Sunday was first regulated by civil authority in 321 A. D., under Constantine directing that the day be hallowed and observed appropriately. By this law judicial and industrial activities were suspended the laws regulating Sunday observance were gradually made more comprehensive and stringent by subsequent emperors, forbidding participation in or attendance at places of public amusement and prescribing a more humane treatment of prisoners on that day.

"Not until the time of the Carolingians did the idea of substitution of Sunday for the Old Testament Sabbath prevail in Christian Europe, Charlemagne's numerous strict Sunday regulations were explicitly based upon the Old Testament command to keep the Sabbath day holy, and henceforth, throughout the Middle Ages, the Old Testament idea of the Sabbath was the basis for laws regu-

lating the observance of Sunday.

B. How should we keep the Lord's day? The preceding account of the history of how the Lord's Day has been kept was given to familiarize us with a brief account of the way that it has been observed in ages past. Let us now proceed to see how we should observe the Lord's Day.

The conviction of the writer is that it is possible for the Christian to find out by a careful study of God's Word, the correct thing to do in any given question concerning sin. For a proof of this statement read the writer's theme on "Sin and How to Detect It." Surely there is no set of rules given in the New Testament that is definitely stated on how to keep the Lord's Day, but we believe that we can find certain principles that are set forth in Scripture that will guide us into keeping this day in a way that would be well pleasing to God.

1. A DAY OF WORSHIP

Acts 20:7: "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

From this scripture and the mention of the first day of the week in I Cor. 16:2 and the mention of the Lord's Day in Rev. 1:10 we note the following things concerning the first day:

a. They assembled together to break bread. This is believed by scholars to be referring to the Lord's Supper.

b. The Gospel was preached.

c. It was the day that Paul recommended for the setting apart of the collection for the saints.

d. John was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day. It seems from the language used that this was a day of special worship.

Of course there are no direct commands in the scripture stating that this day must be a day of worship. But let us look at I Cor. 4:16 where Paul says, "Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me." In Phil. 3:17

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he says, "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an example." We see here the same person who was met with the disciples on the first day of the week, beseeching these people to be followers of him. In his epistle to the Philippians he tells them to follow him and those who walk so because they were given for an example. Positively, Paul set the example before them and in so doing he set the example of gathering together with others to worship on the first day of the week. Was not Paul given as an example to the Church on down through the ages? Should we not follow the example of Paul in using the first day of the week as a day set aside for special worship services. Can not any sincere truth seeking Christian see that we should set aside the first day of the week, our Sunday, especially for the purpose of worship.

2. The following suggestions for keeping the Lord's Day have, had the test of time and have been honored by God.

a. Upon rising on the Lord's Day one should realize that this day is a holy day set apart for the worship of our Lord and it should be entered into with the sole purpose of worshiping and bringing glory to our Lord Jesus Christ. This can best be done by prayer and meditating upon the things of God.

b. The proper place for the Christian who is not providentially hindered, and this does not mean every little puny excuse that so many are trying to justify themselves in should be found at the Sunday School at the singing of the first song. This service should be entered into with the right spirit and its importance should be realized.

c. Following this service should be the regular service for the preaching of God's Word. Surely this hour

should be entered in with much reverence and prayer. The songs should be such as would be uplifting; carrying the message to the people that would prepare their hearts for the sermon. Following the teachings of Paul every Christian should "lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." By the time the preliminaries are over every one should be in the right attitude to receive the message from God's Word. Each individual should let the Holy Spirit apply the message to his heart instead of trying to see how it would fit the others there.

d. Surely if Paul and others at Toas could continue a service all night, we should not try to excuse ourselves from the Sunday night services. This service should be similar to the morning service. Its sole purpose should be to glorify Christ. There can be no better time for a young people's meeting or league than before this evening service.

e. It seems that the Lord's supper was observed by the disciples on the first day of the week, Acts 20:7. No dogmatic assertion can be made as to the necessity that this be the day that the Lord's Supper be observed, but surely no one could raise objections to following the disciples' example and observing it upon this day.

Do not the preceding suggestions seem to be in keeping with the example and teachings given by the Apostles? For one to say that it is all right to evade the suggestions just offered or a similar plan for worship on the Lord's Day, does not the burden of the proof of such a statement fall upon one who would make it? Where in God's word could one prove that he should not do so, or is excusable from doing such?

2. What about secular interest on the Lord's Day?

Here again we do not find any direct commands in the scripture that will tell us the answer to this question. But we believe that any earnest seeker of the truth may find ample principles set forth in Scripture to guide him into a correct decision as to what to do in any given matter concerning the keeping of the Lord's day.

Thus far in this theme it has been

proven that the Lord's Day should be a day of welcome. Now we want to look at some things that must come to pass if the Christian church is to observe this day as a day of worship as God intended it.

1. Unity—Psalm 133:1 "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Acts 2:46 "And they continued daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart."

One thing that is surely taught in the Scripture is that there should be unity among the people who are called the children of God. At least one thing that is included in this is unity of purpose.

2. The church must learn the lesson that is taught by Jesus in Mark 9:42 "And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea."

3. The church must be able to distinguish between human need and human desire.

4. The church must be able to learn from observation.

5. The attitude of the church and the individual must be what can I do for God instead of how much can I do and get away with it.

We have just set forth five things that must come to pass in the church as whole and the individual if the Lord's day is to be observed in a way that would be well pleasing to God. Let us now examine these and see of what value these will be in setting forth the proper way to observe the Lord's Day.

1. Unity—It has been proven in this theme that the Lord's Day should be a day of worship. It is also clear from Scripture that there should be a unity of purpose among God's Children. If there is to be that continued unity of purpose, there must be a unity of purpose concerning the Lord's Day. This purpose should be to worship the Lord.

Now what bearing will this have upon secular interest on the Lord's Day. Does one have to think but for a moment to see that the reason for business and amusements being car-

ried on is for personal gain? Are not the receipts in many places larger on Sunday than any other day? Surely everyone would agree that the commercial program that is carried on Sunday is largely for the purpose of personal gain. Places of amusement are for the satisfaction of desires and lust of the individual. Now, is there not a conflict between selfish gain and worship to God? Could anyone deny that there is? If so, on what Scriptural basis? The Bible teaches nothing to uphold such an agreement. Should not this answer the question for the individual that he should not be engaged in secular interest. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Considering this from the standpoint of the church as a whole, let us apply the principle of unity. If one wants to use the day for worship and another for personal gain, does not that bring about a division of purpose? In this the unity of purpose is forfeited for personal gain. Jesus said, in Matt. 12:25, "... Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:" on what Scriptural authority does one justify himself in breaking this principle of unity of purpose? There is no Scriptural authority for such. Christians let us unite ourselves on this day and use it as a day of worship. Are not six days enough for any willing worker to make a living?

2. The offence of the brother—If no other principle should promote proper observance of the Lord's Day this alone should do it. There are still some who believe that commercial interest and amusement should be laid aside on Sunday. Whenever these things are carried on in the presence of people who believe such many times they are offended and fall into temptation and do the same. If the seriousness of offending a brother has not yet gripped the soul of the reader let him again read Mark 9:42 and other passages that bear the same message. Many times Christians lose the respect of sinners because of the way they keep the Lord's Day. Again to the one who would assume the privilege to offend his
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PROGRAM

Central Second Union Sunday School Convention of North Carolina convening with Gum Swamp Church Pitt County July 29, 1951.

- 10:00—Sunday School by local school
 - 11:00—Devotions by Rev. M. L. Tyndall
 - Welcome address by Mr. Floyd Harris
 - Response by Mr. L. D. Stanley
 - Message by President
 - Congregational hymn
 - 11:30—Sermon by Rev. Sam Kennedy
 - Brief business period
 - 12:00—Lunch
- AFTERNOON SESSION**
- 1:00—Devotions by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
 - 1:15—Report from Cuban Mission field by Rev. Rashie Kennedy
 - 1:30—Business period
 - Report of Daily Vacation Bible Schools
 - Miscellaneous business
 - Adjournment

By Committee

PROGRAM

Third Union Meeting of Western Conference convening with Shady Grove F. W. B. Church, Durham, on July 26 at 7:30.

- 7:30—Devotional
- 7:45—Welcome address
 - Response to Welcome address
 - Enrollment of Ministers and delegates
- 8:00—Moderator's remarks
- 8:05—Business period
- 8:30—Ordination service Rev. F. A. Rivenbark
- 9:00—Final business reports
- 9:30—Adjournment

Rev. R. P. Harris, Moderator
Rev. C. E. Ange, Sec-trea.

PROGRAM

The Albermarle District S. S. Convention will convene with Free Union Church in Beaufort Co., Sunday, July 29, 1951

- 10:00—Song Service and devotion conducted by Randy Cox
- 10:15—President's remarks
- 10:25—Sunday School lesson taught
- 10:55—Enrolling the ministers
 - Reading the ministers of the Previous convention
 - Sunday School reports
 - Offering for the Orphanage
 - Special music by the host church
- 11:30—Sermon
- 12:00—Adjourn for lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions by Mrs. Milton Ratcliff
 - Special music
- 1:20—Business period
- 2:30—Treasurer's report and adjournment

By The Committee

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PROGRAM

The Second District Unions of the Western Conference will convene with Friendship Church, Johnston County, Saturday July 28, 1951.

- 10:00—Congregational singing
- 10:10—Devotions by Rev. T. Renfrew
- 10:20—Moderator's address
 - Appointment of Committees
 - Welcome address Mrs. D. D. Wilder
 - Response W. P. Bunn
 - Seating visitors and roll call of ministers
 - Reading of ministers
- 11:00—Congregational singing
- 11:15—Sermon by Rev. J. C. Varnell
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:00—Song by congregation
 - Devotions by Rev. Bunn Ferrell
 - Roll call and business period
 - Officers and Committees' reports
 - Petitions for next Union
 - Closing song and benediction

Program Committee
Mrs. W. P. Bunn

PROGRAM

Program for the Fourth Union Auxiliary to be held with Watery Branch Church, Sunday July 29, 1951.

- 10:00—Sunday School
- 11:00—Devotions—Mrs. Jack Griffin
- 11:15—Welcome address Mrs. L. B. Head
 - Response Mrs. John Slater
- 11:25—Special music Harrell's Chapel
- 11:30—Recognition of Ministers and delegates
- 11:35 Sermon Rev. C. D. Hamilton
- 12:10—Announcements
- 12:15—Lunch
- 1:15—Devotional Mrs. Gertrude Chase
- 1:30—Special music Spring Branch Quartet
- 1:45—Business
- 2:30—Program by local Church and benediction

PROGRAM

Following is the program for the F. W. B. Leauge Union, Third District, Eastern Conference to convene with Sarecta Church July 28, 1951.

EVENING SESSION

- 8:00—Devotions led by Mrs. O. R. Blizzard
 - Welcome, Wilbert A. Jones
 - Response, Mrs. D. F. Chambers
 - President's message, Lemmie Taylor
 - Sword Drill, Mrs. J. K. Rhodes
 - Appointment of Committees
 - Call list of Leagues
 - Miscellaneous Business
 - Program Sarecta Leagues
 - Reports
 - Benediction

Lemmie Taylor, Pres.
Mrs. J. K. Bryan, Jr., Sec.

Washington Free Will Baptist Church Washington, North Carolina

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given. Mrs. Lula Manning presented herself for church membership.

The following were organized into the church as charter members:

Arnold, Mrs. Letha

Boyd, Mrs. Percy
Bridgman, James

Cox, Hubert R.
Cox, Mrs. Elizabeth
Cox, Cathy
Cox, Randy
Cox, Mrs. Jehu
Carney, Mrs. Albert
Corey, Sam
Corey, Mrs. Sam
Corey, Marie

Deaver, Otis
Deaver, Mrs. Nina
Dickson, Mrs. Mitchell

Elks, Glenn
Elks, Joyce
Edwards, John
Edwards, Mary A.
Edwards, George A.
Edwards, Mrs. Alice M.

Ingalls, Mrs. Bill

Jefferson, Mrs. Wilson
Jackson, Mrs. M. L.

Lewis, E. S.
Lewis, Mrs. Coley May

Manning, Mrs. Lula

Nobles, G. P.
Nobles, Mrs. G. P.
Norwood, Mrs. Daisy
Nobles, George
Nobles, Mrs. George

Pelletier, Mrs. Allie
Paul, Alton

Swanner, Charlie

Tetterton, Mrs. Allie
Tetterton, Shirley
Thompson, Mrs. Esther

Webster, George
Weatherly, L. E.
Weatherly, Mrs. L. E.
Weatherly, Janet
Woolard, Vernon
Wallace, Leona
Williams, Lee
Williams, Mrs. Retha

Those present joined hands in a circle around the room and sang, "Bless Be the Tie That Binds."

J. H. B.

F. W. B. Children's Home

OPERATIONS SECOND QUARTER, 1951 TURBEVILLE, S. C.

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Sand Hill	118.00
Oak Grove Church, Conway	13.50
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Tabernacle	70.00
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Bethany S. S.	40.00
Bethany Ladies Aux.	70.42
Liberty Church	183.20
Ariel Baptist Church, Coward	42.00
Sumter Church	62.42
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Horse Branch Aux. 69.63

File for Dining Hall Floor Fund
Girls Aux. Bethany 25.53
Girls Aux. Horse Branch 25.23

TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS FOR
APRIL MAY and JUNE \$ 2,843.08

COMMODITIES AND SUPPLIES DONATED:

B. Harrington	3.00
Jewey McCutcheon	10.00
Jewey Hancock	7.00
Mother's Church Aux.	45.00
Tabernacle Church	168.70

TOTAL \$ 234.10

EXPENSES PAID:

School books	96.16
Clearing Land	138.00
Carolina Power Light Co.	94.65
Clothing	24.52
Box Rent	.35
Kitchen and Dining Hall	23.40
Groceries	180.19
Truck Repair	5.00
Office Supplies	8.78
Miscellaneous House Expense	12.17
Dry Cleaning	1.75
Miscellaneous Farm expenses, Tools	43.30
Telephone	3.20
Farm Wages	65.00
Chicks	10.50
Seed Garden and Farm	9.05
Music	13.73
Drugs	5.28
House hold Supplies	80.03
Superintendent and Matron's Sal.	750.00

TOTAL \$ 1,565.06

J. B. Vause, Supt.

NORTH ZULCH REVIVAL

The revival meeting began at the North Zulch Free Will Baptist Church at North Zulch, Texas June 25th, with Reverend W. F. McDuffy, the pastor serving as song director, and Reverend B. F. Rogers of the Rosewood Free Will Baptist Church of Houston, Texas as evangelist.

God manifested his Power and Spirit in a mighty way his very presence was a most potent factor in every service, Reverend Rogers, the servant of the Lord who brought the messages, was endowed with power from above and poured out Gods messages of Salvation with his whole body, strength and soul. God bless and preserve him that he may long remain in his service.

The church and community were greatly revived, and the sunlight of God's Love seemed to be shed abroad. May it prove to be a spiritual awakening from which no sleep will follow.

There were ten additions to the church by baptism, and the baptismal services were conducted Sunday afternoon, July 8th. by the pastor.

Effie R. Hibbetts, Clerk

Pleasant Grove To Hold Homecoming

Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County, will observe Homecoming Day the first Sunday in August, beginning with Sunday School at 9:30 in the morning followed by special singing and a sermon.

The afternoon session will consist of our regular quarterly meeting service.

All members are urged to be present and all former pastors and members are invited to come back for the day.

Everyone is invited to come and bring lunch and enjoy the day with us.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Pastor
Mrs. Hardy Talton, Clerk

THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH PORTSMOUTH, VA.

We the members of the The First Free Will Baptist Church of Portsmouth, Va. are thankful that the Lord has wonderfully blessed in providing a church where we could hold another revival meeting. The church feels that this has been accomplished through the prayers of you good people, and we want to thank each of you for the part you have had in this work.

The church and the denomination are becoming better known in this city since we began holding services in our church building, especially since our revival.

Our pastor, the Rev. J. A. Alexander, did the preaching. It was the old time gospel through the work of the Holy Spirit that brought conviction to many. There were 18 additions to the church. There were some by letter, but the majority of them were adults and by confession of faith in the Lord Jesus. Not only souls were saved through this meeting, but church members were revived. It was a glorious meeting when at one service 56 came forward to rededicate their lives and to ask for prayer.

We were reminded of the day of Pentecost. At the first Sunday morning service Bro. Alexander gave an invitation to all who were willing to come to the altar and pray that nothing should hinder the meeting and the barriers be removed even if it took death. There were 40 or 50 that came and kneeled at the front for prayer for this meeting.

I am sure that the church will agree with me that this was one of the most spiritual meetings which they have ever been in. Some of the deacons said that it was a meeting that will never be forgotten.

Bro. Alexander does not beg or ask people to join the church, but he is burdened, and on fire for lost souls Our membership is now 122 and we ask Christians everywhere to pray for the work in Portsmouth, Va., not for a large church or great works of our own, but that the Lord's will be done.

Yours in Christ

T. O. Whitehurst
241 Dorset Ave.
Portsmouth, Va.

Pastoral Announcement

This is to state that I will be available for pastoral services for another year. Any church or churches that are interested in securing me as pastor for the coming year may write to me at the address below, Also, I will be available for revival work during the summer and fall should anyone desire to have me hold revivals. Please write, or call by to see me at your convenience.

Your brother in Christ Jesus

Rev. M. L. Tyndall,
213 S. McLeween St.,
Kinston, N. C.

AMERICA'S STANDING IN 1951

"For the heart of this people is waxed together, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed: lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them."—Acts 28:27.

First—That all the prophets, who have informed us on the condition of America in the last days, point out the fact they shall wax together more and tighter. This is true from the actions of today.

There never was a time where there was so many people who had no regard for God, truth and Christianity, as there are today, since the United States were bound up together in the same sinful practices as now. The spirit in the people to defend each other, regardless of the sin committed, is the criminal practice that binds so many together.

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Notice that the text says, "For the heart of this people is waxed together." This statement makes it clear and understandable that the people have their hearts set on sinning, and nothing else. They will go on in this spirit, waxing worse and tighter together, is certain unless they repent.

Second—With their hearts set on sinning, and taking chances of escaping hell, the people in the second statement are charged with having closed their ears against hearing the truth, and warnings of God, for "Their ears are dull of hearing." Some of these citizens of the United States heard the call of God to repentance, and preparation for ninety years, and some less, and others younger have been hearing this call

ELD. A. J. JENKINS, D. D.
Albany, Ohio



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since they first began going to school, and S. S., yet they have not yielded. As a result of declining to hear the warning, and closing their ears against truth and duty, and yet they know what they must do if they finish this life in a peaceable manner with God. The fact is, they are so hard of hearing now that all the thunder of the Gospel that is being preached every Sunday, and often all the week, never awakens their hearing so that they can hear enough of Gospel truth to get them to decide to repent and be saved.

The plain fact is, the Devil has in his own power, and will keep in his power, ninety per cent of the population of the United States until it is too late. Only two things remain which will be the only choice all will have: First, all will go into the Tribulation, and will remain in if not killed some way, until it is over. Not having prepared to meet God peaceably, they will go from there to hell.

If you survive the Tribulation, live through its three and half years, you will have all of the hell on earth both your body and soul can stand. Your sorrows and heartaches will multiply into millions of vain regrets, as hell on earth goes on. If you are one of the sufferers, because you took one

too many chances, and neglected one too many times to do right, then you will be lost.

Third—The next sad thing the writer points out is, after setting their hearts on sinning, and stopping up their ears so that they could not hear the Gospel truth and warnings, it caused their eyes to close or go blind to all that was in their favor, as the text says, "And their eyes have they closed."

One of the plainest lessons in the Bible is: After one has committed the first sin, the next sin can be committed with less restraint, and so on until one can sin without any fear at all. Another lesson made clear in the Bible is that each sin committed lessens the sensibility to the effects, until one can do any kind of sin and pass off the presence of conviction for the time.

But the everlasting truth connected with sinning is: you cannot commit sin and not face its results, either in this life, or in eternity, or both places.

Even so, as in this statement, which we are dealing with now, you cannot close your eyes and hope to keep sight, and all who close their eyes in this life to Gospel light, truth, and warning, will not see the danger.

Very few children heeded the warning that the fire will burn if you touch it, or if it touches you. But you never saw a child who has been burned, that you had to tell him that fire will burn you. He knows it from the connection he had with the fire.

Even so it is true, after people have gone blind (to their duty), they cannot see the danger of the Tribulation, or of hell, and it will take one or the other, or both to convince them of the reality of its effect.

Of course, we have but one report from a person who lived in his blindness to duties he owed himself, his Creator, and his soul. This fellow's report (Lk. 16 chapter) was, "I am tormented in these flames," and his request was, "Abraham get me out." Notice how senseless he was, praying to Abraham to get him out, or to get

him a drop of water to cool his parching tongue.

As sure as you live, hell was a place of reality to this man, and it's fires were a reality burning him; and, worse of all, this fire was burning his soul, for his body had been buried back home in the cemetery.

Fourth—This fourth clause of this text deals with what one could have done if he had been mindful of the things of the Gospel as Truth. It warned against the actions of the heart and against truth and duty. This was the thing that caused the ears to go deaf, and the eyes to go blind. "Lest they should see with their eyes." What these people could have done was to prevent all of these things from coming to pass against them.

Now there are a lot of things any one can do to prevent all of the judgments of God from coming to pass against him. Here are some: All can accept the Word of God as truth. All can take the Word of God as warning and promises. All can believe the Word of God which directs them to do certain things to prevent tribulation from tormenting them. All can repent, and this is first step toward getting God's forgiveness. All can confess their sins to God in the hope of the promise that He will forgive and cleanse from all unrighteousness; All can have faith in Jesus Christ for salvation, after repenting and confessing, for Jesus has promised: "have faith in God and He shall bring it to pass." All can live a clean and humble life in the sight of God, and have His smiles and blessings as they go through life. All can consecrate their all to God, be infilled with the Holy Spirit, and have power to overcome Satan, sin, and the World.

Fifth—Like the first statement in the fourth point, there are things all can do that will prevent the judgments of God, and be able to add to the blessedness of life. They can have the members of the body serve to add joy and pleasure to worshipping God in Spirit and Truth.

All can keep ears open to truth, and warning by heeding the things God is doing for lost souls: All can test any truth of the Bible by comply-

NOTICE TO "LEAGUE" SUBSCRIBERS

It was with regret that we suspended publication of the Leaguer some few months ago due to the lack of funds. Since that time the N. C. State League Convention, which sponsors the magazine, has met and has worked out a plan whereby we think that we will be able to resume publication. It will be necessary, however, to raise the subscription price from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per year due to the small number of subscribers that we now have. We hope that, in the months and the years to come that the Leaguer will be published, the price will come back down as our list of subscribers grow.

The reports that we have received from our paper indicate that it is beginning to fill the place that it was designed to fill among the young people, and that was one of the factors which helped us decide to resume its publication. We are asking your support in prayer and your help in obtaining new subscribers. If our magazine has been a blessing to you, why not try to get someone else to take it also and then they would receive a blessing, and the cost of the copies that you will receive in the future will thereby be lowered.

Our present subscribers may look for the next issue to appear in their boxes about the first week in August. Those of you who are not taking this publication may obtain a sample copy by writing to:

Rev. R. P. Harris
Box 1265
Durham, N. C.

P. S.—If you have already seen it, then mail us your name and address with the price of the subscription and you will receive the first copy as soon after that as is possible. Pray and subscribe!

Sincerely in Jesus,
David M. Wooten, Pres.
N. C. State League Con.

ing with its request, and allowing God to prove that He meant what He said, when He adds the blessings promised. All can listen to God speak to them by reading the Word, by hearing the Gospel preached, and by attending the Sunday School regularly and studying the Word with others. All of these and many other things all can do to save the hearing, so that they can hear God whenever He speaks.

Sixth—This sixth point guarantees that if the other five points have been kept sacredly and humbly, this point will also be added to the bless-

edness of the individual. Now, the point is: "And understand with their hearts." The greatest of all blessings from God, outside of forgiveness of sin, and the infilling of the Holy Spirit is, to understand God and His Words of truth and warning.

Seventh—"And should be converted, and I would heal them." My! what difference between having our way, losing the members mentioned above, and getting to the place mentioned above. God has promised every trusting soul all that is in the last two statements of the text: "And should be converted, and I would heal them." My! God's promises here are rich in the very help all sinners of the United States need.

Think first of the blessing of being really converted to God and His Word, and His worship, having the unbroken fellowship with all the saints you come in contact with. The promised blessing in this statement is enough to persuade any man or woman, who have not lost the above members of the body, to say with a "I will," from now on, and seek all the blessings God hath promised to any other living creature.

The second statement in the last clause of the text says, "And I should heal them." No one will ever know how full of vain regrets and sorrows they have until they give God a chance to empty them out.

One last warning to all. This warning message and many others will condemn many at the last days of their lives, when they meet God. Here it is: it will take the best any Christian can do to so finish that he can hear God say, "Well done." Sinners, if "the righteous scarcely be saved, how shall the sinner and ungodly escape?"

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I am available for evangelistic work. I am pastoring Bethany F. W. B. Church in Wadesboro, North Carolina.

If anyone should want a recommendation, write to Rev. Noah Brown Route 1, Rockingham, North Carolina. Anyone desiring to write to me in regard to evangelistic work, may write me at 10 East Wade Street, Wadesboro, North Carolina.

Your brother in Christ,
Charlie W. Maness

Middlesex Orphanage

Itinerary, W. A. Hansley Orphanage Representative

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(Unless otherwise stated)

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Hugo

PEE DEE CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 12, 1951—11:00 a. m.—
White Oak, Bladenboro, N. C.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 19, 1951—11:00 a. m.—
Saratoga

ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 22, 1951—8:00 p. m.—
Hickory Chapel (Ahoskie)

Thursday, August 23, 1951—8:00 p. m. Lit-
tle Creek (Virginia)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 26, 1951—8:00 p. m.—
Smith's New Home

Monday, August 27, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Mt.
Zion, Onslow County

Wednesday, August 29, 1951—8:00 p. m.—
Beaufort

WESTERN CONFERENCE --

Sunday, October 21, 1951—11:00 a. m.—
Union Chapel

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

Sunday, August 5—11:00 a. m.—New
Hope, Rockingham.

ROCK FISH CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 5—8:00 p. m.—Sandy
Grove—St. Paul's, N. C.

PEE DEE ASSOCIATION

Monday, August 6—8:00 p. m.—Mt. Cal-
vary

Tuesday, August 7—8:00 p. m. Emerson
(Tabor City, N. C.)

Wednesday, August 8—8:00 p. m.—Cy-
press Creek

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Thursday, August 9—8:00 p. m.—Rob-
ert's Grove

Friday, August 10—8:00 p. m.—Corinth
Saturday, August 11—8:00 p. m.—Plea-
sant Grove

Sunday, August 12—11:00 a. m.—Bethel
Monday, August 13—8:00 p. m.—Yelver-
ton Grove

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Tuesday, August 14, 1951—8:00 p. m.
Marsh Swamp

Wednesday, August 15 1951—8:00 p. m.
—Little Rock (Lucama)

Thursday, August 16—8:00 p. m.—Plea-
sant Grove

Friday, August 17—8:00 p. m.—Stoney
Creek

Saturday, August 18—8:00 p. m.—
Pine Level

Sunday, August 19—11:00 a. m.—Tip-
pett's Chapel

Sunday, August 19—8:00 p. m.—Barnes
Hill

Monday, August 20—8:00 p. m.—Oak
Grove—(near Elm City)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Tuesday, August 21—8:00 p. m.—Dublin
Grove

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 22—8:00 p. m.—Dan-
iel's Chapel

Thursday, August 23—8:00 p. m.—Ot-
ter's Creek

Friday, August 24—8:00 p. m.—Sweet
Gum Grove

Saturday, August 25—8:00 p. m.—Piney
Grove

Sunday, August 26—11:00 a. m.—Black
Jack

Sunday, August 26—8:00 p. m.—Little
Creek

Monday, August 27—8:00 p. m.—New
St's Delight

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, Sept. 23—8:00 p. m.—Reunion
Chapel

ITINERARY FOR ORPHANAGE REPRESENTATIVE

Sunday, October 7,—11:00 a. m.—Spring
Branch (Rept. with singing group)

Sunday, October 14—11:00 a. m.—Ral-
eigh (city)

NOTICE CORN NEEDED AT ORPHANAGE

We are trying to feed out approximately two hundred hogs and our corn supply is running short. If any of our friends have a surplus of corn and would like to give it to us, you may bring it to us or notify us and we will make arrangements to pick it up.

Any assistance you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely Yours,
Walter McD. Croom,
Superintendent

Remembering that the Tithe "is holy un-
to the Lord" (Lev.27:30), each member of
this church should think twice before he re-
fuses to pay his tithe or tenth upon the
Lord's Day.

The only way to outlaw war is to take
Jesus at His word and let love rule supreme
in our hearts.

PROGRAM

Program of the Fourth Union, Central
Conference convening with Watery Branch
F. W. B. Church in Wayne County on
July 28, 1951.

10:00—Devotion, by Robert Durham
10:15—Welcome address, by Mrs. Luther

Head

10:20—Response, by James Thorne

10:30—Moderator's Message

10:40—Business

—Reading minutes, calling list of
Ministers

—Special Singing by the Church

—Offering for Orphanage

—Appointment of Committees

11:30—Union Sermon, by T. P. Ellis

12:00—Lunch

1:00—Devotions, by J. D. Vernelson

1:20—Business

2:00—Special Singing, by Daniel's
Quartet

2:20—Report of Committees

3:00—Adjourn

Mr. A. J. Tyson,
Mr. J. Lancaster,
Mrs. Jack Griffin,
Committee

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Home Mission Board is sending Rev. George McLain of Kerman, Calif. to Albuquerque, New Mexico, in the early part of September to see about establishing a Free Will Baptist Church there. Anyone reading this notice that has relatives or friends in or near there who would be interested in a church there please send their names and addresses to Rev. Harry Staires Oilton, Okla. Rev. Staires is Sec-Treas. of the National Home Mission Board.

Rev. George McLain

"Because the way was steep and long,
And through a strange and lonely land,
God placed upon my lips a song,
And put a lantern in my hand."

—Joyce Kilmer.

"And may the nations see
That men should brothers be,
And form one family
The wide world o'er."

—Wm. E. Hickson.

"Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love."

—Frances R. Havergal.

Goodness, like health, is only an equip-
ment for God-directed and empowered ser-
vice.

Man cannot live nobly until he has re-
nounced that which is base in his life.

However strong our enemies may seem,
God is yet stronger.

PROGRAM

The eighth annual session of the Piedmont Association of Free Will Baptists Ministers' Conference and Womans Auxiliary Convention to be held August, 2-3-4, 1951 with the Ben Avenue Church, Kannapolis, N. C.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Thursday Morning August 2

- 9:30 Registration
- 10:00—Devotions, Rev. Bernie Player
- 10:10—Welcome, Rev. J. B. Starnes
- 10:15—Response, Rev. Charles Broadway
- 10:20—Remarks by President Rev. Wade Calvert
- 10:30—Business Period
- 11:00—Song and Praise, Rev. James Clayton
- 11:30—Message, Rev. Paul Davis
- 12:00—Lunch

Program of the Piedmont Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Thursday Afternoon, August 2

Watch Word: "Workers together with Him . . . that His way many be known upon the earth" (2 Cor. 6:1 Psalm 67:2)

- 1:00—Devotions, Miss Vera Hatcher
- 1:10—Welcome, Mrs. J. B. Starnes
- 1:15—Response, Miss Novela Propts
- 1:20—President's Message, Mrs. Walter Carter
- 1:30—Reports of Vice-Presidents
- 1:45—Report of Field Worker, Mrs. Clyde Brown
- 1:50—Cragmont, Mrs. Wade Calvert
- 1:55—Business Period.
- 2:20—Report of Committees
- 2:25—Report of Treasurer, Mrs. Velma Crow
- 2:30—Song and Praise, Mrs. Nina Rikard
- 2:35—Message, Mrs. Lee Whaley
- 3:30—Adjourn

Thursday Night Service

- 7:30—Devotions, Local Church
- 8:00—Message, Rev. Charles Brown
- 8:30—Message, Rev. Micheal Davis

AVAILABLE FOR EVANGELISTIC SINGING

I will be glad to assist pastors and evangelists in meetings close enough to New Bern, N. C., to reach by car from night to night, during this season, by leading singing and rendering special solos. During the spring season I have worked in meetings with Rev. J. C. Griffin, and those desiring to know more about my work can write him. I can be reached by mail at 1314 Spencer Ave., New Bern, N. C., or by telephone number 5160. Youth choir work and chorus singing especially emphasized.

L. Beverly Ballard

PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Friday, August 3, 1951

- 9:30—Registrations:
- 10:00—Devotions, Rev. Johnie E. Boyd
- 10:10—Welcome, Rev. J. B. Starnes
- 10:15—Response, Rev. J. W. Jones
- 10:20—Moderator's Remarks, Rev. E. R. Tyner
- 10:30—Orphanage Report, Supt. of Orphanage
- 10:45—Publications and Literature, Rev. Walter Carter
- 10:50—Home Missions, Rev. Wade Calvert
- 10:55—Foreign Missions, Mrs. Clyde Brown
- 11:00—Song and Praise, Rev. Winfred Flyod
- 11:30—Message, Rev. Wade Calvert

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions, Rev. Ernest King
- 1:00—Superannuation, Rev. J. B. Starnes
- 1:15—Sunday Schools, President, Edgar O'dell
- 1:20—F. W. B. League, President, Rev. Winfred Flyod
- 1:25—Woman's Auxiliary, President, Mrs. Walter Carter
- 1:30—State and National Visitors
- 2:00—Business Period
- 3:00—Adjourn

NIGHT SERVICES

- 7:30—Devotions, Local Church
- 8:00—Message, Rev. E. R. Tyner
- 8:30—Message, Rev. L. M. Pierce

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION AUGUST 4

- 10:00—Devotions, Rev. John Whitworth
- 10:10—Report of Committees
- 10:40—Business Period
- 11:00—Song and Praise
- 11:30—Message, Speaker to be supplied
- 12:00 Lunch

PROGRAM

League Convention of the Second Union District of Central Conference.

- 8:00—Devotions
- Prayer, Marlboro
- Quartet, Kings X Roads
- Speaker, Kings X Roads
- Duet, Kings X Roads
- Business Period
- Reports of State and National League Conference, Leah McGlohon
- Chorus Time, Congregation
- Who's here
- Special Singing, Greenville
- Business period
- Election of Officers
- Congregational song
- Benediction

The Tri-County Youth For Christ Rally will meet with the Convention at Gum Swamp, July 28.

Riches, when honestly gained, are an achievement; and, when unselfishly administered, a stewardship.

SCHEDULE OF CRAGMONT ASSEMBLIES Black Mountain, N. C.

STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

Rev. R. P. Harris, Director
120 Cheek Street,
Durham, North Carolina

FAMILY SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

August 6-11
Rev. S. A. Smith, Director

THE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

August 13-20
Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Director

SECOND FAMILY SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

August 20-25
Fountain Taylor, Director

Please contact the director for the week you wish to attend Cragmont for the bus schedule and other details.

Remember Cragmont, July 30 to Aug. 4

This week has been dedicated to the work of the young people whose interest centers in Christ for the advancement of Christian activities and experiences and the salvation of lost souls. There will be studies in Bible, music, handcraft, youth rallies, and others.

BUS SCHEDULE

Leave St. Mary's church in New Bern Monday, July 30 at 6:00 a. m. Leave Kingston Court House at 7:00, Leave Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, 7:30—Greenville F. W. B. Church, 8:00—Farmville Bus Station, 8:30—Wilson Bus Station, 9:00—Middlesex Bus Station, 9:45—Durham Edgemont F. W. B. Church, 10:45 a. m.

Remember to send one dollar (\$1.00) registration fee immediately to Rev. R. P. Harris, P. O. Box 1265, Durham, N. C. This will assure you of a place on the bus and insurance from home and return.

If there is other information desired, write to Rev. R. P. Harris (address above) and he will be glad to help you.

Rev. R. P. Harris, Director

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CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES IN EARNING A LIVING

(Lesson for August 5)

LESSON: Luke 12:13-21; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-10.

GOLDEN TEXT: Luke 12:15.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

Lot's wife disobeyed, looked back, and perished because of her disobedience (Gen. 19:15, 16, 26). Achan stole the Babylonian garment and two hundred shekels of silver, and the wedge of gold, and perished by his sinful act. King Ahab coveted Naboth's vineyard, and was destroyed by his greed and selfishness. Christ said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Matt. 6:19, 20).—Advanced Quarterly, (F. W. B.)

1. The Lord has established properly right and He expects us to respect them without any special intervention on His part (Luke 12:13, 14).

2. The Word of God declares that covetousness is as great a sin as the worshiping of idols (vs. 15).

3. There is nothing sinful about being successful and prosperous in our earthly occupation if we put God first in our lives (vs. 16).

4. It is not wrong to make plans for the future if we are careful to ascertain the mind of God first (vs. 17).

5. It is not sinful to exercise proper forethought regarding our earthly occupation, providing it is not our sole or chief exercise (vs. 18).

6. There is nothing wrong about enjoying the earthly blessings God gives, but we should always remember that they do not satisfy the soul (vs. 19).

7. It is not sin to possess this world's goods if we remember that we are only God's stewards over them (vs. 20).

8. It is possible to be rich in earth-

ly treasures, but to be poor, naked, wretched and blind in the sight of God (vs. 21).

9. It is only proper that we should work in order to earn a living, but it is altogether wrong to do nothing else (II Thess. 3:7, 8).

10. God had this reason also for calling him a fool. That man was to appear before God and give an account of himself. God said that he would die that very night. It is clear from the entire incident that it is possible for the soul to be absent from the body and still continue to exist. As long as we live in this world the soul dwells in the body but when the body dies the soul departs from it until the day of the resurrection (II Cor. 5:1-10).

11. Thought within himself (Luke 12:17). Notice that all was centered about himself. Sixteen times, at least, was the pronoun involving himself used in just three verses. This is the greatest sin taking men to hell, not merely the fact that they are sinners. All are sinners—born that way. For what one cannot help, God blames no one. But the sin is, men will not allow God to help them. It is the sin of barring God out of their lives. Man was made for God. It is an abnormalcy for man to go on without Him. This was, and is, Satan's doings. God desires to liberate men from this domination. God alone can do it.—Selected.

12. Some commentators and writers think Paul's epistles to the Thessalonians were written from Corinth about A. D. 51. The verses of this topic are taken from his Second Epistle. He is pointing out to the Thessalonians that Christians are responsible for earning their own livelihood. He pointed with justifiable pride to the fact that he had earned his bread, as a missionary to the Gentiles, by doing honest manual labor. It was not because he was not worthy of his keep as a minister of God, but to serve as an example to others. He had even urged that if one became too lazy to work he should not be supported by charity. If children of God have no financial need to work, then they should spend their time serving others to God's glory. No person, rich or poor, has a God-given

right to live a life of idleness.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

1. Only One Eye

Dr. A. J. Gordon told of a rich miser who was afflicted with cataracts on both eyes. He applied to an eminent surgeon to remove them, and after examination was told that it could be done. "But what will it cost?" was the anxious question. "One hundred dollars for each eye," was the answer. The miser thought of his money and then of his blindness, and said, "I will have one eye restored; that will be enough to enable me to see to count my money, and I can save the expense of having the other operated on." Oh, Lord, "Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy Law," cries the true Christian. But the half-and-half Christian wants only one eye opened. He likes to have the minister preach conversion strongly, because he himself has been converted and believes strongly in it; but he does not like to have him preach consecration, for that implies laying himself and all his wealth on God's altar, and he is not ready for that. In other words, he deliberately chooses a one-eyed religion, that which sees Christ as Saviour, but ignores Him as Lord and Master.

—The S. S. Times

2. Antidote for Selfishness

Jesus said, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" (Matt. 16:24). We know people who are all wrapped up in themselves. What a small bundle we make when we are all wrapped up in ourselves! Jesus wants us to deny ourselves, to live for Him and others. Selfishness is a terrible sin. How unhappy a selfish person is. Have you ever visited an aquarium? An aquarium is a place where creatures from the sea and other bodies of waters are kept. How interesting it is to see the different kinds of fish swimming around in glass containers filled with water. Once we saw a very frightful-looking creature: the octopus! The octopus has long arms which seem to reach out constantly to take in everything (continued on page fifteen)

Report National Promotional Secretary

"When thou shalt hear the sound of going . . . then shalt thou go out to battle." I Chronicles 14:15.

The day in which we live is marked by an upsurge in revival fervor. It seems as if the church is being given new life in spite of the inroads which the enemy has made during the past decade. While this revival is not necessarily paced by denominational organization, it is good to note that here and there certain denominations have recognized that they must include in their planning a genuine effort toward the salvation of the lost. I am indeed very happy to say that Free Will Baptists have been among this number. God has given us the "go" sign even as He did the great man about whom the scripture text which we have used speaks. We have heard the sound of going and we are ready to go out to battle against the prevailing evils of the day.

This spirit of Denominational revival has resulted in the best year which we have ever known as a National Association of Free Will Baptists. This is not to say, however, that we have attained the ultimate in denominational life. There are many goals toward which we have been striving that yet remain un-reached. We shall continue working toward the realization of those ambitions. This report had to do only with that which we have actually accomplished. In addition, we shall also discuss our needs and our aims for the coming year.

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Training Institutes

Through the Promotional Department we have carried on an intensive program of training. This has been done through the Christian Workers Institute and the Evangelical Teacher Training Association. Courses designed to present our church doctrines, organization, National Association Administration, studies in Old and New Testament, Sunday School Management and Teaching, and Child Study have been offered to those who

have enrolled. Even such sessions have been held with a total enrollment of 400. Of this number, 49 were ministers and 125 were Sunday School teachers and officers. 275 certificates and 7 diplomas have been awarded through the C. W. I. while 190 Sunday School certificates have been earned. Already more than a dozen Institutes have been scheduled for the coming year. Through our plan of \$2.00 registration fee and a free will offering at the close of each session, these Christian Workers Institutes have been self-supporting.

2. Public Relations

We have been most active in the line of public relations and have provided a good quantity of literature designed to give information about the Free Will Baptist church. We have compiled a list of nearly ten thousand names of our constituency which will be the nucleus of what we hope to be a mailing list covering our entire denomination.

We have distribute more than 50,000 pieces of literature through the Promotional Office. At the present time we are offering the Yearbook of the National Association of Free Will Baptists to our people. Errors in the information regarding the Free Will Baptist Orphanage in Middlesex, N. C., and the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, N. C., have been noted and corrected in this initial issue of the Yearbook. All proceeds from the sale of this book will go to the Board of Publication and Literature.

3. Evangelism and Church Extension

The Board of Home Missions has been active in these fields so it will not be necessary to go into detail here. Suffice it to say, more than 60 new organizations have been reported in the past two years. Since the release of the Yearbook information cleared through the Promotional Office warrents us to conclude that there are at least 3,000 Free Will Baptist churches with a membership well toward the half-million mark.

We are maintaining constant contact with a group of 9 Free and Free

Damon C. Dodd

Will Baptist churches in the northeast, located as follows:

Thompson, Pa.; Binghampton, N. Y.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Rochester, N. Y.; South Portland, Maine; Gonic, New Hampshire; Rochester, N. H.; Windsor, N. Y.; Middlesex, New York.

Whether or not anything will come of these contacts remains to be seen. For the present we are only maintaining correspondence.

Reports on the days of Prayer which were called during the year reveal that only about 25 percent of the churches observed the days. No doubt there were numbers of churches which kept the days which did not report.

4. New Equipment

In order to meet the increased demands on the office, we have acquired the following pieces of equipment during the year:

Steel Filing Cabinet
Adding Machine (used)
Model 200 Speed-O-Print Mimeograph Machine
Adjustable Utility table for typewriter & Mimeograph

II. NEEDS

Our needs are becoming greater as we grow and to say which is the more urgent need resolves itself into a magnanimous task. However, outstanding among our needs to get ourselves located officially is the fact that we must have a headquarters building. We have nearly \$1,600.00 in a fund to purchase such a building. Now we have come to the place where we must have it. We have outgrown the office in the home or church stage. We need to centralize our setup under one roof and have all our offices located there. With a minimum of effort we can have this by the end of the present church year. \$10,000.00 more will put us in a position to buy suitable quarters for Free Will Baptist Headquarters.

1. Unified Program

At present, our Unified Program
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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

SOME HIGHLIGHTS of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

An estimated congregation of about 1,500 assembled on Sunday night July the 8th, in the War Memorial auditorium for a mass evangelistic rally. The Rev. Damon C. Dodd, National promotional Secretary, was speaker for the occasion. His subject for the message was "The Record and the Remedy," using Second Chronicles 7:14. "As the remedy for every human ill." The speaker said in part, "These are days of revival, the only thing that will limit God's power among us is our unbelief."

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

It was reported by some of those who attended this convention, (this writer could not attend due to committee and Board meetings for the National Asso. proper), that "This is the best yet in the history of the Woman's Auxiliary work."

Mrs. Hubert Sloan, of Detroit, Mich, was elected for a third term as president; Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Mo., First Vice-President; Mr. Cleo Purcell, Okla., Second Vice-President; Mrs. D. C. Dodd, Tenn., Third Vice-President; Mrs. L. E. Ballard, North Carolina; Fourth Vice-President; and Mrs. Alice Childers, Ohio fifth Vice-President.

Mrs. Anges B. Frazier was re-elected as Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Jean Wilson, Okla., is the secretary, and Mrs. George McLain, Calif. is assistant secretary.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROPER

The Association proper showed much progress being made during the past year. According to the records of the Promotional Secretary, the offerings for the various causes have reached an all-time high, with some states going over the quota as set for the year of 1950-51. Of course, there were states that did not reach the prescribed, or requested amount.

Two petitions were presented; one from West Va., and the other from Oklahoma for the 1952 session of the Association. It was voted to accept the invitation from Shawnee, Okla.

Rev. E. E. Morris, of Oklahoma City, was elected Moderator, and Rev. Homer Willis of Detroit, Mich, as assistant moderator, with Rev. Paul Kettman, S. C. as secretary. We failed to get the name of the assistant secretary. We are sorry of this failure, and herewith beg the electee to forgive us for this failure.

Taking the association as a whole, we think it the best yet since the association was organized. The City of Nashville show-

ed great hospitality. The Pastor's Alliance gave a great welcome through its President, Rev. C. E. Bowen, pastor of the East Nashville church. "Clarence," as we call him, did a fine job in this welcome address. He also gave the "highlights" from the Fourth Nation-wide League Conference. Those of you who know Brother Bowen, know him to be a great leader in the League work, in years past in North Carolina, and now in Tenn., and throughout the Nation-wide organization of Leagues.

Music director, Brother I. L. Stanley, Supt., of the Tennessee Orphanage, at Greenville, Tenn., did an excellent job in the field of music. Special music was rendered by the Gospelers—the male quartet of the Bible College.

Rev. Floyd Cherry, Pastor of Edgemont church, Durham, N. C. bought the "keynote message" Tuesday evening at 8:35. His subject was: "What Price Evangelism in Our Present World Crisis." The speaker said, "There is a crisis," and he pointed out the seriousness of the crisis, but assured us that "there is a way out, and that way is through Jesus Christ." It was a wonderful message in which many great thoughts were brought out in the most convincing, logical and Biblical way which gave food for thought, and promise of victory through Christ.

Brother Cherry compared "life to a cafeteria" by saying, "take all you want but you have to pay the price." He named the price as being four-fold (1) Submission to the will and work of Christ; (2) Sacrifice to the cause of Christ; (3) Supplication in His name; and (4) Serve for His glory.

The opening devton Tuesday evening was conducted by Rev. Ronald Creech in which he challenged the church to go out and "compel them to come in." Due to rush at the close and much discussion of important matters, the afternoon program was left off on Thursday. Time and space, and the lack of getting the information, due to the fact that I could not stay in the assembly all the time, prevents a full and complete coverage of the entire association activities, therefore we are asking that if you had an important part on the program just excuse our failure please, and let me say that I believe that it was the best and most successful session of the Association during its life of fifteen summers. May our watchword be "On to Shawnee, Oklahoma in 1952." I believe that the time draweth near for His coming, So, if He does not come before, let us pray and go to Shawnee.

ANOTHER NEW F. W. B. PAPER

At the association we got acquainted with another monthly paper. This paper is the "Small Voice." Rev. W. S. Mooneyham is the editor and manager. This paper is published monthly at Shawnee, Okla.

Many compliments were heard about this new publication. It seems that the country is getting the benefits from a goodly number of monthly and weekly Free Will Baptist publications now. Eeveryone of these

GEORGE JOHNSON EXPRESSES THANKS

Brother George Johnson, Newport News, Virginia, is recovering from his stricken condition of tuberculosis. He is now able to be at home and to get out a little, but not able to work any yet.

He took a trip to his old home in North Carolina recently, and enjoyed seeing his old friends and relatives near Seven Springs, N. C.

He wished to express in this way his sincere thanks and appreciations for all that the good people and friends have done for him during his long period of illness in the sanatorium in Virginia. His financial condition is very limited, and his wife has to hold a job to support the family. If anyone should desire to assist them, it will be greatly appreciated. He is hoping to be able to go to work within a few months, at a very light job. Pray for him and his good family.

His address is: Mr. George Johnson, 3709 Huntington Avenue, Newport News, Va.

HELP GREATLY NEEDED

The following is part of the letter which Ruth O'Quinn, Council, Virginia, addressed to the editor on July 5, 1951:

Dear Friends:

"This is to ask your kind co-operation in a matter which is very necessary, and very near my heart. It concerns my Brother, Reverend Orville O'Quinn of Council, Virginia. He is a blind minister in the Free Will Baptist Church. For twenty odd years he has devoted his life to the saving of lost souls, and has done this work without pay, or without a salary, and most of the time without offerings.

"He is not complaining, . . . but I know that he would gladly receive or accept aid at this time, for he is ill, and has just lost his home because of debts which piled up during his illness. This leaves him with no home, and with an invalid mother and father to care for . . .

"His address is: Rev. Orville O'Quinn, Council, Virginia. Ruth O'Quinn, Sister."

We feel that our church people would do a splendid deed to help this poor, unfortunate, blind preacher. Churches, Sunday Schools, Young People's Leagues, and Woman's Auxiliaries, and individuals can receive a blessing from the Lord by sending an offering to Brother Orville O'Quinn.—Editor.

Electrician—What you howling about, Son?

Junior—A bee lit on me and one end of it wasn't insulated.

publications should be supported with our prayers and money in order that we may stay posted about the happenings taking place in our denomination in each section of our connection.

SUNDAY OR THE SABBATH

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brother by a careless use of the Lord's Day let him come forth with Scriptural proof for so doing.

3. Human desire and human need. Even though we know that the Lord's Day is not the same as the Jewish Sabbath, we can find principles that are seen in Jesus' teaching concerning the Sabbath that help in determining the way that the first day should be kept. Jesus said in Mark 2:27 "... The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." If this principle was true under the law surely the same principle would be true under grace concerning the Lord's Day. The day is to be adjusted to fit man's need and not man's need be sufficient for the keeping of the day. There is no conflict between man's need and the will of God. But let us be careful here to distinguish between need and desires. There is no contradiction between the will of God and the need of man, but there is a constant conflict between the desires of man and the will of God. Surely need occasionally presents itself on Sunday and may call for buying and selling or physical labor to be fulfilled. In such a case both buyer and seller would be justified. But let us be very cautious in distinguishing between desires and need lest our judgment be false and we sin. It is the conviction of the writer that there are some things that must of necessity be carried on, on Sunday. For example, there must be electrical power available to furnish heat, lights, and refrigeration to supply the needs of people. Surely no one would suggest that the plants be closed and people go cold and hungry, etc. When one of necessity has to be engaged in such work it should be solely for the filling of needs and not personal gain. The same should be true concerning other work that of necessity must be entered on the Lord's Day. When such is the case and it has been entered into to fill needs the one so doing has no apologies to make to anyone and is glorifying God in so doing. Again for emphasis the writer would like to say, "Be careful in distinguishing between desires and need."

4. Observation—It is a familiar old proverb, "experience is the best teacher." Anyone who has kept his eyes opened can easily observe that in times of backsliding that more and more work has been carried on Sunday. Should one drive through a section and see work going on Sunday, if he should investigate he will find that the Spiritual life has either faded or is on a very low ebb. Again observe those who have kept the day as a holy day unto the Lord and you will see people whom God has blessed. In Paul's epistle to the Corinthians, 10:5-6, we read, "But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted." Observing God's treatment of those who obey Him and those who disobey Him is one of God's methods of teaching His people. Christians let us observe God's treatment for those who have not kept the Lord's Day, and may it be an example to us to keep it in a way that will be well pleasing in His sight.

5. Attitude—An attitude that is cursing the Church and slowing up spiritual progress is the attitude of, "How much can I do and get by with it?" To anyone who assumes this attitude his selfishness will color his understanding and he stands a poor chance of ever coming to the truth because he is biased in the beginning. The attitude of the Christian should continually be "What can I do to serve my Lord?" When anyone has this attitude his heart is receptive to the truth when it is proved unto him. Surely an attitude like this is necessary before the Christian can rightfully determine how to keep the Lord's day. The writer believes that sufficient proof has been given to guide any sincere seeker of the truth into the knowledge of a proper way to observe the Lord's Day.

Christians let us join together and use the Lord's Day in a way that will bring glory unto Him who bought us with His own precious blood.

As for me I will join those who wish to set this day aside as one holy unto the Lord solely for the purpose of worshipping our great Triune God.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE NEW QUARTERLY

It was announced in the Baptist paper recently that the Press would have ready for sale the Young People's quarterly, beginning with the Fourth Quarter of this year, 1951; but, in the Board of Directors' meeting of June 28, the matter was discussed, and it was decided that, due to the limited time in getting the work done at the Press and because of the shortage of labor, the quarterly could not be ready until the first of the new year, 1952.

The reason for the delay in printing this quarterly is no fault of Rev. F. B. Cherry, who has been employed to write this quarterly.

Those concerned with the ordering of quarterlies will do us a great favor by kindly letting us know how many Young People's Quarterlies you will need for the first quarter of 1952 and also how this new Quarterly will affect the number of Advanced and Senior Quarterlies you will need for the first quarter of 1952.

Thanking you in advance for any information you may be able to give us.

D. W. Alexander,
Business Manager

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

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within its reach, but no loving hands with which to give out. Some people are just like that. They get all they can, and they can all they get. They seem to have little or no thought for others, and the needs of others. If we would be pleasing to Jesus, we must deny ourselves. We heard of a little newsboy who loved Jesus and others. Oftentimes the little newsboy would deny himself a meal that someone else might have a meal. His motto was, "Starved a meal to give a meal!"

Prayer pulls the rope below and the great bell rings above in the ears of God. Some scarcely stir the bell for they pray so languidly. Others give but an occasional pluck at the rope, but he who wins with heaven is the man who grasps the rope boldly and pulls continuously, with all his might.—*Spurgeon.*

Most great truths do not lie upon the surface. They must be brought up into the light by patient toil.—*Sel.*

REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

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system is not working. Our receipts for the year from this source dropped off some 40 percent. This, of course, was in the face of intensified drives for various phases of the work. This is the very thing which we must work to eliminate. We must work out a system whereby a combined National Program budget can be submitted proportionately to the various states and they, under the direction of their State Promotional departments, can raise this amount, plus the amount necessary to operate their local and state programs. Oklahoma has taken the first step in this direction by combining their Mission budgets and operating through a state promotional department.

Honorable mention must be made here of one of our newest churches. The Free Will Baptist church, of Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee, has been the most consistent supporter of the Unified Program and stands at the top of the list in the National Association. This church is only two years old and has made rapid progress since its organization. Loyal Chapel church, of Columbia, Tennessee, has also been an ardent supporter of the unified fund.

III. A COMPARISON

While we cannot completely measure our growth in terms of dollars and cents, we can index our denominational interest pretty well by this means. Thus, the following has been prepared:

(Figures denote amount received last year).

Foreign Missions—\$43,091.14
Home Missions—\$1,017.59
Education—\$47,558.59
Superannuation—\$2,089.11
F. W. B. League—\$1,358.72

CONCLUDING:

From the foregoing report, you can see that we are growing denominationally. It has been a genuine pleasure to contact the work over the states and to enjoy the satisfaction of seeing that it is being amply taken care of. A splendid spirit of fellowship and good will prevails throughout the bounds of our Nation-

al Association.

Every endeavor at promoting the cause has met with outstanding cooperation. I have traveled more than 50,000 miles, visited in 17 states where there was Free Will Baptist work, and made contacts in 4 others in the interest of the work. Through Christian Workers Institutes and revival services there have been a total of 376 decisions for Christ.

It is my sincerest prayer that we will continue in our far-reaching spiritual conquests during the coming days and that we will attain to heights hitherto unknown to Free Will Baptists.

REVIVAL AT DAVIS CHURCH

The church at Davis, N. C., has experienced many great revivals in past years. Some of the best evangelists in our denomination have conducted some of these meetings. It may not be fair to judge a preacher's worth or ability by the visible results shown during the services he holds, because sometimes after he has poured out his very soul so to speak and the meeting has closed we can see but little results. Probably the fault is something in the church for no preacher can bring a revival in his suitcase.

Of course we are living in a modern age and the church is getting modern, too. In some cases the preaching seems to have no power because it neither condemns the sinner nor causes the saint to rejoice. It was a wonderful sermon so the people say. His words flowed out like the waves of the sea. No body can remember the text or what the minister was

talking about, but they say it was just wonderful. I do not know of a single Free Will Baptist minister or church that have embraced modernism that is so prevalent in our land today. God forbid it from invading our church.

This summer we chose a man to hold our revival whom most of us had never seen. We did not know what his physical appearance was like much less his ability as a minister, but when Brother Wade H. Calvert had preached his first sermon we knew there was power in the message.

It was really an old time meeting. People were aroused. They were talking the meeting every place one may go. Souls were saved and the church was revived as we have not seen it in several years.

People came from all around, some traveling one hundred miles or more to be in the service. The congregation increased each service until the closing night when chairs had to be placed in the aisles to seat the people. Yes, the meeting was a great success.

In closing we want to mention the pastor, Rev. R. H. Jackson and his good family. He certainly played an important part. We are proud of our pastor. He is loved and highly esteemed by every one including those of other denominations.

Pray for our church that we may do our best to carry on the good work.

Leslie Styron

ATTENTION

Ladies' Auxiliaries, Sunday School classes, and Leagues wishing to earn some extra money for their treasury, we have just received a shipment of Scripture Text Christmas Cards. Each box contains 21 cards. We can sell you these for .60 cents a box (in lots of 10 or more boxes) and you can sell them for \$1.00 per box. Now is the time to sell.

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STONY HILL BIBLE SCHOOL



We are glad to report that a most successful Bible School was held in the Stony Hill F. W. B. Church in Nash County, and near Middlesex, North Carolina. It was held during the week of June, from the 25th through the 29th, and our total enrollment for the week reached 86, and we think that was very good.

The principal of the school was Mrs. Paul Matthews. The teachers for the Beginners and Primaries were Miss Ejoy Strickland and Mrs. Howard Earl Sanders. Teachers for the Juniors were Mrs. Dewey Glover and Mrs. Rudolph Strickland. For the young people, Mrs. N. E. Strickland, and Mrs. Chester Stone were teachers. The pianist was Mrs. Paul Matthews, and the choir leader was Mrs. Chester Glover.

Our Woman's Auxiliary did a very nice work in serving the delicious refreshments each day. We took an offering the last day of the school for the orphanage, which was to the amount of \$7.00. We sent it as a gift from this Bible School.

One of the many benefits of our Bible School was the fact that we had new members coming into our Sunday School from our community. On Sunday morning extra gifts were made along with the certificates for good attendance, and for the real nice hand work which was done in our Bible School. Already some plans have been made relative to our next year's Bible School.

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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

MOREHEAD CITY CHURCH MOVING AHEAD

Rev. T. C. Smith Elected for an
Indefinite Term

The Free Will Baptist Church of Morehead City is making progress rapidly. People are being added to the church, some by letter, and others by faith in Christ. We are happy to announce that we have called Rev. T. C. Smith for an indefinite period as our pastor. He has brought some splendid messages in our church since he has been with us. We do feel that the Lord has wonderfully blessed us under his leadership.

We covet the prayers of all Christian people everywhere to hold us up before the Lord in your prayers. Our goal for this year, 1951, is to build Sunday School rooms to our church.

Mrs. Murphy Jenkins,
Reporter for the Church

"Serving Christ by caring for His little ones," could well be the motto of all denomination-supported Free Will Baptist Orphanages and Children's Homes.

"Now is the time for all good Free Will Baptist to come to the aid of their denomination."

MOSELEY'S CREEK CHURCH HAS PEWS TO SELL

We have at Moseley's Cree Church thirty pews for sale. Twelve are ten feet in length, and eighteen are five feet long. They are solid pine pews, with solid backs and seats. They are dark walnut in color, and in good condition, and can be purchased at a reasonable price.

Interested persons may write Mrs. Carrie Norris, Church Clerk, Dover, N. C., or they may drive over to see the pews in the church before buying.

Rev. L. R. Ennis, Pastor

A NEW DAY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR THE RURAL CHURCH

Raleigh, July.—"A New Day of Opportunity for the Rural Church" will be the theme of the Rural Church Institute of North Carolina to be held in connection with the 1951 Farm and Home Week, July 30 to August 2 on the Sate College campus.

The Reverend James W. Sells, Executive Secretary in Charge of Rural Church Work of the Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, will deliver the feature address at 8:00 p. m. Monday, July 30. On Tuesday, July 31, beginning at 10:30 a. m., L. R. Harrill, president of the Rural Church Institute, will lead a panel on "The Rural Church and its Program."

Leading panel member will be Governor W. Kerr Scott who will discuss "The Place of the Rural Church in Modern Civilization." The Reverend Dumont Clark of Asheville will discuss the "Worship Program of the Rural Church." M. G. Mann, manager of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange, will discuss "Financing the Rural Church's Program," while Dr. I. G. Greer, executive vice-president of the North Carolina Foundation, will complete the panel with a discussion on "Training Christian Leadership for the Rural Community."

The Board of Directors of the North Carolina Rural Church Institute will meet at 3:00 p. m. Tuesday, to map future work. A report of the panel discussion will be given before the entire Farm and Home Week Assembly at 8:00 p. m. Tuesday.

Ministers of rural churches, church leaders, laymen and all others interested in the program of the rural church are invited to attend all sessions of the Institute.

"Onward and upward along the path of improved denominational literature," could well be the motto of the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.

"Forward through Fellowship," could well be the motto of Cragmont, North Carolina Free Will Baptist Assembly.

IS IT RIGHT TO DO THOSE THINGS?

Dear Christian Friends, I should like to ask a few question for thought and consideration: Should a preacher, or a Christian layman attend shows of any kind, moving picture shows especially? Should Christians go to ball games, horse races, or to dog races?

Do you think true Christians really want to go to such places? Do you think that they want to go to any of the worldly sports that are questionable? As for me, I do not like such places. I would like to go to good hymn, or musical programs that are uplifting. I love the Lord sufficiently well to want to do the right thing in life. I want to stay away from such evil places which do great harm to a great many people. I think that it is a sin to go to picture shows and see the vile things that are being shown on the screen. Many girls and boys have seen those bad things and have gone out and committed serious acts, and have brought shame upon themselves. The sale and use of strong drink is a sin, and many people are being ruined by such evil.

Please do not misunderstand me to say that there are not other sins, for I know that there are many other things which people do that are sinful. People should be careful about what they do, and what they say. I can stay out of such questionable places, and so can others if they want to do so for their own good and for the good of others. I love my church more than anything on earth, but I live so far that when I go I hire someone to take me there.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Mrs. Lawrence Boykin,
Bailey, N. C.

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National Free Will Baptist Bible Hour Soon

For a long time now, Free Will Baptists have seen and felt the need of a National Radio Broadcast to be known as the Free Will Baptist Hour. There has been some work down toward bringing this about. Two years ago, the National Association, while in session at Columbus, Ga., elected a Radio Commission, whose duty it was to provide such a program.

However, due to the fact that the members of the Commission were busy pastors and held leading positions on various boards in our Denominational work, they did not have the ample time it takes to devote to such a project.

They did accomplish much toward this, however, and much credit is due them for their efforts in laying the ground work and setting up proper machinery in order to make the Free Will Baptist Hour a reality. At the last session of the National Association held in Nashville, Tenn., a new commission was elected consisting of the Reverends W. A. Hales, Chairman; James A. Evans, Secy.-Treas.; and W. S. Mooneyham. We are conscious of the tremendous task that lies before us; but we are determined by grace of God to have the broadcast on the air soon. In fact, we hope to be ready for the first broadcast by the first Sunday in October. This of course, depends upon the amount

of prayerful cooperation that we receive from our Brethren at large.

Here are our tentative plans for the present, along with some suggestions as to what you may do as your part in helping to get this needed service started. First, we believe Free Will Baptists have a message in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ that America and the world need. Second, we believe that Free Will Baptists are just as able to produce such a broadcast as any other people . . . be they denominations or individuals. Third, we believe that we can depend and count on Free Will Baptists everywhere for this work.

Pray earnestly—give much and freely.

Our Plans

We propose to produce a Master Recording from which as many copies as we need can be furnished and then let individual persons, groups, in individual churches, Union or Quarterly Meetings, District and State Associations have three copies free of charge. By this, these groups may contract with radio stations in their respective communities for the broadcast. We intend to use the best quality music and the best of our preachers for the music, selecting a preacher for a thirteen week period, who will speak on the subject of his

choosing. This will give us four of our leading preachers for a one year period.

Our intentions by the grace of God are to make the Free Will Baptist Hour as fine in quality as any program on the air today. Of course, it is going to take some finances for us to begin our work. Will you not please begin now discussing this with your church and various groups and be sure to take offerings for this work at once and forward same to the Reverend James A. Evans, Post Office Box 203, Wilson, North Carolina.

May we ask that any Free Will Baptist minister having a Radio Program now, please report it to Brother Evans giving the call letters of the radio station, the kilocycles and the name of the broadcast and time. With this information, the committee plans to publish a Radio Logue in our denominational papers.

Your National Radio Commission,
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THE SUNBEAM CIRCLE

Fairmount Park F. W. B. Church
Norfolk, Virginia

The Woman's auxiliary of Fairmount Park F. W. B. Church, Norfolk, Virginia, organized the smallest Youth Circle called the Sunbeams, November, 1949. Mrs. Edward Hyers was elected as director, and Mrs. Mildred L. Pendergrass was chosen as leader. At Cragmont last year Mrs. Pendergrass explained the Sunbeam Circle to the Ladies auxiliary. She stated that the collections were to be used for Missionary work.

The children feed the Missionary pig with pennies, nickles and dimes for the Missionary work. We held our first meetings twice each month on Sunday morning during the worship service. We started with nine members, and collected 16 cents the

first Sunday. The first year our membership grew from 9 to 50, averaging from 18 to 25 in attendance for each Sunday.

Now we meet each Sunday with an average attendance from 25 to 30, and our collections range from 45 cents to 75 cents. The first year we turned in \$15 for Missions. Our entire collections go for Missions.

Now we meet each Sunday morning with Mrs. Pendergrass during church service in the Sunbeam room, and our collections for the first quarter of this year amounted to \$12.54. We teach them to sing, to pray, to usher, to tithe, and to be reverent in church. We explain to them how their collections are used to win souls to Christ in foreign lands. We teach them that we are to help the missionaries to tell the little children in heathen lands about God whom they never knew before.

We use Flannel Graft stories, we read

the Bible, tell Bible stories, teach Bible verses, and also teach object lessons. We do not have regular Sunbeam printed literature at this time. We do hope to have some in the near future for these little folks. The ages of these boys and girls range from 3 to 6 years old. At the age of seven we send them up to the Youth Church which is now under the direction of Mrs. Edward Hyers, ages 7 to 12, boys and girls. We read in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Our Sunbeam Motto is: "I am the light of the world." These are the words of Jesus.

Mrs. Mildred Pendergrass,
Corresponding Secy. and
Leader of the Sunbeams
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A FRUITFUL PRAYER LIFE

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It would be well in the outset to set forth the definition of prayer. It is the converse of the soul with God, which would include both silent and spoken thanksgiving, praise, confession, communion, petition and intercession.

The Importance of Prayer

Prayer opens to us the door to the knowledge of God. We know that the scriptures teach about God and we receive knowledge of Him thru them, but this knowledge is greatly enriched through prayer, in other words it become a vibrant, living reality and God becomes very real to us.

Prayer opens to us the knowledge of ourselves. The person who does not live a prayerful life knows but very little about himself. Of course he knows something about his physical make up but the real inner self he knows little about. Therefore he is liable to become proud and conceited and is not able to see that he is weak and vile. The man who prays is quite different. He understands himself as he is and as the Bible sets him forth to be, for God reveals this to him. He even sees his inner motives and is able to flee from them, or to help himself by this knowledge.

Prayer opens to us the beauties of the natural world. Even though there are many things which cannot be fully enjoyed until this life is over, there are many blessings and beauties of God which can only be enjoyed here on earth. There are many people whose eyes look upon these and yet never see the real beauty of them because they are not in tune with the one who created them. The more fully we are in fellowship with God the more fully we comprehend and appreciate the beauty of His creation. Have you ever pulled a petal from a rose blossom and felt its velvety touch and looked closely at its beautiful blended colors? Have you said in your heart, this is the work of God? Have you ever gazed upon the snow capped mountains with the lower portion covered with ever-green

trees and recognized that it was the hand of God that made it? The real beauty of these things is only revealed to man through God's word and prayer.

Prayer opens to us the clearest and most glorious knowledge of Heaven. In Acts 22:17 Paul was praying in the temple when the Lord Jesus appeared unto him. Also in 2 Corinthians 12:2-4 Paul said he knew a man who was caught up into paradise and heard unspeakable words which were not lawful to utter. John was in the spirit on the Lord's day on the Isle of Patmos when Jesus appeared unto him.

Prayer opens our understanding of the scriptures. Since through prayer we are brought into that close relationship with God, we are better able to understand his message to us. The scriptures were given by inspiration of God and, they can not be understood apart from God. I Corinthians 2:14 tells us, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, for they are spiritually discerned."

Earnest prayer is able to put an extension on life as in the case of Hezekiah. When he had prayed God added fifteen years to his life. Also another instance where Herod had apprehended Peter and cast him into prison with the intention of putting him to death; but the church continued all night in prayer for him, therefore God sent his angel and delivered him.

Seeing from this that prayer is of such great importance we need to know what God teaches about it that our prayer life may be more effective.

The Qualifications of Those who Pray

Let us study the importance of faith as a qualification. We must believe in God's being. Hebrews 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please God for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." The scriptures

very definitely teach that there is no salvation apart from faith. Before there can be real prayer or real communion with God there must first be that faith that there is a God, that he is a real being, that he did create all things and that He will hear us when we pray. We know it would be impossible to commune with a being that did not exist and it would be the height of ignorance to pretend to do so.

We must also believe in God's ability as in Philippians 3:21, "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things to himself." Not only are we to believe that he is but also He is able to do anything. We know that God was able to create the universe because we see it with our natural eyes. Why then should we think it impossible for Him to do anything with it or any part of it that He wishes to do? When men pray believing in God's ability to answer He does answer. Here are some examples of answered prayer: Joshua prayed and the sun stood still. Daniel prayed and God delivered him from the lion's den, Hezekiah prayed and God extended his life, he also, prayed and the Lord destroyed the Assyrian army. Then there was Elijah who prayed and it did not rain for three and one half years, he prayed again and it rained. Then we see him the time he prayed and God came down and consumed the altar, the water, the stones and the sacrifices with fire. Simeon, the priest, prayed that he might not die until he had seen Jesus and God granted his request. Hannah prayed for a son and her prayer was answered. The church prayed that Peter's life might be spared and God sent His angel who broke the bonds, opened the prison doors and the great iron gates, and set him free. Paul and Silas prayed, the Lord sook the jail house doors open and they were set free. These all prayed that God was able, therefore they petitioned Him and He granted their requests. Since

God's Spirit Speaks to Me

(The following poem was written by Mrs. D. L. Whaley, and was inspired by the Holy Spirit. This poem was written to express her thanks to her many friends for the kindness rendered to her and her family during her extended illness and confinement. Mrs. Whaley is the wife of Rev. D. L. Whaley, pastor of The Original Free Will Baptist Church, Jacksonville, N. C.)

My Dear friends, you have meant so much to me
With your flowers, cards your gifts and,
most of all, your prayers:
For it's in days like these we are made to understand
Just how much others really care.

I feel so unworthy of all you have done.
My limited mind can never tell:
But I know God's pay day is coming soon.
And I know for sure, He will pay you well.

I long so much your faces to see—
Yet in this quiet room I must remain,
But when our Savior shall return in all His glory,
Then all mysteries shall be made plain.

It was so hard to understand why it happened:
The accident seemed such a tragic blow:
But God, in His infinite wisdom, had a purpose,
And that is enough to know.

"Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen again, who is ever at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." Before Jesus came we were estranged from the throne of God but now we have personal access to the throne, through Jesus Christ our intercessor or High Priest. Hebrews 4:14-16, "Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the Heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which can not be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Therefore, we should come as boldly to the throne of God as a little child would come to his earthly parent for a piece of bread.

We must believe that God for

So long have I yearned for time alone with my Lord,
Yet, it seemed that in serving, my time was consumed,
But God had a way of providing time,
For now I must stay alone in this room.

He knows how I desire to sing, triumphantly,
"My Jesus I Love Thee, I know Thou Art Mine,"
And when He sees bits of dross and tin appearing,
I pray: "Holy Spirit, Come quickly and refine."

Cleanse me of every defilement of sin,
That I a vessel of honor may be:
For what e'er the cost, I'll count but loss,
That I may be worthy to win others for Thee.

My Lord, I love You with all my heart:
I desire Your will above everything:
And when Thou shall return in the clouds of glory,
Then a complete song of victory I'll sing.

Dear sinner friend, can't you hear Him now,
As He gently knocks at your heart's door?
Won't you let Him come in? He will free you from sin,
And will give you peace and joy for evermore.

Mrs. Ethel Whaley
Jacksonville, N. C.

Christ's sake will hear and answer our prayers. Ephesians 4:32, "And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." We see clearly from this passage that God forgives us for the sake of His Son. Not upon our own merit but upon the merit of Him who died for us. When we pray in the name of Jesus, God hears and answers because He wishes to honor His Son.

(To be continued next week)

Announcement

This is to state that I will be available for pastoral work for another year. Any church desiring my services are requested to write to me, and to get in touch with me at the address below.

Rev. J. D. Quick
Sylacagua, Ala.

No names or words with more than six syllables are found in the Bible.

God is no respecter of persons, isn't it reasonable to believe He would do the same for us if we comply with His requirements? Once when Jesus' disciples had failed to cast a devil out of a child they asked Jesus the reason. Jesus said, "Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. How-be-it this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting" (Matt. 17:20-21).

We must believe in God's good will toward men. This is a part of the song the angels sang the night of the birth of Jesus. "Good will toward men." The coming of Jesus into the world to die for us is a manifest token to us of God's good will toward us. For He is not willing that any should perish but that all should be saved. It is God's pleasure to give us all good things. Matthew 7:11, "If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your father which is in Heaven give good gifts to them that ask Him?" Luke 12:32, "Fear not little flock for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." If it is His good pleasure to give us the kingdom, how much more the things of the kingdom?

We must believe in the mediation of Jesus. John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the father but by me. "There is no other way of getting to the Father but by the Son.

John 15:16, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name He shall give it you." I Timothy 2:5, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man, Christ Jesus."

We must believe in the intercession of Jesus. Hebrews 7:25, "Wherefore He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Romans 8:34,

YOUTH EVANGELISM EMPHASIZED AT FOURTH N L C

Hundreds of Young People Attend Conference at Bible College



ASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, July 5, 1951—The Fourth Nationwide Free Will Baptist League Conference came to an end here this evening, with a consecration service during which a large number of young people dedicated their lives to Christian service, after listening to a stirring message by Billy Melvin from the text "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4: 14.)

During the whole of the conference youth evangelism was emphasized. There were a number of messages on the theme. Especially was the opportunity for youth to evangelize by personal soul-saving effort given emphasis by speakers. On Thursday an opportunity was given for the advancement of ideas for evangelistic efforts, and many told of soul-saving efforts being made by league groups all over the country.

ATTENDANCE

Leaguers were present from most all the states where there is organized Free Will Baptist work. The total number seemed to be under that of former nationwide conferences, although an accurate count was

hard to obtain. The spirit of the conference was wonderful, and many agreed on the closing night that another truly great meeting of Free Will Baptist youth had been held.

MUSIC

Music was featured in a great way throughout the conference. Star honors for musical service were shared by the Gospels of the Bible College, the volunteer Middle-Tennessee League Choir, directed, by Mrs. Sawyer, and the East Nashville Trio. The Gospels sang for most every session of the conference, while the League Choir was featured especially in the evening sessions. On Thursday evening Miss Olema Grant, of Snow Hill, N. C., brought a spirit of deep devotion to the conference by singing "Face to Face." In addition to the singers named on the printed programs, two guest male soloists were presented during

the conference. They were Beverly Ballard, North Carolina, who sang "The Voice"; and Don Clark, New Mexico, who sang "I Walked Today With Jesus." These young men made a valuable contribution to the conference.

MISSIONARY EMPHASIS

The whole Willey family was present throughout the conference, and not only represented well the mission field in Cuba, but caused a missionary atmosphere to prevail throughout the conference, both in the meetings and on the campus. Mrs. Willey was the featured speaker Tuesday evening, bringing a wonderful message on "The Call of Calvary." Preceding her address, Niena, their Cuban adopted daughter, gave her testimony and Tommy and Barbara sang. Mr. Willey led the consecration prayer.

AFTERNOON CONFERENCES

Someone estimated that a larger percentage of those attending the conference than ever before took part in the afternoon graded conferences. The seniors led in the number attending, but other groups followed closely behind. In these conferences many problems were discussed, and much valuable help given leaders and leaguers.

The Fourth Nationwide Free Will Baptist League Conference follows the other three conferences down the road of history with the flag of success flying high.

No Stop-Lights in Woman's National Auxiliary Convention

Those who travel—and almost everyone does—are familiar with stop-lights. As we pass through the crowded cities and towns we are constantly delayed by the red signals to stop. Sometimes at dangerous crossings on country roads there are warning lights. But, have you noticed that in ascending the mountains, where the roads are perhaps more dangerous than anywhere else, there are no stop lights? There are precipices on one side and steep walls of rock on the other, but the only way we can go is forward. There is no room to turn around. We must keep going, with faces toward the top. Dangers? Yes. The roads are crooked, and most of the time we can see but a few feet before us. But, the only way is to look ahead and move ahead. And so it is as we set out upon our W. N. A. C. program of work this new convention year. There are no stop-lights. There may be dangers and warnings; but we must go ahead. The top of the mountain beckons us on. The light says "Go." These are the only orders we have, and they come from the One who controls the road and who sees the top as we ascend. Some of our missionaries are returning to the fields and younger men and women are heeding the call. Again the light says "Go" to Free Will Baptist Laborers together with God for truly "The hour has come . . . to glorify the Christ." And in the light of

MRS. J. E. FRAZIER

W. N. A. C. Treasurer

His countenance the road will challenge us everyone for our very best in 1952.

Below is given the second semi-annual financial report of the W. N. A. C. This report includes the offerings coming in from January 1, 1951 through June 30, 1951.

Examine your W. N. A. C. record and see what it is revealing about you and your state auxiliary work. Remember, "Today only is ours to make tomorrow God's." Then, "Count your obligations

Name them one by one,
And it will surprise you
What the Lord wants done."

State	Co-Laborer Offerings	Designated Offerings	Con. Dues	Total
Ala.	\$ 5.00	\$ 9.70	\$ 14.70	
Ark.		\$ 51.63	51.63	
Calif.	20.00	15.80	35.80	
Fla.		10.00	10.00	
Ga.	35.00	5.10	40.10	
Ill.		11.70	11.70	
Ky.	14.24		14.24	
Mich.		5.70	5.70	
Miss.	4.00	5.30	9.30	

Mo.		27.99	27.99	
N. C.	382.19	28.00	164.83	575.02
Ohio	27.00		3.40	30.40
Okla.	66.76		21.30	88.06
S. C.			56.60	56.60
Tenn.	224.28	68.00	42.10	334.38
Tex.	37.00			37.00
Va.	24.00		1.70	25.70
W. Va.	15.00			15.00
	\$825.47	\$152.73	\$376.12	\$1,354.32

"Unused abilities of the churches are the exultation of hell, the surprise of heaven, the loss of man and the grief of God."

Dr. S. D. Gordon said: "Love is ambitious. God is Love. Therefore God is ambitious for us." He is ambitious for our Christian lives, for our Christian characters, and for our Christian service. Are we ambitious for His service? It is a glorious work and the thrill and pleasure that you get out of it surpasses all else. To those who read—will you not try to be more ambitious in His service, seeking first and doing well His Kingdom's work? Surely, "The Hour Has Come" for all 6572 members of W. N. A. C. to be good stewards. Be ambitious to know our convention plan for offerings and then adopt that for your plan.

"Master, go on, and I will follow Thee to the last gasp, with truth and loyalty."

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

THE ENLISTMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Quite a number of communications have been coming to us during the past several months, stating that the Woman's auxiliaries of the various churches are enlisting the young girls of the churches in Youth Auxiliary Circles. We understand, from the reports that reach our desk from time to time, that these Youth Circles are organized in practically the same manner as are the Woman's auxiliaries in our churches.

Further statements, which we have received concerning these new organizations, show that those young girls are doing splendid work in their groups for the cause of missions, Christian education, superannuation, and other phases of the denominational work. They are catching the vision of the great need, and also using the opportunity which they have in their local communities for raising funds for these most worthy causes. They deserve to be praised for their interest in such religious work in their home churches.

We see in these new youth organizations of our denomination a forward-look, and the possibility of a wonderful growth of religious activities in those local churches where they are organized and are functioning in a good way. Youth enjoys doing things. They can get things done most easily, too, when they start on some definite goal to be reached in their Auxiliary Circles. What is more, they receive great joy from doing things for the cause of Christ. We bid them God's blessings, and hope to see many more of such groups organized in the churches during the coming months. What a privilege they have for a noble work! Some churches do not give such opportunities to their young girls, sad to say, and consequently, their girls of their communities are losing a noble opportunity to do good for the cause of Christ in the world. The grown people of the churches everywhere need to wake up and assist their young people in forming organizations in which they can do a great good for the different phases of the denominational work. The young people need encouragement, and some help in getting started in youth organizations for religious work.

MORE CONSECRATION NEEDED

While in conversation recently with a friend, we heard this expression: "In this modern world, when everything seems to be going at a wild speed, we certainly need more consecration manifested by the church people. Too many of them appear 'material-minded' rather than spiritual-minded."

We think that this friend was right about the matter. When we go to church, most people appear more concerned about material things than they do about spiritual things. They seem to show very little spiritual fervor in their moments of church worship while in the

services on Sunday morning. Consecration, a deep sense of spiritual attitude toward God and the things of the Spirit, is needed. A close touch with God in religious services will draw hearts to a deeper love for the Lord. When one reads a good book, that person centers his thoughts upon what he is reading. This is because he wants to get definitely before his mind what the author wrote that is good for his life and happiness. In like manner, when one goes to church, he should center his heart and mind upon the sacred music, upon the scripture reading, the prayers, and the minister's message. He should get in the mood of deep consecration of heart and soul in close spiritual relationship with the Lord. No one should leave a church service without a deeper feeling of a consecrated heart unto God's holy cause.

We believe that Christians should be reverent, humble, and pleasant in the daily walk as they come in contact with their fellow man. Congeniality is next to reverence, and godliness is next to consecration, and the deeply consecrated person is the one that the public is prone to respect, regard highly, and appreciate having in the community. No one loses anything by being a deeply consecrated man—a lover of God and his righteousness, and a sincere friend to his fellow man. It pays to be a deeply consecrated Christian, regardless as to the church that person belongs. He gets more out of life, because he is a lover of God and his goodness and a friend to mankind.

Yes, give us more consecrated men and women, and the world will become better. The churches will do a greater work. The nations will experience a new light of love and friendship. God will be glorified, and the heathen will come to Christ. True religion, always abounding the heart of the individual, makes life worth living, and death more desired, as the end of earthly labors and achievements, and the beginning of heavenly joys and eternal bliss with the heavenly spirits.

REVIVALS HERE AND THERE

Quite a number of evangelists are meeting with much success in their summer evangelistic campaigns. In some places evangelistic meetings have resulted in the organization of new churches with a good charter membership at the organizing of those churches. In other places a great number of the churches have held splendid meetings this summer, and have reported many additions. Some churches have already had as many as two revivals this year with gratifying results. The old idea of having only one revival in the church per year is out of date. In fact, three or four revival meetings in some churches would do good each year to arouse the backward church and community to the realization of the fact that the church of Christ is to go forward, and that people need to be saved.

Middlesex Orphanage

JUNE RECEIPTS FOR 1951

GENERAL FUND

EASTERN—

Bethel, Pamlico County	\$ 20.26
Pearsall's Chapel	42.00
St. Mary's	22.20
Davis	12.50
Roe	3.00
Kinston	23.00
Antioch	40.00
Mt. Zion (Onslow County)	2.72
Welcome Home	18.22
Third Union	45.00
Warden's Grove	9.00
Trent	50.05
Oriental	50.25
Beulaville	5.00
Union Chapel (Beaufort Co.)	27.71
Bethlehem	30.00
5th District (White Oak Hill)	25.00
Ruth's Chapel	24.13
Morehead City	10.00
Bridgeton	56.00
Long Ridge	6.65
Smith's New Home	10.00
Folkstone	6.48
Wintergreen	2.00
Core Creek	35.69
Sneads Ferry	3.18
Beulaville	16.42

Total \$ 596.46

WESTERN—

Rock Springs	\$ 8.12
Pleasant Grove (Wayne Co.)	85.39
Marsh Swamp	41.55
St. Mary's	10.65
Milburney	30.00
Friendship	8.25
Everette's Chapel	44.83
Calvary	10.50
Fremont	15.00
Union Grove	9.33
Branch Chapel	5.02
Micro	20.00
Rock Springs	5.39
Wilson	25.99

Total \$ 320.02

CAPE FEAR—

Hopewell Sunday School	10.00
Prospect	10.00
Yelverton's Grove S. S.	6.44
Bethel Aux. (Johnston Co.)	5.00
St. Mary's Grove	55.35
Stevens Chapel	4.69
Lee's Chapel	12.36
Powhatan	5.00
Riverside	12.00

Total \$ 120.84

CENTRAL—

Walnut Creek	9.74
St.'s Delight (Greene Co.)	11.00
Hull Road	4.00
Bethany	7.90
Cedar Grove	2.00
1st Rocky Mount	56.00
Free Union, Greene Co.	10.00
Reedy Branch	55.00
Howell Swamp	32.49
Black Jack	47.00
Saratoga	4.20
Mariboro	17.08
Aspin Grove	20.00

Harrell's Chapel	5.00
Spring Branch	5.00
Winterville	15.00
Greenville	37.48
Gum Swamp	6.00
King's Cross Roads	6.00

Total \$ 360.89

PIEDMONT—

Arrington Heights	26.00
Bethany	5.00

Total \$ 31.00

FRENCH BROAD—

Canton	7.25
Avery's Creek	19.00
Cedar Hill	22.11
Sweeten Creek	11.00
Fugate	30.20
Walnut	50.10
Asheville	125.05
Canton	34.74
Hyatts Creek	35.28
Rockey Branch	37.30

Total \$ 475.84

PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION—

Ridgeway	52.81
Mt. Holly	60.12
Arrington Heights	70.35

Total \$ 183.28

EASTERN CONFERENCE—

Northeast	65.00
Indian Springs	23.00
Long Ridge	22.00
Dailey's Chapel	36.50

Total \$ 146.50

PEE DEE ASSOCIATION—

Beaverdam	68.86
Rev. W. A. Hansley, Representative	

CENTRAL CONFERENCE—

Gum Swamp	76.50
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Miss Rosa Taylor, Manager

WESTERN CONFERENCE—

Mt. Zion	37.19
People's Chapel	20.73

Total \$ 57.92

EASTERN CONFERENCE—

White Oak Grove	26.77
CENTRAL—	
Greenville Auxiliary	5.00
Grimsley Auxiliary	1.63

Total \$ 6.63

CLOTHING FUND

CENTRAL—	
Ayden Auxiliary	35.00
CAPE FEAR—	
Hopewell Sunday School	5.00
ALBEMARLE—	
Hickory Chapel Sunday School	30.00

LINEN & BED FUND

CAPE FEAR—	
Raleigh Auxiliary	5.00
EASTERN—	
Beulaville Auxiliary	5.00

WESTERN—	
Little Rock Auxiliary	10.00
Wilson Auxiliary	10.00

Total \$ 20.00

CENTRAL—

Reedy Branch	30.00
Little Creek	35.00
Antioch Auxiliary	35.00
Harrell's Chapel Auxiliary	35.00
Sts. Delight (Greene Co.) S. S. & Auxiliary	35.00

Total \$ 170.00

WESTERN YEARLY—

Saw Mill Hill	5.00
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ROCK FISH—

Pine Grove	71.00
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TOE RIVER—

Mt. View	10.00
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JACK'S CREEK—

Pinie Hill	12.00
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MISCELLANEOUS—

Parents & Relatives	45.00
Refunds	181.47
Cash Farm Sales	673.19
H. N. Brown	5.00
J. H. French	5.00
Guthrie Kennedy	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Liverman	2.00
Pastoral Supply (Rev. Hansley)	40.00
Jesse Gay	10.00
N. C. Ministerial Assn.	7.00
Bus Hire	13.25
Stanhope Bible School	5.00
Y. People's Friend Subscriptions	30.00

Total \$1,041.91

REFURNISHING GIRL'S BUILDING—

N. C. Woman's Aux. Convention	116.00
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EASTERN—

Sts. Delight	63.00
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Total \$ 179.00

MUSIC FUND

WESTERN—	
Little Rock	\$ 5.00

ALBEMARLE COTTAGE FUND

EASTERN—	
Piney Grove S. S. (Beaufort Co.)	\$ 7.10

ALBEMARLE—

St. Paul Auxiliary	15.00
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CENTRAL—

Shiloh Sunday School	25.00
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CURTAINS (COTTAGE)

CAPE FEAR—	
Lee's Chapel	\$ 5.00

CONCERT CLASS RECEIPTS

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

TOE RIVER ASSOCIATION—	
Millers Chapel	\$ 11.50

JACK'S CREEK ASSOCIATION—

Pilgrim's Chapel	30.00
Low Gap	39.50
Pensacola	18.96

Total \$ 88.46

TOE RIVER ASSOCIATION—

Riverview	76.00
Trinity	32.15

Total \$ 108.15

JACK'S CREEK ASSOCIATION—

Earneville	12.54
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FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION—

Bernardsville	55.22
Ray's Chapel	6.95

Red Hill -----	101.00
Mt. Pleasant -----	40.00
Total -----	\$ 66.77

IN LIEU OF CLASS VISITS

WESTERN—	
Piney Grove (Nash County) -----	35.10
CENTRAL—	
Elm Grove -----	104.40
EASTERN—	
Rooty Branch -----	41.96

TOTALS

GENERAL FUND -----	\$2,616.48
REFURNISHING GIRLS' BUILD- ING FUND -----	179.00
MUSIC FUND -----	11.63
CLOTHING FUND -----	70.00
LINEN & BED FUND -----	200.00
ALBEMARLE COTTAGE FUND -----	47.10
CURTAIN FUND (COTTAGE) -----	5.00
CONCERT CLASS & REPRE- SENTATIVE VISITS -----	1,296.32
IN LIEU OF CONCERT CLASS -----	181.46
Total -----	\$4,606.99

BUDGET RECEIPTS

EASTERN CONFERENCE ----	\$ 9,757.31
CENTRAL CONFERENCE -----	7,516.87
WESTERN CONFERENCE -----	8,348.37
CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE -----	2,725.88
ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE -----	849.56
FRENCH BROAD ASSN. -----	1,560.72
ROCK FISH ASSOCIATION -----	406.71
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION -----	513.22
JACK'S CREEK ASSN. -----	493.93
PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION -----	1,207.10
TOE RIVER ASSOCIATION -----	177.71
WESTERN YEARLY -----	26.00

TOTAL -----\$33,583.38

DONATED COMMODITIES

Micro Auxiliary (Western)	
H. H. Supplies, Clothing -----	\$80.00
Food -----	3.00
Mrs. James T. Peeden	
1 spread, 1 sheet -----	7.50
Mrs. Alton Tripp	
Household supplies -----	7.50
Mrs. D. H. Furlough	
Clothing -----	10.00
Free Union Auxiliary (Nash Co.)	
Redecorating Room -----	49.20
Clothing -----	5.50
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wood	
Food -----	12.50
Union Grove Aux. (Wayne Co.)	
Household Supplies, Bowls -----	6.00
Sheets -----	8.00
Mrs. Hubert Banor -----	2.00
Union Grove Aux., Goldsboro Circle	
Bowls -----	6.00
D. B. Sasser Grocery	
Peaches -----	1.50

Walter McD. Croom, Treasurer

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I am available for evangelistic work. I am pastoring Bethany F. W. B. Church in Wadesboro, North Carolina.

If anyone should want a recommendation, write to Rev. Noah Brown Route 1, Rockingham, North Carolina. Anyone desiring to write to me in regard to evangelistic work, may write me at 10 East Wade Street, Wadesboro, North Carolina.

Your brother in Christ,
Charlie W. Maness

Itinerary, W. A. Hansley
Orphanage Representative

(All services at 8:00 p. m.)

(Unless otherwise stated)

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 5, 1951—11:00 a. m.—

Hugo

PEE DEE CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 12, 1951—11:00 a. m.—

White Oak, Bladenboro, N. C.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 19, 1951—11:00 a. m.—

Saratoga

ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 22, 1951—8:00 p. m.—

Hickory Chapel (Ahoskie)

Thursday, August 23, 1951—8:00 p. m. Little Creek (Virginia)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 26, 1951—8:00 p. m.—

Smith's New Home

Monday, August 27, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Mt.

Zion, Onslow County

Wednesday, August 29, 1951—8:00 p. m.—

Beaufort

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 21, 1951—11:00 a. m.—

Union Chapel

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

Sunday, August 5—11:00 a. m.—New

Hope, Rockingham.

ROCK FISH CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 5—8:00 p. m.—Sandy

Grove—St. Paul's, N. C.

PEE DEE ASSOCIATION

Monday, August 6—8:00 p. m.—Mt. Cal-

vary

Tuesday, August 7—8:00 p. m. Emerson

(Tabor City, N. C.)

Wednesday, August 8—8:00 p. m.—Cy-

press Creek

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Thursday, August 9—8:00 p. m.—Ro-

bert's Grove

Friday, August 10—8:00 p. m.—Corinth

Saturday, August 11—8:00 p. m.—Plea-

sant Grove

Sunday, August 12—11:00 a. m.—Bethel

Monday, August 13—8:00 p. m.—Yelver-

ton Grove

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Tuesday, August 14, 1951—8:00 p. m.

Marsh Swamp

Wednesday, August 15 1951—8:00 p. m.

—Little Rock (Lucama)

Thursday, August 16—8:00 p. m.—Plea-

sant Grove

Friday, August 17—8:00 p. m.—Stoney

Creek

Saturday, August 18—8:00 p. m.—

Pine Level

Sunday, August 19—11:00 a. m.—Tip-

pett's Chapel

Sunday, August 19—8:00 p. m.—Barnes Hill

Monday, August 20—8:00 p. m.—Oak Grove—(near Elm City)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Tuesday, August 21—8:00 p. m.—Dublin Grove

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 22—8:00 p. m.—Daniel's Chapel

Thursday, August 23—8:00 p. m.—Otter's Creek

Friday, August 24—8:00 p. m.—Sweet Gum Grove

Saturday, August 25—8:00 p. m.—Piney Grove

Sunday, August 26—11:00 a. m.—Black Jack

Sunday, August 26—8:00 p. m.—Little Creek

Monday, August 27—8:00 p. m.—New St's Delight

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, Sept. 23—8:00 p. m.—Reunion Chapel

ITINERARY FOR ORPHANAGE REPRESENTATIVE

Sunday, October 7,—11:00 a. m.—Spring Branch (Rept. with singing group)

Sunday, October 14—11:00 a. m.—Raleigh (city)

IMPLEMENTED MEN

S. J. Gardner

With nails on his fingers,

And nails on his toes,

A bridge in his mouth

And a bridge on his nose,

A ball on his knee,

And a ball in his eye,

A box in his throat

With a tube lying high,

A sight in his eye

By a pupil inled,

A lock in his hair,

And a crown on his head,

A calf on his leg,

And a corn on his toe,

With cells in his body,

And legs like a bow,

A blade in his shoulder,

A crook in his arm,

A roof o'er his tongue,

And a hand with a palm,

A ball on his foot

And a rib in his chest—

What a vast store of fixtures!

We humans are blest.

Such a mixture of things

In my body connived

Ought to help me in wrecks—

So it has! I've survived!

I'm a human machine

As you see by these tools;

Yet these very good things

Make the structure of fools.

I'm proud of my hardware,

And care for the same,

I am living in me—

I am more than a frame!

ATTENTION! N. C. WOMEN

About Buses to Cragmont

As usual the special chartered bus to the Woman's Conference at Cragmont will leave New Bern (Bus Station) at 7:00 o'clock on the morning of Monday, August 13th. The fare from New Bern and return is \$12.50. The bus will stop at the following points to take on passengers at approximately the time given, and the fare from each point and return to that point is given: Kinston, 8:00 a. m., fare \$11.75; Wilson, 9:00 a. m., fare \$11.25; Raleigh, 10:00 a. m., fare \$10.50; Durham, 10:45 a. m., fare \$10.00. (Stops at other points in route by arrangement only.) The bus is expected to arrive at Cragmont in time for supper.

Of Special Interest to Cape Fear and Piedmont Women

For the benefit of those who may find it more convenient to travel thereby, the regular Cragmont Assembly bus will leave Goldsboro Free Will Baptist Church at 7:00 a. m. the same morning, and take the following route, arriving at places indicated at approximately the time given: Smith-

field F. W. B. Church, 7:45 a. m.; Dunn Bus Station, 8:30 a. m.; Raeford Bus Station, 10:00 a. m.; Rockingham Bus Station, 11:30 a. m.; Kannapolis Bus Station, 1:00 p. m.; Marion Bus Station, 4:15 p. m.; Cragmont for supper. The fare on this bus is straight \$7.50, regardless of where bus is boarded, except from Marion where the fare will be regular bus fare. (The \$7.50 is for round trip.)

It is important that I know which bus you are going to ride and where you expect to get on the bus. Please give this information when you register. Please send in your registration at once. We are going to try to arrange accommodations at Cragmont for all who want to go, if we know in time. You send with your registration \$2.50 to cover registration fee and insurance, in effect from the time you leave for Cragmont. For reservation on the bus, you are asked to send a deposit of \$5.00 to be credited on your fare.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Director
Box 86, Ayden, N. C.

AN URGENT REQUEST

To Every Free Will Baptist

The histories of Free Will Baptists give the records of those people only near the year 1900, which is half a century short of today. Those histories are inadequate today because they are not up-to-date. This is certainly true of Free Will Baptists in the South; for it is during this half century that we Free Will Baptists have made our greatest progress. No one will question the fact that we need a Free Will Baptist history containing the history of Free Will Baptists. We need such a history, composed in such a way that it can be used in our denominational schools. Such a history should be put out by our people. We need to teach the history of our people in our denominational schools.

I wrote a history of our people, and it was put in book form in 1911. This needs to be revised, and brought up-to-date.

The Board of Publications and Literature, appointed by the National Association, is asking me (see copy of the Free Will Baptist paper, date June 27, 1951, page 15) to collect and compile historical data of the Free Will Baptist denomination so that the Board of Publications and Literature, on behalf of the National Association, may have printed just the kind of history we have been talking about. This work is to be done under the supervision of the Board.

This piece of work will be quite a task, but I am willing to undertake it, if you will help. How can you help? You can do this, if you have in your possession, or can

find in your community any copies of the minutes of any conference or association in your state. In other words, if you have or can get hold of any minutes of the annual sessions of any conferences or associations in any state, and will mail these to me, that will help very much. I will refund the cost of sending those minutes to me; and if you desire, after I have gotten the needed information from them, I will return them to you. If the information sent by you is very considerable, I will see that you get a copy of the book when it is published.

Now, what do you say? Will you co-operate with the Board and with me in regard to this matter? Please do this, and do it right away. Thank you.

G. W. Million
113 E. Everett St.
Pocahontas, Ark.

IT TAKES COURAGE



O refrain from gossip when others about you deight in it.
TO stand up for an absent person who is being abused.

To be a real man, true woman, by holding fast to your ideals when this causes you to be looked upon as strange and peculiar.

To refuse to do a thing which is wrong though others do it.

To live according to your convictions. —
The War Cry.

Trinity Junior Girls' Class



This is a picture of the Junior Girls' Class of Trinity Free Will Baptist Sunday School, Pike Road, North Carolina. They are: Front—Barbara Harris; second row, left to right—Jack and Jane Harris; third row, left to right—June Statesbery, Martha Raye Davis, Dianne Manning.

These girls have an excellent record. One year ago last January 1st, we started the six point system in our class: attendance 20 per cent, punctuality 10 per cent, Bible 10 per cent, offering 10 per cent, church attendance 10 per cent, lesson prepared 30 per cent, total possible grade 100 per cent. Jane Statesbery has a perfect record; Martha Raye Davis, Barbara Harris, and Dianne Manning, very good. Jack and Jane Harris are only present two Sundays a month, as they live in Columbia.

Mrs. Glenn Furbee, Teacher

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Home Mission Board is sending Rev. George McLain of Kerman, Calif. to Albuquerque, New Mexico, in the early part of September to see about establishing a Free Will Baptist Church there. Anyone reading this notice that has relatives or friends in or near there who would be interested in a church there please send their names and addresses to Rev. Harry Staires Oilton, Okla. Rev. Staires is Sec-Treas. of the National Home Mission Board.

Rev. George McLain

"Forward through Learning," could well be the motto of the Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee.

"HIM THAT IS ATHIRST"

It would seem that the Lord God could not close the Divine Record with the final "Amen," without extending to man, once again, the grace and the goodness of another invitation to "Come." If one will say that the entire Word of God is One Glorious "Come," and if one will say that the spiritual texture of the Book is interwoven with the thought of God seeking and wooing and drawing after man, that He might claim His creature wholly for Himself, then it would be most fitting that the blessed invitation go forth once again. And beloved, what an invitation it is! especially when backgrounded against the marvel: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son", and with all of the suffering and shame of bloody Calvary, willingly borne and undergone, that men might be so drawn!

And so we turn to the close of the Record and read the gracious invitation. "And let him that is athirst come" (Rev 22:17). Here is an invitation, I somehow and deeply feel, that extends and applies to saints as well as sinners; for surely the saints of God ought to have a thirst . . . of some kind . . . after the things of the Lord, a thirst that is told out in the longing and hungering of heart to know more and yet more, and yet more of HIMSELF, and being the closer and all the closer drawn to His precious bleeding side. It is a pity, if He shall limit this invitation to those who as yet, are outside the folds of grace and of glory. Sinners thirst because of the barrenness of these wastelands of sin, and need to come to the Fount filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins for blest satisfaction. Of the water that He shall give, there shall never be the further thirst as He Himself said, so long ago, to the women at the well. But beloved! let us realize that the saints of God ought to thirst as well!

It was this "thirst" that characterised the giants of former days. One has only to read their devotional writings, and peer somewhat into the warp-woof of their lives, to catch the spirit of a "divine dissatisfaction." There was nothing in the way of "static sainthood," and they were never satisfied with the reach and scope of the present. Like the hart panting after the water-brooks, so did their heart pant after Thee, O God, after the living God. They well understood and entered into the spirit of the apostolic cry, "That I may know HIM" (Phil 3:10), and the more they learned of His precious Person, the greater the thirst to know yet more, and to be the more thoroughly lost in the wonder, the praise, the worship and the adoration of the Lord Jesus Christ for His precious Person Alone. Not for what He wanted and supplied but far richer and deeper; desiring to know Him for HIMSELF. As saintly McCheyne cried for the knowledge and the serving of

EDWIN RAYMOND ANDERSON

45 Clifton Ave.

Waterbury 10, Conn.

Christ—"Christ for Christ's sake"; and with everything made secondary to that grand and holy and precious theme.

We consider these giants as "otherworldly" and no doubt, too much so! Somehow in reading their lives and bending over their shoulders, as they pen their sacred thoughts, we seem to imagine a sense of unreality about them. Somehow they do not seem to "fit in" with the present ways of religious activities and programmes. We cannot consider them as serving on careening committees, and being eddied about in the tumult and confusion for the planning of "giant rallies" and such like. Yet, beloved, we miss far too much if we consider them in such a light. It is true that they would not "fit in" too well with many of our denominations and organizations, for they had more regard for communion than committees, and held fellowship with the living Lord to be sweeter than the fuss and fury of many of our fundamentalistic fanfares. But it may well be alas! that we have fitted in far too well, and have come to miss the deeper things, which move beneath the surface, not attracting much of outward attention, but withal, having a Lord far more dear and near and REAL, for the claiming.

Let us get back in spirit with them, beloved. There verily needs be a hunger and thirst in the depths of our spirit after the living Lord. There needs be the holy desire of ever seeking more of His grace, more of His mercy, more of His love, of seeing His Face, by faith, in sweeter, clearer measure. And let us be satisfied with nothing less. Yea, not even with the successes that may come with Christian work. Surely the very wording of this final invitation, "and let him that is athirst come," ought to search out our hearts in many ways. Perhaps we shall discover to our shame and confusion, that we hardly thirst at all, for such intimate things as communion and fellowship with the Lord alone.

The Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, North Carolina, is striving to improve the entire denomination by putting out an improved stock of literature.

"Serving Christ by spreading the Gospel," could well be the motto of the Free Will Baptist Board of Foreign Missions.

"Growth through Unity," could well be the motto of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

SCHEDULE OF CRAGMONT ASSEMBLIES Black Mountain, N. C.

STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

Rev. R. P. Harris, Director

120 Cheek Street,

Durham, North Carolina

FAMILY SPIRITUAL LIFE

CONFERENCE

August 6-11

Rev. S. A. Smith, Director

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THE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

August 13-20

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Director

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SECOND FAMILY SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

August 20-25

Fountain Taylor, Director

Please contact the director for the week you wish to attend Cragmont for the bus schedule and other details.

Remember Cragmont, July 30 to Aug. 4

This week has been dedicated to the work of the young people whose interest centers in Christ for the advancement of Christian activities and experiences and the salvation of lost souls. There will be studies in Bible, music, handcraft, youth rallies, and others.

BUS SCHEDULE

Leave St. Mary's church in New Bern Monday, July 30 at 6:00 a. m. Leave Kinston Court House at 7:00, Leave Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, 7:30—Greenville F. W. B. Church, 8:00—Farmville Bus Station, 8:30—Wilson Bus Station, 9:00—Middlesex Bus Station, 9:45—Durham Edgemont F. W. B. Church, 10:45 a. m.

Remember to send one dollar (\$1.00) registration fee immediately to Rev. R. P. Harris, P. O. Box 1265, Durham, N. C. This will assure you of a place on the bus and insurance from home and return.

If there is other information desired, write to Rev. R. P. Harris (address above) and he will be glad to help you.

Rev. R. P. Harris, Director

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The Christian's Use of Money and Goods

(Lesson for August 12)

LESSON: Matthew 25:14-30.

GOLDEN TEXT: Matthew 7:12.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

Both the Church and the individual church members are to be considered in the study of these fundamental truths. The talents in the parable represented more than money, and they were given to the servants as an opportunity for them to exercise their willingness and abilities to work and to derive an increase from their labors, and investments. Those servants were responsible to their Lord for the way they used their time and his money. Are church members responsible for the way they use their time and his blessings?—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. The Lord has given us all we need to do His work during the time of His absence from the earth (Matt. 25:14).

2. The Lord never gives us a greater responsibility than we can bear, for He knows each one's capacity (vs. 15).

3. The Lord offers salvation to each one of us and expects us to accept it and then do service for Him (vs. 16).

4. No provision whatever has been made for the idler who is unwilling to work (vs. 18).

5. It is harder work to reject Christ's salvation and refuse His work than to follow and serve Him (vs. 18).

6. The Lord may seem so long in coming, but He is sure to come for the great day of reckoning (vs. 19).

7. It will be impossible to have a substitute or an attorney at the judgment Seat of Christ (vs. 19).

8. The Lord's Coming for His own will test the character of the service we have done for Him (vs. 20).

9. Salvation is free, but the Lord will richly reward all the service we

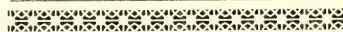
have done for Him (vss. 20:23).

10. Retribution instead of reward will be the lot of the one who rejects Christ (vss. 24-30).—Selected.

11. When Jesus comes back to reckon with His servants they will not need to proclaim their works, for they shall be surrounded with a great cloud of witnesses who shall testify for them. Let us not lose sight of the main and significant teaching here by seeking to find it in the material and economic affairs of life. Christ is urging the necessity of willing and ready service in the spiritual kingdom, the things which strengthen and enrich the character and lives of men and women.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. The parable of the talents has a message for all who are called to be the servants of Christ, during His absence. While no intimation is given as to what the master in the parable was doing in the far country, we do know what our Saviour is doing during His absence.

13. In a deeply spiritual sense He is with us (Matt. 28:20), and in us (Col. 1:27), in the Person of the Holy Spirit. But He is also in Heaven ever interceding for us (Heb. 7:25) and ever bestowing grace in our need (Heb. 4:16). He likens Himself to "a man * * who called His own servants, and delivered unto them His goods" (Matt. 25:14). The goods



COMRADESHIP

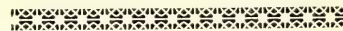
When Father gets the Bible down
We always drop the book
Within our hand, and to him turn,
And in the Bible look.

Somehow my father has a way
Of quickly finding things
Laid down within the Word of God
To give my spirit wings.

He knows exactly where to find
The things a fellow needs
To keep his heart attuned to song
And kindly living deeds.

This hour at the close of day,
When we three sit together,
Grows sweeter as the years go by
Regardless of the weather.

—Selected



were entrusted to the servants that they might be used for the glory and enrichment of their absent Lord.

14. Our Lord Jesus talked about "my money" (Matt. 25:27). It is good Bible doctrine that God is the Owner of all. The idea that one-tenth belongs to God and nine-tenths belongs to us is not accurate. Ten-tenths belongs to God and we are to be good stewards of God's money. Where would the farmer be without God? Where would I be without God? Is it only the minister who can understand this idea: every child of God can if his attention is called to it. Paul was quite right in the use of the term "as God hath prospered him" (1 Cor. 16:2).—Selected.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Once Too Often

A tamer of wild beasts in London had a boa-constrictor, cared for by him from the time when it was little till it had grown to an enormous size. At the close of his exhibition the animal glided forward on the stage and, at a word of command, rose upon him fold after fold till at length the man was hidden from sight and the horrible head of the monster waved aloft in the air. The audience began to cheer wildly, when suddenly they were still with horror. A scream of agony had come from the center of that serpent mass, and then, as all listened appalled, they heard the bones of the tamer crack, one after another, and all was still. The serpent had become the master. He had been toyed with once too often. That is what sin does for its victim.—Selected.

It is always foolish to trifle with sin, and so-called respectable sins will damn the soul as well as vile sins. The man who was given one talent may not have been a rascal by any means, but he was at least indolent and lazy. Some church members are like that, and the judgment is coming, too.

The thirty-seventh chapter of Isaiah and the nineteenth chapter of II Kings are alike.

In the one hundred and seventh Psalm four verses are alike—the eighth, fifteenth, twenty-first and thirty-first.

AN OFFER OF LOVE

About three generations ago in our New England state that bears a French name, Maine, lived a farmer; his father had been a British emigrant. This farmer had two boys; Joe was fourteen and Tom was about two years younger. One of Tom's tasks was to let down the bars when the cows came in from the pasture into the barnyard to be milked, then up again while they were being milked, and down again, and up again when the cows returned. There were four handling of the bars every morning and four every night. And Tom thought that was rather too much. He was a student of economy in administration like some other boys of various ages, and he sometimes left the bars down when they ought to have been up. And sometimes the cows would get out and do a bit of damage; and there would be a storm in the house.

This happened a good many times. At last the father said: "Tom, the next time you leave those bars down, I will whip you, and you will know you are being whipped." So Tom was good for awhile. But time dims the vision, and it dimmed the vision of the whip to Tom's eyes. One twilight he left the bars down when they should have been up, and the other stock came through and did a lot of damage. And the father's face was clouded. Nothing was said that night. The next morning after breakfast, the father went down into the lower field, and was turning some hay over in the rising sun, and the older boy, Joe, went down to speak to his father.

The father did not see Joe at first, so Joe waited deferentially. By and by the father said, "Well, Joe, what is it?"

And Joe, embarrassed, said, "Father, I don't want Tom whipped."

The father said, "I must whip Tom; he has done wrong, and he must learn to obey. There cannot be strength without obedience."

"Well, father," said Joe, shifting his weight from foot to foot in his

By S. D. Gordon

embarrassment, "did you not read at family prayers 'He was wounded for our transgressions'?"

The father looked up and said, "You have got a good memory, boy. What are you thinking about?"

And Joe, flushing, said, "Well, father, I will take half of Tom's whipping."

"No, I cannot let you do that," said the father. "Tom has done the wrong."

Then looking keenly at Joe under his shaggy eyebrows, he said, "Did Tom send you here with that suggestion?" He knew Tom's characteristics. But Tom was not in the thing this time.

"Go and fetch Tom down," said his father. Joe found Tom on the front porch of the little white-painted farmhouse, with his schoolbooks. But he was not studying the books; he was studying futures.

"Tom, father wants you down in the lower field," said Joe. When they reached the field they found their father leaning on the hayfork, wrapped in thought. And Joe said,

THE LOVE OF GOD

Saxe Holm

Like a cradle, rocking, rocking,
Silent, peaceful, to and fro;
Like a mother's sweet looks dropping
On the little face below,
Hangs the green earth, swinging, turning,
Jarless, noiseless, safe and slow;
Falls the light of God's face bending
Down and watching us below.

And as feeble babes that suffer,
Toss, and cry, and will not rest,
Are the ones the tender mother
Holds the closest, loves the best;
So when we are weak and wretched,
By our sins weighed down, distressed,
Then it is that God's great patience
Holds us closest, loves us best.

—Christian Home.

"Father, here is Tom." And Tom's face was a study; it was bitter. In boy talk he was fighting mad.

And the father said very gently. "Tom, do you remember at prayers this morning I read, 'He was wounded for our transgression'?" and Tom was plainly taken off his guard. That was a surprise attack, and he had no defense at that point. He flushed up and said, "Yes, sir."

"What does that mean, Tom," said his father. The boy flushed again and said, "Well, sir, I suppose it means that—that—Christ died for us, sir."

"Well, Tom, Joe says he will take half your whipping," said the father. You ought to have seen Tom's face now, all changed, all softened. And he swung on his heel, and threw his arms around Joe's neck, and said, "No—Joe—you must not do that." Then he turned to his father and said, "I know I have done wrong, sir. I am ready for the whipping now, sir."

But the father's eyes were not very clear, nor his voice very steady, and he said, "Well, boys, there will not be any whipping just now. But Tom, remember, the next time the bars are left down, Joe's offer holds good. You may go now, boys." But before they went Tom did something very unusual for old New England; he said, "Father, may I kiss you?" Then the boys went back to the house.

But it was Tom himself from whom I got the story direct when he had reached manhood. Tom said the bars were never left down again. Joe's offer, Joe's love, held Tom steady at the bars.

How are the bars with you? Jesus did not offer to take half our whipping. No; He took all of it. "By His stripes we are healed." Only when it grips you that He died for you will you hold steady at the bars. —American Tract Society.

The eighth verse of the ninety-seventh Psalm is the middle verse of the Bible.

The ninth verse of the eighth chapter of Esther is the longest.

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Sure Remedies for Trouble

"If you are down with the blues, read the twenty-third Psalm."

"If there is a chilly sensation about your heart, read the third chapter of Revelation."

"If you don't know where to look for a month's rest, read the twenty-seventh Psalm."

"If you are lonesome and unprotected, read the ninety-first Psalm."

"If the stovepipe has fallen down and the cook gone off in a pet, put up the pipe and wash your hands and read the first chapter of James."

"If you find yourself losing confidence in men, read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians."

"If people pelt you with hard words, read the fifteenth chapter of John and the fifty-first Psalm."

"If you are out of sorts, read the twelfth chapter of Hebrews."—Selected.

(After you have read the twenty-seventh psalm, and rested your soul on the eternal Word of God, just take a trip to Cragmont Assembly in the mountains of North Carolina and rest your physical body, and you will feel like a new man. Try it, won't you?)

Lost Faith in God

As I stood by the bed, on which lay a little child suffering and was soon to die, with the mother who was hardening her heart against God, but yet a member of a very prominent church, I said, "We will talk to God for you." Her reply was, "I've lost faith in God."

My, what a pity! The devil does so blind man, that he will lose faith in God because of adversities. I am sure that the woman needed salvation. She needed that old-fashioned salvation that will enable us to say with Paul, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:37-39).

"Afraid of God"

A very nervous lady, one whom I believe to be a child of God, but who is suffering in mind and spirit, said to me one day, "You know that I am afraid of God." She had been told by some fanatics that her affliction was due to some sin that she had committed, and that if she would repent of that

sin she would get well. This poor woman had been deluded by false teachers. This false idea, perpetrated by ignorance of God's word, had made bad matters worse. The poor lady did not know what to repent for, and thus she thought that she was going to die and go to hell, because it seemed that God was not going to heal her body, and because of her bodily illness, she was condemned to the flames of hell.

I have seen folks who teach that if you are sick or afflicted, it is due to some sin that you have committed. I wonder if they went to hell for the sin that caused them to be sick? We read in God's word where his saints were sick.

Paul, in closing a letter to Timothy in the second epistle, said, "Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick" (II Tim. 4:20). Had this servant of the Lord committed some sin? If so there is nothing said about it. Job was afflicted, but he had not sinned to bring about his affliction. Those hypocrites, would-be comforters, said that he had, but Job proved otherwise. Job was restored to

health so that his latter days were greater than his former.

"In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thin house in order: for thou shalt die and not live. Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the Lord, saying, I beseech thee, O Lord, remember how that I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which was good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came unto him saying, Turn again and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy Father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go unto the house of the Lord. And I will add to thy days fifteen years; . . ." (II Kings 20:1-6).

Was Hezekiah's sickness due to some sin? If so there is nothing said about it. But may we notice his prayer: "O Lord, remember now that I have walked before thee in truth and a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight." That does not sound like the prayer of a sinner facing death. His sickness was for the glory of God. He could rely on God in health and in sickness.

I found a dear sick saint, sometime back, who said: "I am just waiting for the going. I know that I must go and I am ready." This saint could say: "I know in whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (I Tim. 1:12). And again, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

When a child of God is sick, God has a purpose for letting that child suffer. Sometimes it is necessary for the bringing of the believer to a more complete surrender of soul and body. It makes the life and relationship richer and sweeter, and the presence of the Lord more real.

Sickness Caused by Sin

There are many diseased persons who have brought their sicknesses on by breaking the laws of nature. Some poison their whole system by use of alcohol. Some by the saturation of their lungs with nicotine. Some "dig their graves with their teeth," to use the old adage. A few work so hard as to shorten their days. Then there are those who live in down right sin and dissipation and shorten their days by bringing on their diseases.

But God's children, the very best, get sick and die. If it were sin that made them sick, then they must have died in sin. I do not believe a word of that stuff, preached by a lot of fanatics, that "If you are sick it is because you have sinned, even though you are a child of God." It can be, but certainly it is not always the case.

SAVED, SAVED, SAVED!

Saved: Do you know it?

Saved: Do you show it?

Saved: Do you tell it?

Saved: Do you sing it?

Saved: Do you shout it?

Oh, Christian: What about it?

Are you willing to lend a helping hand?

In working for the Master, how firmly do you stand?

There is no self when Christ abounds, Oh, Christian, just stop and look around.

Here are some of the things that you will find:

More people for your Sunday School, for your League.

More for prayer services, for Christian works, and

More for Auxiliary work, for all church work be it great or small.

Let us strive to bring the lost to Christ. Let us not be called luke-warm Christians. That has a very unpleasant sound. Remember that Christ spoke to his eleven disciples in Mark 16:15, telling them how to live: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

As workers for Christ, let us press forward, for the hour has come for speedy action for the Lord. But sometimes we do feel that Christ is being left outside the door. Is that true in your community?

Mrs. E. C. Herring
LaGrange, N. C.

W N A C Meets Again

On the evening of July 9th at Nashville, Tennessee, the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention got underway with a wonderful spirit. Each person registering was warmly welcomed by Mrs. Chas. Sublette and her fine committee, Mrs. Homer Willis of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Riddlebarger of Ohio. After the choir sang the call to worship under the very able leadership of Rev. Robert Crawford of Bryan, Texas, Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, of Nashville, stirred our hearts with her devotion on the subject, "Now is the Hour for Greater Stewardship." The President, Mrs. Hubert Sloan, of Detroit, Michigan, called for the report of the credentials committee and seated delegates from Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia, with two new states, Florida, and West Virginia, being admitted to our convention. Mrs. Fannie Polston of Nashville, in her usual gracious manner, welcomed us and Mrs. H. Ray Berry, of Houston, Texas, gave a warm and most fitting response.

One of the highlights of the opening service was a playlet entitled, "A Transformed Life." Leading characters were Luck Wishart, Missouai, and Pat Norris, Illinois. Rev. Seldon Bullard, South Carolina, acted the part of "The Voice." The college quartette, better known as the Gosseliers, rendered several numbers. This quartet was, Bobby Jackson and Eugene Waddell of N. C., Ray Turnage, S. C., and Billy Melvin of Nashville. Mrs. W. M. White of Nashville presided at the organ throughout the evening, with Mrs. L. E. Ballard directing the playlet. The closing hymn, "I Gave My Life for Thee," brought each one of the large audience to a realization of the need of a closer walk with God as they surrendered themselves more fully to His will. Mrs. Osborne of Illinois prayed the prayer of dedication.

Mrs. Luther Gibson of East Tupelo, Mississippi, brought a challenging devotion on "Now Is the Hour for Greater Missionary Visions" in the opening moments of Tuesday's session. After the President welcomed the three hundred and twenty six registrants she brought a convincing message on "Now Is the Hour for Christian Women."

An interesting and informative feature of the days program was the Question Hour in which each of the current officers or their representatives participated. Rev. Raymond Riggs, Secretary to National Foreign Mission Board, in his usual good manner brought the convention message on the subject, "Now is the Hour for Greater Missionary Endeavors."

Members of the YPAs and GPs of the Olivet Church near Nashville brought a most impressive devotion in the afternoon

session. The title of the pageant-drama was "The Ninety and Nine."

Mrs. George McLain of Kerman, California served as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Reford Wilson, Oklahoma. She read the minutes of current session, which was approved. When Mrs. J. E. Frazier, the Executive-Secretary, gave her report, we were thrilled to learn that we have 6,572 members of our organization, but challenged to go back and enlist the remaining 14,000 or more women. In her report, there were Woman's Auxiliaries in 18 states, who had contributed to all phases of the National program the amount of \$48,000.00; and that soul winning efforts were on the increase. Surely this is the hour for an even greater effort to win the lost to the Lord. The convention also made a contribution of \$200.00 to the Bible College building fund.

The officers elected for the ensuing two years are as follows: Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan, 242 Victor Ave., Detroit, Mich., President; Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Deslodge, Mo., Enlistment and Promotion Chairman; Mrs. Paul Pursell, Bristow, Okla., Young People's Chairman; Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, Ben Drive, Nashville, Tenn., Study Course Chairman; Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Ayden, N. C., Program-Publicity Chairman; Mrs. Huey Gower, Pocahontas, Ark., Benevolence Chairman; Mrs. George McLain, Kerman, Cal., Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tennessee, Assistant Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Nashville, Tennessee, Executive Secretary. Mrs. Gower presided over the impressive installation service. The outgoing officers, Mrs. Myron Hyatt, Mrs. Melvin Bingham, Mrs. Alice Childers and Mrs. Reford Wilson were given a vote of thanks for the very good services rendered the convention.

Following the closing session of the convention, the women of the Cumberland Woman's Auxiliary Convention entertained the outgoing and incoming officers, their families and friends, with a fellowship dinner at Hayes Park. The showers fell outside, but a most delightful and abundant spread was enjoyed inside one of the park cottages. Mrs. Charles Sublette, president of the Cumberland Convention, welcomed the officer-guests. Mrs. L. E. Ballard, of North Carolina, responded in behalf of the group. This fine occasion of fellowship was a fitting conclusion to the events of the convention days.

Heaven is a place prepared for those prepared for it, and it should be the business of every Free Will Baptist to see that those about us are prepared for it.—J. R. W.

Thought intercessory prayer the whole earth is bound about the feet of God.

TRIBUTE TO OUR PREACHER'S WIFE

In the shadows of the parsonage
Stands a figure oft obscure
Just behind the faithful pastor,
Is his wife, devout and pure.

She is with him every moment,
Helping make his work progress,
And you can't discount her portion
In his measure of success.

Oft behind the scene of action,
Often never seen or heard,
Yet she stands forever ready
Just to give a helping word.

With her home forever open,
And her work quite nicely done,
She is ever his lieutenant,
In the battles fought and won.

It is not in active service,
That her worth is really shown,
But in bearing heavy burdens
That to others are unknown.

With encouragement and vision
She must urge God's servant on,
When the shadows are the darkest
And his courage almost gone.

Don't forget the pastor's partner
When you measure up his life,
All too often he is honored
And forgotten stands his wife.

So while passing out the laurels
And when giving honor due
Give a share to one who helps him
Through his trials to be true.

—Selected

A FRIENDLY GIVING CONTEST

"It is not possible for the Lord to overdo Himself in answering prayer, but sometimes it is hard to keep up with His multiplied blessings. Near the first of October, I sat in a large Atlanta church, meditating on the verse, 'Give and it shall be given unto you' (Luke 6:38). The speaker was calling for missionary pledges. I told the Lord I was up to my neck in missionary work and could hardly make a pledge. But He showed me that I was only up to my ankles, and I made the pledge with much alarm in my heart. Within 20 days the Lord had returned this pledge to us sixty times over! As just a part of the result, 12,000 Gospels were purchased for Venezuela, aid was sent to Moody Bible foreign films and to Wycliffe Translators, many missionaries were helped in Ecuador and Venezuela, and support was provided for four months for a new native worker in the Dominican Republic. Luke 6:38 is a great verse, and it was given by a great God. Test it out; jump up and down on it; enter a friendly 'Giving Contest' with the Lord and see who comes out on top!"—A Missionary to Latin America.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

THE SPIDER AND THE HORNET

In the corner of the porch of the house where we spent our vacation a gray spider had spun her web. She was big, watchful and ugly looking. Whenever we ate a meal on the porch several yellow jackets were always flying around the table. Often I wondered which would win in a fair fight. Here was the hornet with her glittering wings, her hard strong, yellow and black armor, and her poison dagger, with jaws strong enough to tear off pieces of wood. Here was the spider with her big, soft body with no armor and no wings. I wanted to see which was the stranger. So one day I clapped a tumbler over a hornet as she settled down on the table and let her go in such a way as to make her fly straight for the web. Perhaps it was a rather cruel thing to do—but at any rate I did it, and then I watched to see what would happen. Do you know, there wasn't any fair fight at all. The hornet didn't have a chance. At the first touch of her body on the spider's web there was a rush—the spider threw a lasso, and before you could snap your fingers was back safely out of reach, with one turn of that silken cord around the hornet's

body, and with the cord ready for another rush. And over and over again she rushed out and back, throwing that cord around the body, legs and wings of her enemy. In less time than it has taken me to tell it, there was that terrible fighting insect, tied hand and foot, wing and sting helpless. And then the spider went calmly to work—cut the hornet loose from the web without releasing the bonds that held her helpless, dragged her off into the corner where she lived, killed her and sucked her dry. The next morning I found the empty suit of armor tossed down on the floor below.

How easily the hornet could have won if she could only have gotten at the spider. Every advantage was on her side except the tiny silken cord which, fold by fold, tied her helpless. It is easy to understand why some strong people are beaten by very small things. Habits are just like those spider's cords. They seem small enough but, fold by fold, they get their meshes around you.

Many a boy has started to smoke cigarettes because he thought he was smart. He has watched his chance to buy them; he has stolen away for a chance to smoke them; and for a while he has had a great

time. But, little by little they were tying strand after strand of habit rope around him till he has found himself bound hand and foot.

Many a girl has begun doing her work just pretty well. She has found it easier that way. She has slighted her tasks at home and at school and on committees. Little by little the fashion of careless work has thrown its web around her, and, before she has known it, she has been tied, until she could not do her best when she wanted to.

I have known boys who started to swear because it sounded big and grown up, boys who rather practiced the use of such words. But each word has thrown its silken lasso around them till they haven't been free to control their own tongues.

The best way not to become entangled in nets of habit is to listen to the advice of father and mother, and avoid the unhappiness of bad habits.

Look out for those things. They are easy to beat when you can get at them, but once they get their meshes around you they are terrible.—The Evangelical Christian.

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12).

The thirty-fifth verse, eleventh chapter of St. John is the shortest.

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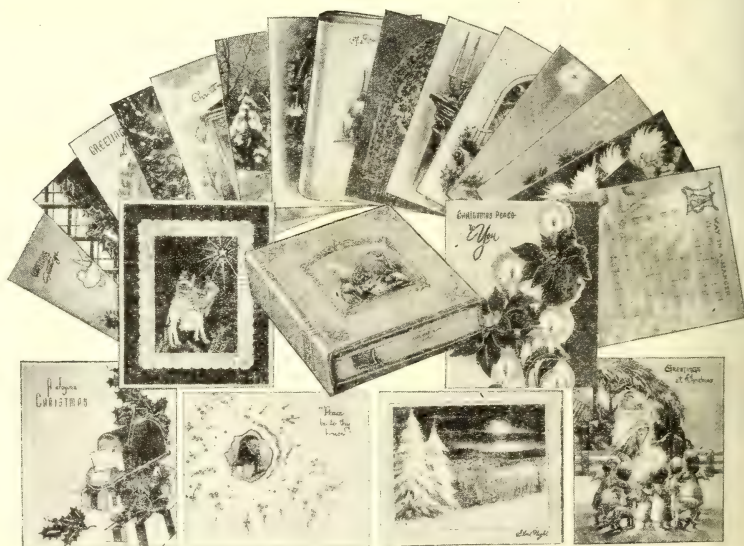
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Although---Yet

Away! my unbelieving fear!

Fear shall in me no more have place;

My Saviour doth not yet appear,

He hides the brightness of his face,

But shall I therefore let him go,

And basely to the tempter yield?

No, in the strength of Jesus, no;

I never will give up my shield.

Although the vine its fruit deny,

Although the olive yield no oil,

The withering fig-trees droop and die,

The fields elude the tiller's toil.

The empty stall no herd afford,

And perish all the bleating race,

Yet will I triumph in the Lord—

The God of my salvation praise.

—Charles Wesley

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Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

Promotional Department

N. C. State Convention, Free Will Baptists
Sinms, N. C.
August 1, 1951

Dear Co-Workers:

This letter is being addressed to you as a Free Will Baptist minister, or clerk of a Free Will Baptist church, in N. C. It is in the interest of "PROMOTIONAL SERVICE MONTH" as listed in our UNITED PROGRAM. Please read "all" this letter and then try to do your part.

The greatest needs of this part of our State Program, at the present time, may be listed under two headings as follows:

First: There is an urgent need for more money to finance the Promotional Department. As you know, we have been operating this department, on a part time basis, since last November. We believe the annual reports, from the various Boards of the state work, will reveal that this work has been worth while. Yet the need is realized by most of our people, for this service to be enlarged. The State Convention, and its Executive Committee, will be able to increase the service of this department, only as the funds are made available. You and your church can help make the needed

funds available in two ways. First, send a donation to the Promotional Fund during the month of August. This should be sent to Mr. Rom W. Mallard, Rt. 1, Trenton, N. C. Any amount you send will help to make possible an increased Promotional Service. Second, You may help increase this fund by your donation to the annual session of the State Convention. (A part of this money is used for the Promotional Department.) REMEMBER. The State Convention will be guided, in its plans for this department for the next year, by the amount of money made available during the next seven weeks.

Second: There is also an urgent need for more of our churches to represent in the annual meeting of the State Convention. In the past, only about one half of our churches have been representing. Has yours been one that was left out in the reporting? If so, be sure that it is represented this time. EVERY church SHOULD be represented. The 1951 session will be held at White Oak Free Will Baptist church in Bladenboro, N. C. on Sept. 12, 13. Each church is entitled to one delegate, all ministers are also members. All the clerks will receive a report blank in a few days. Please see to it that your church appoints a delegate and that your report is mailed to the Convention Secretary in time for him to receive it before the Convention. It is very needful that you represent with a delegate if possible, however if you find that you can not send a delegate, you should by all means represent with your report and donation. Your report is NEEDED in order that we may be able to make a complete report for our state to the National Association. Please be sure your report is complete, with a donation of any amount you may decide, however, in sending your donation, remember that the more you send, the more money there will be to finance the work of this department.

REMEMBER! Your State Convention is counting on "YOU".

Very truly yours,

M. L. Johnson

Promotional Secretary

MOSELEY'S CREEK CHURCH HAS PEWS TO SELL

We have at Moseley's Cree Church thirty pews for sale. Twelve are ten feet in length, and eighteen are five feet long. They are solid pine pews, with solid backs and seats. They are dark walnut in color, and in good condition, and can be purchased at a reasonable price.

Interested persons may write Mrs. Carrie Norris, Church Clerk, Dover, N. C., or they may drive over to see the pews in the church before buying.

Rev. L. R. Ennis, Pastor

Report of Fourth Union

Devotions were led by Rev. Hubert Burress, and the welcome address was by Rev. T. P. Ellis. The response was by Rev. R. C. Proctor. There were fifteen churches that were represented with an offering. The ministers present were as follows: Revs. R. C. Proctor, C. D. Hamilton, T. P. Ellis, A. G. Baker, and Hubert Burress. The visiting ministers were Revs. R. W. Allman, W. B. Raper of the Western Conference. It was moved that the union receive Brother R. W. Allman under the watchcare of this union, pending a letter from his former union.

Mrs. H. L. Spivey reported on the condition of the orphanage. An offering for the orphanage was taken to the amount of \$30.75. By motion the union voted to send \$30.00 clothing allowance to the orphanage for the adopted child. Rev. T. P. Ellis delivered the union sermon. He used for his Scripture the eighth chapter of Acts, verses 26 through 39.

The devotions for the afternoon session were led by Rev. W. B. Raper. The reports of the various committees were received. By motion the union gave \$35 to the orphanage for use in completing the library floor. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church for the fine hospitality shown the union. The next union will be held with Daniel's Chapel in September, 1951.

TREASURER'S REPORT

JULY 28, 1951

On Hand from last union	\$70.64
Received from churches	97.00
Offering for orphanage	30.75
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	\$198.39
PAID OUT	
Moderator	5.00
Clerk and Press	6.00
Treasurer	5.00
Programs	1.50
Offerings for orphanage	30.75
Orphanage	31.80
Missions	7.95
Church finance	7.95
Superannuation	7.95
Education	7.95

Total receipts	\$110.85
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See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15, 16.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Ephesians 6:10.

The Priest Who Found Christ

Every time I see a priest walking in the street it seems impossible, unbelievable, a dream, that once not long ago I myself had been a Roman Catholic priest, that I had to believe what he has to believe; that I had to teach what he has to teach. I clearly know why I left the Church of Rome, but what I cannot fully understand is why priests stay in the priesthood, why I stayed in the Roman Church as a priest.

I was born in Venice, North of Italy, on March 22nd, 1917. At the age of ten, I was sent to a Roman Catholic Seminary in Piacenza, and ordained a Priest, after 12 years of study, on October 22, 1939.

Two months later Cardinal R. Rossi, my superior sent me to America as assistant pastor of the new Italian Church of Blessed Mother Cabrini, in Chicago. For four years I preached in Chicago, and later in New York. I never questioned if my sermons or instructions were against the Bible. My only worry and ambition was to please the Pope.

It was on a Sunday, February, 1944, when I turned on the radio and accidentally tuned in on a protestant church program. The pastor was giving his radio message. I was going to change the program because I was not allowed to listen to protestant sermons, but—(I do not know why)—I kept listening.

My old theology was shaken by one text from the Bible I heard over the radio: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Therefore it was not a sin against the Holy Spirit to believe that one was saved.

I was not yet converted but my mind was full of doubts about the Roman religion. I was beginning to worry about the teachings of the Bible more than about the dogmas and decrees of my pope. Poor people were giving me, every day, from \$5 to \$30 or twenty minutes of ceremony called Mass, because I promised them to free the souls of their relatives from the fire of purgatory. But every time I looked at the big crucifix upon the altar it seemed to me that Christ was rebuking me, saying: "You are stealing money from poor hard-working people by false promises. You teach doctrines against my teaching. Souls of believers do not go to a place of torment, because I have said, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from hence forth now, with the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours' (Rev. 14:14). I do not need repetition of the sacrifices of the cross, because my sacrifice was complete. My work of salvation was perfect and God has sanctioned it by raising Me from the dead. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are sanctified." (Heb. 10:4). If you priests and the pope have the power of liberating souls from purgatory with Masses and indulgences, why do you

Joseph Zacchello

wait for an offering? If you see a dog burning in the fire you do not wait for the owner to give you \$5 to take the dog away from it."

I could no longer face the Christ on the altar. When I was preaching that the Pope is the vicar of Christ, the successor of Peter, the infallible rock upon which Christ's church was built, a voice seemed to rebuke me again: "You saw the Pope in Rome; his large, rich palace; his guards; men kissing his foot. Do you really believe that he represents me? I came to serve the people; I washed men's feet; I had nowhere to lay my head. Look at me upon the cross. Do you really believe that God has built His church upon a man, when the Bible clearly says that Christ's vicar on earth is the Holy Spirit, and not a man? (John 14:26) 'And that rock was Christ.' If the Roman Church is built upon a man then it is not My church."

I was still preaching that the Bible is not a sufficient rule of faith, but that we need tradition and dogmas of the church to understand the Scriptures. But again a voice within me was saying: "You preach against the Bible teaching; you preach nonsense. If Christians need a pope to understand the Scriptures, why do they need to understand the Pope? I have condemned tradition because everyone can understand what is necessary to know for personal salvation, 'But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name' (John 20:31)."

I was teaching my people to go to Mary, to the Saints, instead of going directly to Christ. But a voice within me was asking: 'Who has saved you upon the cross? Who paid your debts by shedding His blood?

Mary, the Saints, or I, Jesus? You, and many other priests, do not believe in scapulars, novenas, rosaries, statues, candles, but you continue to keep them in your churches because you say, simple people need simple things to remind them of God. You keep them in your churches because they are a good source of income. But I do not want any merchandising in My church. My believers should adore Me—Spirit and truth. Destroy these idols; teach your people to pray, to come, to me only."

Where my doubts were really tormenting me was inside the confessional box. People were coming to me, kneeling down in front of me, confessing their sins to me. And I, with a sign of the Cross, was promising that I had the power to forgive their sins. I, a sinner, a man, was taking God's place, God's right, and that terrible voice was penetrating me saying, "You are depriving God of His glory. If sinners want to obtain forgiveness of their sins they must go to God and not to you. It is God's law they have broken. To God, therefore, they must make confession; to God alone they must pray for forgiveness. No man can forgive sins but Jesus can and does forgive sins. 'Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins.' (Matt. 1:21) 'There is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved,' (Acts 4:12) 'For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.' (1 Tim. 2:5)."

I could not stay any longer in the Roman Catholic Church because I could not continue to serve two masters, the Pope and Christ. I could not believe two contradictory teachings, tradition and the Bible. I had to choose between Christ and the Pope; between tradition and the Bible; and I have chosen Christ and the Bible. I left the Roman priesthood and the Roman religion in 1944 and now I have been led by the Holy Spirit to Evangelize Roman Catholics and urge Christians to witness to them without fear.

Now I travel widely to keep the American public informed on vital religious problems, and lecture in churches, colleges, public places throughout the United States. I visit personally priests and nuns. The Vatican sent a representative to ask for my return. Romanism seems to worry while many Roman Catholics are converted and Protestants become better witnesses for Christ.

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A FRUITFUL PRAYER LIFE

(Continued from last week)

We must believe that the good things can not be obtained without prayer. James 4:2, "Ye lust and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not because ye ask not." We can strive with all our might to obtain certain things and yet can not get them unless we ask God for them in faith for it is God's good pleasure for us to ask Him for the things we need even though He knows we need them even before we ask Him for them. Matthew 6:8, "Be not therefore like unto them: for your father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him." The Heavenly Father gets pleasure out of his children asking Him for the good things they need just as we fathers and mothers get pleasure out of our children asking us for the good things of life even though we know they need them before they ask us for them.

Practice

We must endeavor to comply with all of God's commandments and to please Him. I John 3:22, "And whatsoever we ask we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." Of course we know that we are not saved by doing good works but rather by grace as is set forth in Ephesians 2:8-9. But it is the natural thing for the person who is saved to do good works. Ephesians 2:10, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them." We keep his commandments or do good works because we love him and we want to please him. And because we please him, He answers our prayers. This pleasing Him of necessity means praying in accordance with His will. Although Paul did say we are not saved by the keeping of the law, he didn't discredit the law; for he said if it had not been for the law he wouldn't have known sin was sin.

"For by the law is the knowledge of sin." Rom. 3:20. Then knowing what sin is and knowing God as our savior we abstain from sin because we love Him.

Christ came not to destroy the law but to fulfill it. His coming did away with the sacrificial offerings, not the commandments, for He offered himself once for all. The sacrifices under the law were only types of the real sacrifices, which is Christ. Proverbs 28:9, "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law even his prayers shall be abomination." In other words the person who will not keep himself from sin is a stench in the nostrils of God and detestable in his sight. Proverbs 15:8, "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the upright is his delight. The greatest wickedness is to rebel against God. Suppose a father has a son which is rebellious and will not listen to his father's instructions, he is sure to fall into other sin thus causing more sorrow and heartaches. If this son continued to make some kind of appeasement and yet continued to rebel and pay no heed to his father's instructions he would be an abomination to his father; but if he sought his father's advice so that he might live a life pleasing to him, then his plea for guidance would be a delight. So it is with God, the children of Israel became so rebellious that their sacrifices were an abomination to God. They seemed to think they could go on in their sin, and yet buy God off with their sacrifices, but not so. Isaiah 1:15, "Yet, when ye make many prayers I will not hear." So we should not think today we can buy God off with our offerings, for it is not our offerings that God wants first, but our hearts. When we give him our hearts we will try to do the things that are pleasing to Him. Then our prayer will be a delight unto Him and He will grant our requests.

If we are conscious that we have committed sin, we must repent of it.

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Sin is that which ought not to be, and repentance involves being sorry that we have done that which we ought not to have done, a confession of the wrong and a complete turning away from it.

Psalms 66:18, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." When we become aware of any sin in our lives we must repent of it so that God may blot out the sin; then He will hear our prayers. We could pray for our loved ones until judgment day and they still might not be saved if there is sin in our lives, for God will not hear us. We pray for this war to end, we pray for this nation of ours, that we love so well, that it will return to God and to religious principles instead of robbery, gambling, drunkenness and adultery; yet God does not answer. We pray for a great revival of pure religion and yet it does not come. Could it be there is iniquity in our hearts? Isaiah 1:15, "And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you; yea, when you make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood." Also Isaiah 59:1-3, "Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened that He can not save neither His ear heavy that He can not hear; but your iniquities have separated between you and your God and your sins have hid his face from you that He will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lip have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness." If God would not spare nor hear his chosen people because of their sins, he will not hear us if we persist in living in sin when he has made such a marvelous way for us to escape through his Son Jesus Christ.

We must have a forgiving heart. Matthew 6:12, "And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." A girl once told her pastor that she never said this part of the Lord's prayer as it is written. She always said, "forgive us our debts as we ought to forgive our debtors." She said it was

because she was afraid she didn't always forgive others. I expect there are many others who are in the same condition as she, but won't admit it. But our saying it that way does not change the scripture in the least. It remains just as binding as ever.

Matt. 6:14-15, "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses neither will your father forgive you your trespasses. "Then if we do not forgive those who have trespassed against us our heavenly father will not forgive us of our sins; which leaves us to remain in our iniquities, and if we know there is iniquity in our heart God will not hear us when we pray. We also become an abomination if we try to pray or do anything else in this condition. This unforgiven spirit is iniquity and Isaiah 59:2 says our iniquities have separated us from God and our sins have caused Him to hide his face from us, which not only leaves us with our prayers not answered but also puts us in grave danger of fulfilling II Peter 2:20-21, "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them." I have noticed those who would not forgive others who had done them wrong, fall into a backslidden condition and remain in that condition through life unless they repented of that sin.

There must be a right motive in our prayers. James 4:3, "Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lust." A woman prayed for her husband many years without her prayers being answered. It was finally revealed to her that she was praying selfishly. The real motive in her prayers was that she wanted him to be saved so that she wouldn't have to live with a wicked sinner, instead of praying that he would be saved

because he was eternally lost. Then she began to pray for his salvation with a right motive which was because he was lost, was under the curse of God, and for God to save him that he might glorify Him, and he was saved.

Why do we pray for God to heal us when we are sick? Is it so we can be up and going in our own way and not his way? If so, it is selfish praying and God will not hear us. But if we pray for recovery so as to serve him by helping some sin-benighted soul to find the light He will answer if it is His will to do so. Why do we pray for this war to cease? It is merely so our sons will not have to go to battle or is it so that we as a people or a nation can go on living complacently at ease in our luxury, finery and sins? If so, our prayers are selfish. We have asked amiss that we may consume it upon our lusts. For every one of these particular selfish prayers some one on the battle field pays for it with an arm, or a leg, or some other injury, or it may be even his life. Our part of this bloody war is the results of the sins of this nation. Could not God say to us, when you make many prayers I will not hear you for your hands are full of blood? If we ask God to bring this war to a close for any other purpose than to make us a blessing and a light for Him, to evangelize the rest of the world, our motive is wrong. We must be willing to sacrifice for the cause of God which is something we Americans know so little about doing. We must sacrifice some of our time for His cause. We don't take enough time to really worship God, in this fast day in which we live. We must sacrifice some of our means in order to promote the cause of God at home and abroad. It would be much less expensive to conquer the world through the gospel of Jesus Christ than with expensive war materials. We must sacrifice both men and women as missionaries for both the home front and the foreign field in order to conquer the world for Jesus. Our motive in our prayer must be for God's glory and not for ours or our ease, lest we pray amiss to consume it upon our own

lust. Do we pray for our neighbors to be saved so that the church membership will be larger in order that it might lighten our burden of carrying on the work of the church? Do we pray for God to give us the spiritual blessings of life just in order to absorb them like a sponge and not to share them with others? Do we pray for the natural blessings of life just for the purpose of heaping up material things to ourselves? God gives us an abundance of these blessings that we may be fully equipped to propagate the gospel if we don't use them for that we are heaping to ourselves damnation and wrath against the day of wrath. Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, not on earth, "for where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Do you pray for a mighty revival to come to your church, then when the pastor or evangelist points out your sins do you get mad about it? A revival comes only after people have confessed their sins. We want our neighbor's sins condemned, but not ours.

How to Pray

Be brief and specific in public. We have only two prayers of much length recorded in the Bible. One was Solomon's prayer when the temple was dedicated, it is found in First Kings 8. The other is Christ's prayer for his disciples, recorded in the seventeenth chapter of St. John. Most of us use too much filler and repetition in our prayers. Jesus told us not to do this because that is the way the heathen prayed, for they think they will be heard for their much speaking. The publican's prayer for mercy and his confession was short and to the point, and Jesus said he went down to his house justified. Peter, when he started going down out in the sea did not pray for everything under the sun. If he had, he would have been doomed. But he cried, "Lord, save me." Also the thief on the cross. The nobleman in John 4: 49, prayed, "Sir, come down ere my child die." Jesus saith unto him, "Go thy way, thy son liveth." In Matt. 9:18, a certain ruler came and worshipped him saying, "My daughter is

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:- Department of Foreign Missions :-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
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Good News from India

July 3, 1951

Dear Brother Riggs,

We can gladly report that we both have successfully passed our second year Hindi exams. It really is a relief although we feel that we actually know very little Hindi. We are now in the hills and I might add in the rains as the monsoon just broke on Saturday night with a down pour. The Woolseys arrived on Sunday with everything wet. It's really terrible to start the rains with everything dry because it all gets damp and musty before they are over but to start out with everything wringing wet is worse. We have a fire trying to dry out their bedding.

We are glad to hear that Miss Barnard is now on the ocean and with a new missionary at that. She should arrive in Madras in the latter half of July.

Another thing about having passed our Hindi Exams is that it makes us feel like we can do more letter and article writing. When you take a break from Hindi, you want to get clear away from the mental struggle so you don't feel like sitting down to a typewriter to write anything. Furthermore you feel that about all you have to write about is Hindi. Also, now that language (full time) is over, when we go down to the plains this time it will be the beginning of our real work full time in Evangelism. It thrills us, challenges us, staggers us. The problems we face are terrific. In fact according to the magazine, Indian National Christian Council Review, sixty-five percent of all missionaries who have come out to India since the war have already returned home with no plan to come back to India. The yearly toll on missionaries just on grounds of health is terrific. We know many couples who have left this year because of bad health.

But you would like the "feel" of what it is like. For instance in living accommodations we are on the bottom as missionaries go. We have the only house available in Kishanganj unless the Lord undertakes to provide another. It is only three tiny rooms and no screens to keep out the swarms of flies and no shutters to keep out the monsoon. There is no kitchen and we cook outside, impossible during the monsoon. There's no garden to grow the needed things and no room to keep any chickens or anything. All the things, according to all missionary opinion make it unwise for a westerner to even attempt to stay there during the heat and monsoon. But worst of all there is no private place for

me to take inquirers. There's a strange situation out here, for one thing Indian women find it difficult to call in the same room where men are received. Furthermore, if you are talking to one young man in the only available front room and others passing see him in there it gives an open invitation for them to come in too to see what's going on and because there is no other place to receive them you lose the opportunity with the first young man. Then if Trula has women guests the men must be kept away; or asked to leave before the women arrive if they have been previously invited. Well, this is one problem when you are trying to establish a home in the midst of a strange society to which all can feel free to come and welcome at all times. But though I have mentioned this first it is by no means greater than others.

We have no Indian man to work with. To hire one from another mission is bad because the real men of God are not available. And a foreigner does need a native man especially in early years.

Language is a dreadful barrier, there being four main ones in our small area. It looks like some one of us is going to have to study Santali, in addition, as they are the ones coming to Christ now. Yet even should we become quite perfect in the language still the task, humanly speaking, is impossible because the vocabulary that we must use to explain Christ comes from Hinduism and they don't mean what their English equivalent means. What they mean by "sin" is not what we mean by "sin," what they mean by hell is not what we mean by "hell" and heaven and grace, etc. It is heart breaking to stumble around trying to tell of the marvelous love of Christ. Hindus are wicked men and Moslems hard hearted. Many men I have met have worked their whole lives here in India and have never won one soul to Christ.

Then—where to start? Kishanganj is the natural center and God desires a church there among the more educated, influential people, but the people are harder to work with than the rural village people. Work among the town people is harder and will take longer to build up a church, still it would be a stronger and more influential throughout the area if those people were reached. We can go out to the villages where they are open hearted and receptive, yet transportation is a problem. A car can't be used. A jeep could be used for several months in the year but the expense of running a motor out here is terrific. Gas is hard to get and about seventy cents a

gallon. A light motor cycle would be handy but in Calcutta they cost about \$500. We can and do use cycles but it is hard to cycle far over rough roads and deep sand and then be able to do gospel work. So we will have to go camping in general areas which takes time. And how much time to spend in Kishanganj and how much we should spend in the villages and where is a problem. Well, we plan to start out on camping tours this cool season but we will require a tent and other camping essentials. We have no church group, no real music, no outward Christian fellowship. We soon realize how much Christian experience is outward and Christian fellowship, etc. God has stripped our souls to the very core and we have had fiery trials. We are in the crucible of his testing. We need to meet the need of Kishanganj District. My Christian experience of the past is not satisfactory. Pray much for us that "when he hath tried us we shall come forth as gold," and will be his instruments and win North East Bihar to Christ. The worst in a person comes out under the strain of heat, study and steady grinding problems. I don't have the blues, neither am I down in the "dumps" but just opening up my heart to you so that you might see and understand. Except by God's grace we also would be "Missionary Casualties" by now.

Many missionaries who come out are not born again, and I feel that the bulk of them return soon. Many are Christian but have no spiritual equipment to enter this "den of Satan." Some have not the mental and physical stamina. Some were misfits at home, thus here also. Many become so even if they weren't at home. Many are not ready for the hard life here. City life does not prepare one for India, makes it harder. There are plenty of big cities but they are already claimed by older missions so most new work must be confined to out of the way places. There are many things I have not said but you get the general idea.

Not all is dark, Brother Woolsey has baptized 13 more Santalis since the last report sent in. This means that there are now 39 professing Christians in his care in five different villages. It is hard to understand how deep their conversion goes when you don't know their mother tongue. In another mission about eighty miles from us we are having marvelous conversions from the Santalis.

Give my love to all my friends. Woolsey gave me a copy of the 1950 Wolverine minutes. I wish the secretary could be instructed to send me one each year and anything else that is news in connection with the conference. I surely wish I were there for all the conferences. How does the new building look?

Love,
Dan

Dan forgot to tell you we're studying Bengali now. The second language of our area. My greetings to you all, too.

Trula

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

CALIFORNIA FREE WILL BAPTISTS BUILDING NEW CHURCHES

Recently news came to us that Free Will Baptists in California have build over thirty new churches in that state during the past seven years. Up to that time there were but very few churches in the state. These churches are worth more than a quarter of a million dollars, we are told by one of the ministers who helped to build them. The membership of these thirty odd churches ranges around two thousand communicants.

It is indeed gratifying to learn of such progress being made in so short a time. Our church people in the other states can sit up and take notice and show their great concern about the Master's work by moving forward in their sections and establishing new churches wherever opportunity presents itself. Greater the interest in the Lord's work greater will be the progress made by Free Will Baptists throughout the country. In Nehemiah's day, when the people had a mind to work for God's cause, they arose together, and went to work to build for His glory. That is what Free Will Baptists seem to have done in California for the past few years. "Where there is a will, there is a way," is a truth well expressed,

and it can always apply to church people in their endeavors to do more things for the cause of righteousness in the world.

REV. GEORGE McLAIN OF CALIFORNIA VISITS the PRESS

The Reverend George McLain and his good wife of California visited recently the Press. We were glad to have them call by and see the plant and observe the work going on in full capacity. They expressed themselves as being pleased with what the denomination has here in the way of a publishing incorporation. They expressed themselves as being pleased with the type of work which the Press is doing in the way of the various publications now being put out for the denomination.

Brother McLain stated that he is expecting to do some home missionary work in this section of the country in the near future. He seems to be an enthusiastic man of God for the missionary work, and has been doing a splendid work wherever he has gone in holding meetings in the interest of the lost. He is scheduled to go to New Mexico for missionary work in September. We understand that the Home Mission Board will sponsor this work.

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Sunday, August 12—11:00 a. m.—Bethel
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Wednesday, August 15 1951—8:00 p. m.—Little Rock (Lucama)

Thursday, August 16—8:00 p. m.—Pleasant Grove

Friday, August 17—8:00 p. m.—Stoney Creek

Saturday, August 18—8:00 p. m.—Pine Level

Sunday, August 19—11:00 a. m.—Tipplett's Chapel

Sunday, August 19—8:00 p. m.—Barnes Hill

Monday, August 20—8:00 p. m.—Oak Grove—(near Elm City)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Tuesday, August 21—8:00 p. m.—Dublin Grove

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 22—8:00 p. m.—Daniel's Chapel

Thursday, August 23—8:00 p. m.—Otter's Creek

Friday, August 24—8:00 p. m.—Sweet Gum Grove

Saturday, August 25—8:00 p. m.—Piney Grove

Sunday, August 26—11:00 a. m.—Black Jack

Sunday, August 26—8:00 p. m.—Little Creek

Monday, August 27—8:00 p. m.—New St's Delight

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ITINERARY FOR ORPHANAGE REPRESENTATIVE

Sunday, October 7, 1951—11:00 a. m.—Spring Branch (Rept. with singing group)

Sunday, October 14—11:00 a. m.—Raleigh (city)

I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. John 10:9.

**Itinerary, W. A. Hansley
Orphanage Representative**

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(Unless otherwise stated)

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Sunday, August 19, 1951—11:00 a. m.—Saratoga

ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

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Thursday, August 23, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Little Creek (Virginia)

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Monday, August 27, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Mt. Zion, Onslow County

Wednesday, August 29, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Beaufort

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 21, 1951—11:00 a. m.—Union Chapel

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to state that I will be available for pastoral or evangelistic services, any church or churches that are interested in securing me as pastor for evangelistic work may write me at the following address.

Rev. Ernest Strickland,
East Rockingham, N. C.

Cragmont

News and Views

News 'n' Views at Cragmont

Day by day it seems that the Free Will Baptist people are becoming more interested in their "home away from home." It has been our privilege to welcome many visitors to Cragmont and see them quite satisfied with what they have here. Some of our people enjoy it so much here at Cragmont that they continue to come back. Rev. David Hansley of Ayden came during the Ministers' Conference and returned for the week of June 25-29 when the Intermediate, Senior, Adult conference was held under the direction of Rev. Bruce Barrow. This time Brother Hansley brought Mrs. Hansley. He was also among the large number of guests who registered on their way to Nashville, Tennessee, for the National meetings.

During our weeks here at Cragmont, we have all enjoyed wonderful services in the chapel, seen souls saved in these services and also in the prayer meetings in the rooms. The Lord has wonderfully blessed His work here thus far. Evangelist L. J. Derk of Shamokin, Pa., brought the Junior-Intermediate group of June 9-16 a great blessing in his service one night. Two souls were saved during his service. It was a great joy to know that each one who came that week, unsaved, were saved before they returned to their homes. "The Lord hath done great things; whereof we are glad."

Among our many visitors, were Rev. Thomas Willey of Cuba, Mrs. Willey and their three children, who were in the services one day during the Ministers' conference. We were happy to know that two of the Willeys plan to attend our Bible College next fall. When Rev. L. L. Parker of Folkstone, N. C., attended the Ministers' Conference, it proved such a blessing to him that he returned home and immediately sent his wife to see what Cragmont was like. With Mrs. Parker were Mrs. Julia Jenkins, Mrs. Bessie Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Ottaway and Betty Sue. They enjoyed sight-seeing trips during the day, but at night they relaxed and slept cool in the wonderful mountain breezes. Each expressed the desire to return again, so we look forward to seeing them, and many more who we hope will become interested in their home.

Cragmont is having general Clean-up week, this week when Rev. J. A. Evans brought a bus load of young folks to work. Some of the little fellows and two little girls helped with the floor waxing and house cleaning, while the larger ones helped with the weed cutting and other details assigned to them. But with all the work,

there are fine services held in the chapel each evening, conducted by different speakers. The Assembly is open for our visitors who wish to come and rest for a few days. The season is passing fast, but there is still time for you to come, if you hurry.

Jerry Hall

Some Personal Views about Cragmont

By L. E. Ballard

This article is about Cragmont. It is not intended to be critical to any antagonistic extent. The writer is a friend of Cragmont, and glories in all the success of the movement. Cragmont is a great place! It has already meant much to the Free Will Baptist people of North Carolina. The writer believes it can mean much more in the years to come.

Perhaps this letter is propaganda! If so it is the propaganda of the writer's personal opinion, and is not intended to be subversive!

When Cragmont was first opened the writer argued that its future should be built as much as possible upon foundations laid in the past. Four years the Free Will Baptist Leaguers had promoted a League Camp at Camp Leach. It has become a sort of "set" thing in the league program in North Carolina. The writer urged that the camp go right on. "Just change the name to Camp Cragmont," we argued. "Let the state league convention go right on pro-

moting it from year to year. Make it better as the years go by." Then we argued that each of the sponsoring groups should establish an annual conference, camp, or institution at Cragmont, to continue year by year, at the same time each year, and to be promoted actively in the field between the assemblies. "Let a director work constantly encouraging the promotion of plans for local groups to send leaguers or Sunday School pupils or teachers to Cragmont as a reward for faithfulness in attendance and activity in the league or S. S. class during the year. Let the director of each assembly or camp keep Cragmont before the people who will be especially interested in the camp he represents. Let the enlistment program continue all the time."

The Woman's Convention has followed this plan. They have had a director working constantly. Their conference has become a fixed thing. They look forward to it, as leaguers once looked forward to Camp Leach. They save their money so they can go. More and more auxiliaries are sponsoring one or more of their members going to Cragmont. Result: The women have filled Cragmont each year—this year, two weeks before time for their conference, their director is at Cragmont trying to make arrangements to take care of fifteen or twenty "over-flow" registrations.

Here is what I would have at Cragmont, not this year, not next, but on and on, year after year:

A Minister's Conference, sponsored by the preachers, meeting regularly at the same time each year.

A Christian Worker's Conference, for all kinds of church officers and auxiliary heads, and persons who want to learn more about church administration and effective Christian service, sponsored by the State Convention, same time each year.

A Sunday School Assembly, sponsored by the State S. S. Convention. (Might be in two divisions—one for S. S. pupils, emphasizing fellowship and general Bible instruction, and one for officers and teachers). Meeting at a set time year after year.

A League Camp ("Camp Cragmont"), sponsored by the state league convention.

For each assembly there would be chosen a director, nominated by the sponsoring body, subject to approval of Cragmont operating organization. This director to be chosen annually, one year before the assembly he is to be responsible for, and to be responsible for promoting interest in, and enlisting registrants for, his assembly throughout the year.

Are we to think of Cragmont as an experiment or an experience? It is still my opinion that we need to concentrate a little more and make Cragmont a looked for, and longed for, year by year experience in our denominational life—as Camp Leach once was to leaguers.

SCHEDULE OF CRAGMONT ASSEMBLIES Black Mountain, N. C.

FAMILY SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

August 6-11

Rev. S. A. Smith, Director

THE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

August 13-20

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Director

SECOND FAMILY SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

August 20-25

Fountain Taylor, Director

Please contact the director for the week you wish to attend Cragmont for the bus schedule and other details.

By

ELD. OTHEL T. DIXON

Clarksville, Ark.

"LET'S GO TO NINEVEH"

Jonah 3:1-2: "And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying, Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

One of the saddest sights of the present age to me is the slowness of preachers in getting out and really preaching the Word of God to men and women. While millions are perishing we seem unconcerned, and even go to sleep on the evil waves of time, even as did preacher Jonah of his day.

First, please notice that in the first chapter of this book the Lord God Almighty said unto Jonah, "... Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. But Jonah rose up to flee Tarishish from the presence of the Lord..." In vision I see this preacher fixing to leave the presence of God. People at Nineveh are lost and undone, but still Jonah makes ready to go to Tarishish. I see him as he pays his fare to board the old ship... You know sin is always expensive. Jonah paid the fare thereof. When a man lives for the devil he lives the most expensive live there is. Sometimes sin takes it all in different ways yet we know the "wages of sin is death," and still as we go along it takes our earthly wealth. Sin in the form of liquor robs the home of the necessities of life. Many starving children the world over are a good example of just how expensive sin really is. Nevertheless, Jonah gets on the ship and the storm starts raging, truly the waves are dashing high. I see all the other men aboard the ship as the storm gets worse, start calling upon their gods. The 5th verse of the first chapter says, "every man called unto his god." Can't you just hear them all calling out: one maybe to Baal, another to Zoroaster, or Buddha and so on, but the storm rages on. I look them around the ship and notice a quietness between the men that have been calling on their respective gods,

but to know avail. Say, one says, where is preacher Jonah? Why don't we get him to call on his God. I see them as they walk to the bottom of the ship where Jonah is fast asleep. Yes, here he is, while we are about to perish, he remains fast asleep. I hear them call out, "Jonah, Jonah, wake up, we are about to meet destruction. Get up and call upon your God." Sure Jonah was asleep, and while the people were begging him to wake up and call upon his God the storm raged and they were about to perish. Today millions of cities filled with people stand guilty before God and should be warned of their sins, in order that they might repent or else they shall surely perish. But where are the spirit filled preachers. Are they asleep? Have we failed to go to Nineveh?

After having spoken to a large congregation just recently in an evangelistic campaign, a young man came up and said, "Preacher, I'm guilty and undone." I later found out that this young man was a Senior in one of our Universities, and had just about gone atheistic because of the doctrine of evolution. But thanks be unto God for the power in the Blood of Jesus Christ, he now says that instead of harmonizing the Bible with science he will now HARMONIZE SCIENCE WITH THE BIBLE. Amen, to that! Take the Bible, first last and always, then let other things fall where they may.

After the Word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, that preacher got busy, and wen to Nineveh, and there he preached just as God bade him, and the people, yes even the King took off his robe and got down in sackcloth and ashes and repented of their sins. No one came up and shook preacher Jonah's hand or signed a card, or was baptized into some local church, but they got down and repented of their sins. I'm glad for the grand opportunity that I have as a minister in working with the

Free Will Baptist people, but I believe we have failed somewhat in going to our Nineveh of today and crying out against her. There are far too many cities where we do not have churches, yet we have the doctrine that no one can successfully contradict. So, let's hear the Word of the Lord as it comes the second time, and arise, and go in the power of the Spirit, then preach with conviction, zeal, and enthusiasm. I do not understand a dry-eyed preacher, or someone to get up and softly talk about these matters. I believe what we need is to preach the Gospel under the power and demonstration of the Spirit of God.

In closing let me say this, Nineveh only had forty days to get right with God. How long do we have in America to repent of our many shortcomings? Let's pray and work while there is time and opportunity. I believe in getting on my knees and praying for the "corn to be chopped," but just as strongly I believe in getting up and getting a hoe and start chopping: "Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee." Let's go to our Nineveh and cry out against her.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Home Mission Board is sending Rev. George McLain of Kerman, Calif. to Albuquerque, New Mexico, in the early part of September to see about establishing a Free Will Baptist Church there. Anyone reading this notice that has relatives or friends in or near there who would be interested in a church there please send their names and addresses to Rev. Harry Staires Oilton, Okla. Rev. Staires is Sec-Treas. of the National Home Mission Board.

Rev. George McLain

Announcement

This is to state that I will be available for pastoral work for another year. Any church desiring my services are requested to write to me, and to get in touch with me at the address below.

Rev. J. D. Quick
Sylacagua, Ala.

A Fruitful Prayer Life

(continued from page five)

even now dead: but come and lay thy hands upon her and she shall live." In the 25th verse Jesus raised her from the dead. And again in Matthew 20:33 two blind men asked that their eyes might be opened and their request was granted. These persons did not pray all around the world and ask for nothing as many of us do today but they prayed for something definite and they got results. Maybe if we prayed more often our prayers would not be so long and meaningless. In fact we should live in an attitude of prayer all the time.

We must do what we can to answer our own prayers. A little boy was once listening to his father pray for some orphans to be fed. After his father had finished praying he said, "Daddy, if you will give me the key to your granary I will answer your prayers." A negro slave had been praying for several years to be set free but to no avail. Finally he set his eyes on the north star and put his legs under his prayers and he was soon a free man. Once a college lad prayed all afternoon for a three-cent postage stamp so that he could write home to his mother. He could have mowed a neighbor's lawn in half that time and could have bought a whole book of stamps. If a sinner prayed for God to save him and would not repent of his sins, would God save him? If we pray for our companion, our children, or our neighbors to be saved and never say anything to them about their soul we need not expect any of them to be saved. If we pray for the church to be revived and do not attend the services regularly, we don't need to expect it to be revived.

We must expect our prayers to be answered. Hebrews 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to Christ believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Matthew 9:29, "Then touched he their eyes, saying, according to your faith be it unto you." James 6:7, "But let him ask in faith,

nothing wavering, for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think he shall receive anything of the Lord." If we do not believe God will answer, he certainly will not.

We must pray in the name of Jesus. John 15:16, "That whatsoever ye ask of the father in my name, He may give it you." John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the father but by me."

The Act of Prayer

There are three aspects of prayer that we must practice if our prayer life is to be well rounded. They are private, family and congregational prayer. We shall study them separately.

Private or secret prayer is of the most importance for our congregational and family prayer life is successful to the extent of the success of our private prayer life. Even though He offered praise and thanksgiving and made known unto His petitions in His public ministry, there was a need for Christ to withdraw from the crowds for private prayer. It seems that during these days of His public ministry there was a drawing out of His spiritual strength which made it necessary for him to communicate alone with His father. Matt. 14:23, 25, "And when He had sent the multitudes away he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come he was there alone. And in the fourth watch of the night, Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea." We see here that he spent at least three-fourths of that night alone with the Father. Luke 6:12 states that he spent all night in prayer to God. It seems from the context that He not only talked to the Father but also allowed the Father to talk to him. Thus He was able to know the will of God. If it was necessary for Jesus to commune with the Father in this manner it certainly is needful for us to do so that we may gain strength for the days ahead of us.

Our family prayer life involves our prayer of thanks and for sanctifica-

tion of the food which God has made possible for us to have. Also our daily family devotions which is not only a time of refreshing for our souls, but which tends to make the family life more sacred, should not be neglected. Children will look back upon these sacred hours with great joy when they have gone out into the world on their own.

The two aspects of prayer just mentioned if successfully carried out will help us to fulfill the main purpose of congregational praying which is to lead the thinking of the congregation in their communion with God. A person to thus lead this prayer must not be thinking about the things of the world but must be thinking on the things of God.

The position of the body in prayer does not matter, it is the condition of the heart. Jesus prayed while standing, kneeling, lying prostrate on the ground, and on the cross. The apostles prayed in stocks in prison.

What is the result if we comply with God's requirements for prayer? The answer, John 15:7, "Ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you."

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT SMITH'S NEW HOME CHURCH

The Vacation Bible School of Smith's New Home Church of the Eastern Conference was held beginning on June the eighth through the fifteenth. This is the third year, we have tried to have a Vacation Bible School. We had the largest attendance this year than ever. We had an enrollment of 120, with 69 perfect attendance.

Mrs. S. A. Doak and Mrs. Florine Holloman from Durham were with us in conducting the school. We were indeed glad to have them with us, and want them to come back again. Mrs. Doak taught the Adult class, which was the largest class with an enrollment of 37. Mrs. Holloman taught the young folks class. Some of the local women had charge of the other classes.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the school, and I feel there was much good accomplished. Since we have begun having Bible School at our church, I trust that we will continue to have it each year.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. J. J. Blizzard

Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain. John 15:16.

ATTENTION!

Auxiliaries, Sunday Schools, Churches, Leagues, and Conventions

Please pass this information on to our co-workers! The need of funds to furnish our Albemarle Boys Cottage at the orphanage. Amount, \$1,000.00.

I am happy to let you know I have received enough funds to purchase the window drapes and window furnishings, and all who have any funds for this purpose, and have not sent them in, do so at once.

All money received for drapes and windows will be applied on our next project which is the Library—Study Hall floor covering. We need immediately \$300.00, so please help us secure it at once.

Our needs are one thousand dollars to furnish the cottage. We need chairs and tables for the library-study hall, chairs and beds for the bed rooms. Please send all money for the chairs and beds direct to F. W. B. Orphanage Treasurer, Mr. Walter McD. Croom, Middlesex, N. C.

Our next project assigned to the ladies after we finish the floor covering is the living room furniture. We are asking each and everyone to please do your best to help us now, as our time is limited.

When our furnishings are completed we are going to extend an invitation to each and everyone to come up and see what we have accomplished through our labors together.

Please mail all funds or donations for the library-study hall floor covering, and the living room furniture direct to me as State Fifth Vice-President. I am giving all of my time and efforts to our orphanage work. Please pray that I may have strength to serve you as a good steward of our Lord.

I am working under the directions of our Superintendent, and as we make plans, I will pass them on to you. Watch the Baptist for information.

I would like to visit each of you and present our orphanage work but, time does not permit. I would write each of you if I could but I do not have your addresses, so thanks for our Baptist paper through which we are able to contact you.

Please help us with your donations so we can complete our project, is my earnest prayer.

Yours for the Cause of Christ,
Mrs. H. L. Spivey,
Maury, N. C.

NOTE: Mail all funds for Library-study hall and living room furniture to me, and all bed and chair donations, send direct to the Orphanage.

Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Joshua 1:9.

My son, give Me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe My ways. Proverbs 23: 26.

Report of State Mission Treasurer

MISSIONS JULY, 1951	
Sandy Plain S. S.	4.86
Free Union, Beaufort County, S. S. primary class	6.00
Mrs. J. L. Marriner	3.00
Portsmouth, Va. League	7.30
Davis	25.00
Piney Grove, Johnston County	25.00
Gum Swamp S. S.	3.00
Robert's Grove S. S.	1.00
St. Mary S. S., Wilson County	5.00
4th Union District Meeting	8.20
Marlboro S. S.	6.45
Rocky Mount S. S.	2.72

Total	\$ 97.53
Expense	26.00
Grand Total	\$ 71.53
50 per cent to Foreign Missions	35.77
50 per cent to Home Missions	35.76

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Marion S. S. for Miss Volena Wilson	75.00
Check to Raymond Riggs	75.00

For Mrs. Stevens

Avery's Creek	2.00
Laurelton Chapel	4.00
Swannanoa	5.00
Beaverdam	5.00

Total	16.00
Check to Raymond Riggs	16.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Kinston L. A., Cuban students	20.00
White Oak, Bladen County	5.00
Parker's Chapel S. S.	4.50
King's X Roads Intermediate League	.20
Newport News, Va.	5.00
Avery's Creek	4.25
Bridgeton L. A.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Oliver	30.00
Sound Side, Penny a meal, by E. A. Craddock	2.00
Oriental D. V. B. S.	7.00
Black Jack League	2.00
Washington	8.00
Sandy Plain D. V. B. S.	5.19
Sherron Acres, for Cuban Missionary	30.00
Swannanoa	5.00
Mrs. W. L. Nobles	5.00
Pearsall's Chapel S. S.	5.00
Pearsall's Chapel S. S. for Cuban student, Celia Izquierdo	15.00
Core Creek S. S.	9.55
Spring Branch Leagues	5.00
Greenville S. S. Willing Workers Class	10.00
Mrs. Jack N. O'Neal	3.00
Greenville	29.83
King's X Roads Sr. Leauge	2.83
Calvary S. S.	6.55
Rose of Sharon League	1.25
Pleasant Hill Intermediate League	.50
Rosebud League	5.00
Morehead City L. A.	6.00
Hull Road League	10.00
St. Mary S. S., Wilson County	11.65
Malachi's Chapel, Penny a meal	5.00
3rd. U. M., Western Conference	45.82

Sound Side, Penny a meal	14.53
50 per cent Mission receipts	\$35.77

Total	\$ 357.47
Check to Raymond Riggs	\$ 357.47

HOME MISSIONS

Balance	\$ 3,224.12
King's X Roads Intermediate League	.10
Greenville	9.96
King's X Roads Sr. Leauge	1.42
Rose of Sharon Leauge	1.25
Pleasant Hill Intermediate League	.50
3rd U. M., Western Conference	22.63
50 per cent Mission receipts	35.76
Albermarle S. S. Convention	5.25

Total	\$ 3,300.99
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Expenditure

Harry E. Staires, Nat. H. M. Treas	8.94
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Balance	\$ 3,292.05
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We are very grateful for this report at this season of the year. But I trust that we will rally to the CAUSE, and do not allow our results show failure.

J. W. Alford, Treas.

Report from India

Dear Brother:

Brother Dan has included in his letter to you a brief report of the work in the Kishanganj Sub-Division (consisting of our stations both at Kishanganj and at Sonapurhat). However, just in case his letter does not reach you, I am sending a few figures concerning things that had occurred since our last report:—

Baptized in June—13 (from 3 villages)
Rec. in Church in June—13
Night school started—1
Small hut for Girls' School completed and teacher—1

Few facts concerning work:—

37 Church members in 5 villages
7 Candidates for baptism
5 Deacons
1 Evangelist
1 Teacher night school
1 Teacher girl school (to begin after rains)

1 Bible woman
2 Part time workers
75 In Christian community including children, candidates, etc., 6,000 treated in Dispensary last year (cost Rs 450 per month, pay for itself with Rs 50 from Mission)

3 Christian boys are being aided to attend school (2 with the Cronks in Kishanganj)
Organization of Association of F. W. B. of North India is planned for coming Nov.

Will be here for 6 weeks or longer.

Yours in His Service,

Paul Woolsey

The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life. Psalm 42:8.



The Christian's Respect for Law

(Lesson for August 19)

LESSON: Luke 20:19-26; I Peter 2:13-17

GOLDEN TEXT: Luke 20:25.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

A disregard for law and order in any land tends toward vile corruption and anarchy, and the disruption of the state. Respect for civil and political authority is something that all Christians should manifest for the good of society, and the observance by all other people.

"Rome had brought order out of chaos and peace and good government and good wages, and on the whole, even-handed justice. Under Roman overlordship Jerusalem had increased in population and prosperity, and the people were secure from enemies and bandits. Commerce had expanded. Self-government in religious affairs had been freely granted to the Jews. Special privileges had been given to the larger communities of Jews outside of Palestine, as in Alexander in Egypt, where they had their own separate quarters and their own organization. It was right that Jews should pay for such services and such protection." — Arnold's Commentary.

Christ went farther with his answer when he said: "and unto God the things which be God's." Those Jews owned God their shekels (the Hebrew coin worth about 60 cents) for the temple. But far more than that, they owed to God their personal obedience, faithful service, and whatever he might require. They were to seek truth and righteousness, and manifest at all times respect for civil and sacred laws by which they were to be governed temporally and spiritually.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

1. Jesus speaks against only those who persistently refuse His love and grace (Luke 20:19).

2. Many have sought to find fault with the words of Jesus, but none have been able to condemn anything He said (vs. 20).

3. A flattering approach by enemies throws some people off their guard, but it did not fool the Lord Jesus (vs. 21).

4. There is no question from the Divine standpoint about the lawfulness of a Christian's paying his taxes (vss. 21-25).

5. There are many who pay their taxes to the government but refuse to pay God what they owe Him (vs. 25).

6. It is always easy for the Lord to silence the voice of captious cavers (vs. 26).

7. To obey our earthly government is a part of our obedience to God (I Peter 2:13).

8. The government is not only expected to punish evildoers, but also to praise those who do well (vs. 14).

9. A Christian's loyalty to his government will silence much of the world's ignorance and unjust judgment and criticism (vs. 15).

10. A Christian has the liberty to do anything he pleases provided it is something that also pleases God (vs. 16).

The Scriptures furnish a number of striking examples of hypocrisy, several of which clearly indicate the most unthinkable deceit and treachery.

1. Joseph's brethren pretended sympathy with their father Jacob (Gen. 37:35).

2. Absalom's make-believe vow and his flattery (II Sam. 15:7, 8, 2-6).

3. Jezebel's hypocritical fast (I Kings 21:9-14).

4. Saul's pretended gift to David (I Sam. 18:17-20).

5. Jehu's pretended loyalty (Esth. 3:8).

7. The Pharisees (Matt. 16:1-3; Luke 12:1; Matt. 23). Seven times in this chapter (Matt. 23) does the Lord call the Pharisees "hypocrites."

8. The Jews who sought Christ's death (John 19:7, 14-21; Acts 2:22, 23; 3:13-15). There never was hypocrisy to equal that of the Jews who persecuted the Lord Jesus Christ to the death of the Cross. The chief priests and elders professed to seek the death of Jesus as needful to defend their nation and Law, and said that He was guilty of blasphemy, in that He said He was the Son of God. He must die according to their Law. And so they demand His death by crucifixion, and it was granted. But behold the hypocrisy! It was not in defense of the nation and the Law that they demanded His death, but because of "envy" (Matt. 27:18). Their demand for His death was the result of their wickedness. Think of it! They could give money to one of Christ's followers to betray Him, and they could engage false witnesses to testify against Him. They could accomplish the death of a faultless Man, under the guise of protecting their nation and keeping their Law. The greatest sin that was ever committed upon earth, was done professedly on the ground of being zealous for the Law!—Selected

II. The Lesson Illustrated

The Cost of Lawlessness

We are told that on an average 90 people die every day—one every 16 minutes—as a result of motor accidents in the United States. And the National Safety Council says that three fourths of these fatal accidents occur on open, straight roads. Mr. Curtis C. Dumm, who operates a rural gas station thirty miles south of Columbus, Ohio, on a fine national highway, tells us in the Readers Digest for January, 1950 (article "A Mile of Death") how in 21 recent months he towed in the wreckage of 142 accidents that occurred not far from his station—and there were plenty of other accidents in that same area that other service men took care of. His record of some of the deaths and gruesome injuries makes horrible reading. Very few of these accidents were due to mechanical defects, but to recklessness and failure to obey the law.—Arnold's Commentary.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

Singing for the Lord Jesus

Leota L. Knopp

Up in the northern part of Michigan is a place called Traverse City, and here live five Christian girls known as the "5 J's". Their names are Jean, Joan, Jane, Judy and June Edburn. We can believe that many of our boys and girls from Michigan, and the surrounding territory know about these dear girls, who are so very happy singing for the Lord Jesus whom they love.

Recently we received a picture of these "5 J's" which we are sharing with our young readers. As we look into their faces, we can see first of all that they are happy. What boy and girl is not happy who obeys the Lord? Jesus takes out sin and puts happiness into the heart. And when happiness is in the heart, it shines out in the face. This is one thing that attracted us as we looked at the photograph of these happy girls. Another thing that makes them happy is that they are obedient girls. If one is obedient, not only to parents, but to the Lord, he is bound to be happy.

We received a very nice letter from these girls, telling us of the broadcast carried on week by week for the boys and girls of Northern Michigan. These girls had been singing for churches, for Youth Broadcasts and for Children's Broadcasts in Southern Michigan. But the Lord made it possible for them to have a broadcast for the boys and girls in Northern Michigan, where evangelists seldom go. They have called this program the Christian Youth Missionary broadcast. Hearts are being touched. One little girl came to them and told them here mother broke down and cried when the "5 J's" sang about the Lord Jesus. We know that as these girls sing for the Lord, souls will be saved.

Beside the Gospel broadcasting, the "5 J's" sing in the wards in a certain Children's Clinic in a large hospital. They tell about a little boy named Billy who has that dreadful disease called "Polio" which has attached itself to so many boys and girls recently. When the girls visit the hospital to sing, the nurses take Billy from the iron lung and wheel him into the Children's Ward on a stretcher, and there he can listen to the "5 J's" sing. Billy loves this type of singing, for he is a Christian and loves the Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour and Lord. One night Billy was just too sick to be taken from his iron lung, so he asked his kind nurse if she would tell the happy singers to come to where he was, and sing for him. Of course they would! They tell us that when Billy saw them, his large dark brown eyes had a very happy

light in them. His face was white and pinched with pain, but Billy had the joy inside that shone from his happy eyes.

When the "5 J's" asked Billy what they should sing for him, he requested a song they had sung the previous Sunday, "It Is No Secret What God Can Do." So they sang that for him and other choruses such as: "The Wise Man Built His House upon a Rock;" and "Do Lord." Then the "5 J's" prayed for Billy; Jean the oldest of the five, leading in prayer. We are glad these happy girls have learned the secret of prayer, as well as the ministry of song. They closed their little program that Friday night with Billy by singing: "If you want joy—real joy—wonderful joy—let Jesus come into your heart."

Jean, the oldest of the "5 J's" teaches boys and girls in a Bible Class, also plays the piano. Joan, leads the singing, and Jane, Judy and June do visitation work and keep order. These girls have a class of 54, and one month fourteen were saved. So you see they do more than just spend their time singing, but realize the value of dealing personally with souls. One day the girls dealt with four little boys about their souls. As the boys left the Bible class and were on their way home, one of the boys almost got killed. He stooped to pick up something he had dropped in the street, and a car swerved just in time to avoid hitting him. As he realized what happened, he said, "Well, if I had been hit, I would have gone straight to Heaven." He knew he was saved.

The parents of these five girls tell us that they are taught to stay "little girls," to live for Jesus in the old-fashioned way. In the home they have a family altar where the Word of God is read, and prayer is offered. The mother tells us that when each girl was born she was given to the Lord to be used for Him.

May God continue to use and bless these girls in the ministry of song and personal testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ!—Juvenile Pleasure.

Bob the Bible Boy

Charles A. Harris

Bob Turner had been saved one year and was now fifteen years old. He had been an out-and-out Christian right from the start and the result was, he was a very happy lad.

He had early started marking down Bible verses whenever he heard them or read them. Finally, he thought, why not write these verses where others will see them? Perhaps someone will be saved as God's

Word does its convicting work. Some thought he carried these things to great extent but he was so very much in earnest that no one tried to discourage him.

"What, another one?" asked Bob's mother, when Bob handed over a sweater and some small felt letters he had cut out of an old hat.

"Yes, Mom, and I think this is one of the best verses yet. I want it to read "I am chief."

"Are you sure about this Bob? It sounds queer and I don't think people will understand."

"That's just the point, Mother. They are going to stop me and ask what it means. Then I can quote Paul's words, 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.'"

"Well, I never! It certainly is quite an idea. I trust the Lord will bless it."

The next day the letters were on Bob's sweater and he wore it to school.

"Ha! Ha! Here comes the chief," laughed Jim Grindley when he saw Bob.

"Who are you Bob, Big Chief Sitting Bull?" asked Paul Burns, grinning from ear to ear.

After quite a crowd had gathered asking such questions and ribbing him unmercifully, Bob finally said, "I am the chief of sinners." He spoke of what God did for all sinners. Told them how happy he was to be a Christian.

Some laughed but many were quiet and thinking of what Bob had told them. God's Spirit was at work, following His Word.

The following Sunday night saw a half dozen of Bob's schoolmates in church. The minister greeted them cordially after the service and asked them how they happened to come. He knew they never had been there before.

"Bob the Bible boy got us curious," spoke up Jim Grindley, "We wanted to know what make him tick."

"And do you think you know now?" asked the pastor, who knew the stories of Bob's Bible verses. He had heard of them from many sources.

"Well, we are beginning to see," said Jim speaking for the others again.

Just then Bob came up and caught these words. "You will see, there is no doubt of that."

"How do you know?" asked the boys in chorus.

"Because the Bible says God's Word 'shall not return unto (Him) void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I send it.'"

"What Bob says is true boys," said the minister. "I'd like you to know Bob's testimony is a good one because he wears God's Word in his heart as well as on his sleeve."—Juvenile Pleasure.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6.

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn" (Prov. 29:2).

Righteous people, well thinking people, and all sane people are aware of the fact that we are in a state to mourn, for our sons have been slain, our taxes raised, unreasonable prices are being paid, for the necessities of life, and we are looking through the dark curtain of sin—the "iron curtain" of Russia and her satellites as they fasten their deadly fangs into the very life of the democracies of the world. Missionaries are already suffering persecution wherever Communism has gone, false trails in which the Christian did not have a chance, and in many cases, the defendant was made to suffer persecution until they would submit by making confessions. All who do not endorse Communism are put in prison, or killed. Well certainly, the wicked are ruling, not only Russia, but many nations on the earth are ruled by the wicked.

THE MODERNIST AND COMMUNISM

The modernist who can compromise with the Communist and still claim to be Christian will not suffer, neither mourn much over the conditions of the world. Those modernists who claim that you can be both Christian and Communist, are satanically inspired. Communism and Christianity do not dwell in the same house—the mind and body of men. Communism is of the devil. Christianity is of Christ. It is reported that some years ago that Joe Stalin tied an effigy of Christ to the tail of his horse and dragged it through the muddy streets of Moscow while the crowd cheered. It looks as if we are headed for Communism to rule the world. The fangs of this old serpent are being felt in a large portion of the world today. Communism has become so powerful that it can challenge the democracies and defy the wishes of those who believe in a democracy. And a great number of the rulers are willing to compromise with Joe Stalin and his wicked and diabolical Communism. If I live until Communism gets control of the world I will have to suffer death very likely for having written these lines, for the Anti-Christ has always persecuted Christians. Communism is strictly anti-Christian and yet we find that even our government is going fast toward a communist government. The dispute between nations and peoples is the spirit of Communist, backed by the Anti-Christ of the world.

OUR FREEDOM IS IN DANGER

Our nation's freedom was purchased at a great price. The price of blood only by the

grace of God, freed us from the dominion of Great Britain. It was founded with direct purpose to give us the privilege to worship God according to the dictates of the individual mind. This freedom is hated by the ungodly nations that have embraced communism. Freedom to work with out molestation from others—freedom to save and accumulate was given to every man. Now all this is being hampered by excessive taxation. You can earn but the government takes a large part of it back from you, in spite of yourself. It takes it to run the government—This government that is continually crying for more. Even our president wants more power. He is asking for it all along. Each political party wants more power. The Communist, or near communist in high places, wants all power. Churches are and have been destroyed under the rule of Communism. For years we have been slipping toward Communism. Communism is an enemy of freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of worship and freedom to live. The freedom under Communism is a freedom that moves at the crack of the dictator's whip. Socialism is a stepping stone to Communism.

A NATION OF ALCOHOLICS

We destroyed the EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT and paved the way for our nation to become a nation of alcoholics. More and more liquors, wines, and beer are being consumed. And our National capitol leads the nation in the consumption of liquor. I believe that some statistics show that \$20.00 worth of liquor was consumed by every person in the United States last year (some one got my share; perhaps some one in Washington). I know that the Bible teaches against intoxicating liquors. Not only does it teach of the danger in this life, but say the "drunkard cannot inherit the kingdom of God." The modernist calls "alcoholism a disease." But God calls it a sin. It is a sin that will damn the soul of man, and the nation that advocates and "mixed wines" will fall. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." (Psa. 9:17). America has forgotten God in a large measure. She is a nation of drunks, a nation of gamblers, a nation of "pleasure loving, God defying Anti-Christian rulers and dupes that follow.

Drunkenness is on the increase according to statistics. The cry for more institutions for drunks and dope addicts is heard continually. If these reformers, could only get their eyes open and see that there is only one remedy for the sin of drunkenness and know that the remedy is the LORD JESUS CHRIST, we might save the nation, but as long as it is done, or tried to be done by the strength of man, drunks will increase and more institutions and more taxes to run the institutions will be demanded.

Increase in gambling is evidenced everywhere. All kinds of gambling machines are used to catch the ignorant who will be guided by the devil to gamble. It is dog racing, horse racing, slot machines and

other inventions, prize fights, gamblers in the field of baseball, football, and even some churches gamble for benefits. In some states, some so-called churches are run by gambling "bingo" is the main gambling device or game in cities and towns.

Gamblers are trained in some homes where women play for "cut glass" and other prizes. Gambling is gambling, it makes no difference where it is done. It is done in the home, the church, the community recreation centers, the clubs, the road-houses, the home of the harlot, or the gambling den in the back of a cafe or barber shop. We cannot gamble and get by God's penalty for sin.

GOOD NEWS AFTER THE BAD

Rev. E. E. Morris of Oklahoma, who was elected Moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists stated at Nashville during the placing of the 1952 session at Shawnee, Okla., that we would be going to a place where no liquor was sold, and that by the time of the next session, he hoped that beer would be voted out. Good news, Brother Morris! Personally, I want to go to one more state where I can get something to eat and not have to go into a bar-room to secure it. It is a shame to see women and as well as men who cannot sit down to eat without having beer served.

BEER FOR OUR SERVICE MEN

Not long ago we heard of a party being given to a group of service men who were scheduled to leave for over seas. And several hundred dollar's worth of beer were served to the men. It was a gay party. Instead of having a blow-out with beer, Bibles ought to have been given and a good old fashioned "wet-eyed-prayer" meeting held. But instead of God running the business, Satan took over and furnished beer.

Recently, I saw a picture in one of our dailies of two North Koreans soldiers taking beer to the Peace Conference. These would-be peace makers have to have their beer. But you will not find where any Bibles were taken, nor any prayers offered, for this would be an insult to Joe Stalin and all the Communists. Our nation and even other nations who claim to be Christian cannot afford to go against the wishes of Joe, when it comes to prayer and worship of the Lord Jesus Christ. If Satan can bring peace to the world, I mean, lasting peace, then we are in for a successful peace conference. They may agree to cease-fire resolutions, but it will only last long enough for the Communists to get entrenched for war to conquer the whole world. There will be no peace until it is set up by the Lord Jesus Christ. The only peace in the world today is the peace that Jesus left with those who believe in Him. Men that reject Christ can never bring peace to the world.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption. Galatians 6:7, 8.

ATTENTION!

N. C. WOMEN

About Buses to Cragmont

As usual the special chartered bus to the Woman's Conference at Cragmont will leave New Bern (Bus Station) at 7:00 o'clock on the morning of Monday, August 13th. The fare from New Bern and return is \$12.50. The bus will stop at the following points to take on passengers at approximately the time given, and the fare from each point and return to that point is given: Kinston, 8:00 a. m., fare \$11.75; Wilson, 9:00 a. m., fare \$11.25; Raleigh, 10:00 a. m., fare \$10.50; Durham, 10:45 a. m., fare \$10.00. (Stops at other points in route by arrangement only.) The bus is expected to arrive at Cragmont in time for supper.

Of Special Interest to Cape Fear and Piedmont Women

For the benefit of those who may find it more convenient to travel thereby, the regular Cragmont Assembly bus will leave Goldsboro Free Will Baptist Church at 7:00 a. m. the same morning, and take the following route, arriving at places indicated at approximately the time given: Smithfield F. W. B. Church, 7:45 a. m.; Dunn Bus Station, 8:30 a. m.; Raeford Bus Station, 10:00 a. m.; Rockingham Bus Station, 11:30 a. m.; Kannapolis Bus Station, 1:00 p. m.; Marion Bus Station, 4:15 p. m.; Cragmont for supper. The fare on this bus is straight \$7.50, regardless of where bus is boarded, except from Marion where the fare will be regular bus fare. (The \$7.50 is for round trip.) The bus will make these stops only if there are registered women to get on board.

It is important that I know which bus you are going to ride and where you expect to get on the bus. Please give this information when you register. Please send in your registration at once. We are going to try to arrange accommodations at Cragmont for all who want to go, if we know in time. You send with your registration \$2.50 to cover registration fee and insurance, in effect from the time you leave for Cragmont. For reservation on the bus, you are asked to send a deposit of \$5.00 to be credited on your fare.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Director
Box 86, Ayden, N. C.

Prayer

How I love to pray! I thank Jesus for the great privilege of prayer, and being able to pray and give thanks unto God and living in a land where prayer is realized. It is through prayer that we are able to realize mercies of God. As Christ was mingling with the world, so that he might cleanse and purify it, he was praying. And

life this day should be one long connected prayer, so that we might have spiritual strength at all times and be drawn nigh unto our Father's face.

If it was needful for Christ to pray, how much more for all others, for as he was in the world, so are we.

Christ bore his own cross so meekly up the hill of scorn that we might find strength and joy equal to our need, so that we might find that peace which is above all peace.

I say unto you what we need in our churches most of all to-day are praying members who will pray in the spirit. I thank God I only know one prayer—a spiritually born prayer; praying in the spirit and feeling the blessed Holy Ghost as He fills my soul with joy.

I thank the Lord, I don't have to hesitate

and place each word so properly, and use vain repetitions as the heathen do—to be heard of man. Jesus said in St. Matthew, 6:7: but when ye pray use not vain repetitions as the heathen do; for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking."

I say unto you what church members need this day is pure religion. I thank the Lord I love old time praying, singing and shouting, praise and thanks unto the Heavenly Father.

Rev. Edward Hodges
Rt. 2, Patrick, S. C.

... They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31.

What Leaguers *Think* Youth's Banner *About*

During the Thursday session of the Adult Conference at the recent Nationwide Free Will Baptist League Conference, the question was asked, "What do your leaguers think of Youth's Banner?" The response was immediate, and hearty. "Youth's Banner is responsible for leaguers from our church being here," said one. "Our young people would not be without the Banner for anything," said another. "As for our young people, and the old ones too," said the pastor of a church taking a large number of Banners each month, "we consider it the best young people's paper published." A hasty survey made by the editor of the Banner after the session adjourned revealed that almost every league represented in the Adult Conference distributed Youth's Banner from Sunday to Sunday. Expressions heard on the campus of the Bible College during the Nationwide Conference revealed that many of the young people present were regular readers of the Bonner. When representatives of the Banner offered sample copies the response was often, "O, I get it regularly, but I'll give this copy to a friend."

Youth's Banner is going up slightly in price beginning January 1, 1952. Even then it will be below the price of many similar papers. For the fourth quarter of this year you can still get it for distribution in your league or Sunday School at only 15c per set of 13 weekly parts. Also, until January 1, 1952, we will accept personal yearly subscriptions at only 75c. Yes, just 75c for FIFTY-TWO copies of Youth's Banner!

During the next few months many of our Free Will Baptist young people will be writing for Youth's Banner. Hundreds of items of news of F. W. B. L. and Sunday School activities will be published. There will be pictures to claim the eye, and inspire the heart! Move along with progressive Free Will Baptist young people! Be a reader of YOUTH'S BANNER! Send your order or subscription today to The Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

W. A. Winfield Passes

W. A. Winfield of Pinetown, N. C., died April 22, 1951. He was a life-long resident of the Yeatesville community of Beaufort County. Death came at the age of eighty at home while he slept.

He was twice married. First to Miss Annie Gertrude Linton, February 10, 1904. She died January 23, 1926. To this union was born four sons and two daughters. One of the four preceded him in death by several years. He is survived by his second wife, Mrs. Martha Victoria Gaylord, whom he married February 16, 1947.

Brother Winfield had been a member of Free Union, Free Will Baptist Church, Beaufort County for about fifty years.

Consistent with the foregoing be it therefore resolved;

First: That we extend to his loved ones our heart-felt sympathy in these days when they feel his absence most keenly.

Second: That we express our deepest appreciation for his devotion and long years of faithful service to the church. We have

sustained a loss in Brother Winfield's home-going that will be felt for a long time. For he was an active man. As he busied himself in his own endeavors, in affairs of State, assistance to those about him and in service to his God. The feelings of those who knew him well were summarized by a colored friend of long standing. Said he, "He was a good man." "He will be missed."

Third: That a copy of these remarks and resolutions be sent to the Baptist paper for publication, a copy to the family, and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Committee,

Oscar Webster
Mrs. Mary F. Webster
Mrs. Ericie Waters

Free Union F. W. B. Church

Three Cheery Words

Three words there are, the sweetest words
In all of human speech—
More sweet than all the songs of birds,
On which the poets preach.

This life may be a vale of tears,
A sad and dreary thing—
But three words write, away goes fears
And birds begin to sing.

Three words, and all the roses bloom,
The sun begins to shine.
Three words will dissipate the gloom—
"God's Spirit Divine."

Boy Scouts of Troop 46 Open Recreation Hut

Boy Scouts of the Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist troop 46 have opened a recreative hut on Pethel lane, a five-minute walk from the church.

The frame building, 20 feet wide and 30 feet long, will be used by the Scouts at their Thursday night meetings and on other occasions. It will also serve as recreation hall for the church.

Scouting leaders took the lead in erecting the hut. F. M. Steele is Scoutmaster. J. W. Yates and Frank Hooper are his assistants and Ervin Absher is the explorer advisor. Committeemen are Chairman G. P. Pulliam, C. C. Cook, Carl Athey, Herman Griffin and Carl Lambert. The pastor, the Rev. Paul Jenkins, is the institutional representative.

Tri-County Youth Rally

The Tri-County Youth-for-Christ Rally will be held at Sts. Delight Church on Saturday night, August 11th, at 7:45. The public is cordially invited. The young people are especially urged to attend and take part in these programs.

Mrs. Zeb Mooring

I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Romans 1:16.

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The Great Guest Comes In

While the cobbler mused, there passed his pane
A beggar drenched by the driving rain;
He called him in from the stony street
And gave him shoes for his bruised feet.

The beggar went, and there came a crone
Her face with wrinkles of sorrow sown;
A bundle of fagots bowed her back,
And she was spent with the wrench and rack.

He gave her his loaf and steadied her load,
As she took her way on the weary road.
Then to his door came a little child,
Lost and afraid in the world so wild,

In the big, dark world. Catching it up,
He gave it the milk in the waiting cup,
And led it home to its mother's arms,
Out of the reach of the world's alarms.

The day went down in the crimson West,
And with it the hope of the blessed guest;
And Conrad sighed as the world turned gray;
"Why is it, Lord, that Your feet delay?"

"Did you forget that this was the day?"
Then, soft in the silence a voice was heard:
"Lift up your heart, for I kept My word.
Three times I came to your friendly door,

"Three times my shadow was on your floor;
I was a beggar with bruised feet;
I was a woman you gave to eat;
I was the child of the homeless street."

—Edwin Markham

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This is to state that I will be available for pastoral or evangelistic services, any church or churches that are interested in securing me as pastor for evangelistic work may write me at the following address.

Rev. Ernest Strickland,
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Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known unto God. Philippians 4:6.

The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me. Psalm 138:8.

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 Mrs Vernon Glover, Wilson, N. C. 11
 Mrs G. R. Stephenson, Dunn, N. C. 11
 Mrs G. C. Carter, Sr., Baxley, Ga. 11
 Mrs Marie B. Horton, Kinston, N. C. 11
 Mrs Swift Jones, Goldsboro, N. C. 11

J. R. Davidson, New Bern, N. C. 10
 Mrs J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn. 10
 Mrs Mae Rouse, Dudley, N. C. 10
 Mrs John Everington, New Bern, N. C. 10
 Mrs M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C. 10
 M. S. Cowan, Robersonville, N. C. 10
 Mrs Thomas McLamb, Clinton, N. C. 10
 Mrs Cleo Moulton, Clennia, Tenn. 10
 Louis H. Moulton, Greenville, Ga. 10
 Mrs Robert Cunningham, Donaldsonville, Georgia 10
 Jennings Williams, Clayton, N. C. 10
 Mrs Ione Buchanan, Lucasville, Ohio 10
 F. B. Cherry, Durham, N. C. 10
 Mrs N. S. Lancaster, Fremont, N. C. 9
 Mrs C. H. Briley, Robersonville, N. C. 9
 Mrs S. B. Strickland, Middlesex, N. C. 9
 Othel T. Dixon, Clarksville, Ark. 9
 Mrs John Edd Edmundson, Pikeville, N. C. 9
 Mrs Veral Jones, Pocahontas, Ark. 9
 Ranton H. Jackson, Davis, N. C. 9
 Chester A. Huckaby, Chipley, Fla. 9
 Mrs T. G. Sullivan, Wilson, N. C. 9
 Mrs R. R. Griswold, Selma, N. C. 8
 A. F. Delawder, Wellston, Ohio 8
 Walter King, Deep Run, N. C. 8
 Mrs D. R. House, Greenville, N. C. 8
 Mrs C. F. Heath, Cove City, N. C. 8
 Willa Lou Turner, Pamlico, S. C. 8
 Mrs Norwood Norris, Pink Hill, N. C. 8
 Mrs Dalton Lee, Selma, N. C. 8
 Christine Boyd, Joelton, Tenn. 8
 T. P. Ellis, Fountain, N. C. 8
 Mrs Viola White, Dover, N. C. 8
 Mrs Pearl Booker, Aliceville, Ala. 8
 Mrs Irene Stover, Marfork, W. Va. 7
 Mrs O. C. Briley, Nashville, Tenn. 7
 Q. H. Hanksy, Durham, N. C. 7
 Mrs Boyd Peters, Dunn, N. C. 7
 Mrs H. S. Swain, Columbia, N. C. 7
 Emma Frances West, Dover, N. C. 7
 Mrs Sam McCoy, Jr., Hookerton, N. C. 7
 Mrs Mae Johnson, Goldsboro, N. C. 7
 C. R. Houston, Colquitt, Ga. 7
 L. H. Boykin, Wilson, N. C. 7
 Mrs I. N. Sykes, Smithfield, N. C. 7
 Mrs Hubert Ferrell, Lucama, N. C. 7
 Tilton Renfrow, Kenly, N. C. 6
 Jesse Ryland, Cordova, Ala. 6
 George W. McLain, Richmond, Calif. 6
 Mrs Harvey Moore, Greenville, N. C. 6
 Mrs R. B. Pyle, Hilton, Ga. 6
 Mrs R. C. Potter, New Bern, N. C. 6
 Mrs O. S. Bolin, Slocumb, Ala. 6
 J. E. Ingalls, Greenville, N. C. 6
 Mrs Pearl Alligood, Davis, N. C. 6
 L. J. Carlyle, La Grange, N. C. 6
 Lula Morris, Vanceboro, N. C. 6
 Miss Sonia Russell, Rockingham, N. C. 6
 Nathaniel Cox, Blounts Creek, N. C. 6
 Mrs Pearl Pearce, Micro, N. C. 6
 L. J. Potter, Sneads Ferry, N. C. 6
 Mrs Rom Mallard, Trenton, N. C. 6
 L. V. Lambert, Kannapolis, N. C. 6
 Mrs Charles Glover, Beaufort, N. C. 6
 W. H. "Bill" Mason, Oriental, N. C. 6
 Mrs L. M. Edwards, Kenly, N. C. 6
 Wade Calvert, Belmont, N. C. 6
 Mrs Lee Bateman, Rockingham, N. C. 6
 Mrs G. L. Marriner, Belhaven, N. C. 6
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 Mrs J. S. Jones, Stantonsburg, S. C. 6
 Mrs Harvey Pittman, Lucama, N. C. 6
 Clifton Rice, Kinston, N. C. 6
 Mrs W. L. Nobles, Ayden, N. C. 6
 Mrs Elsie Kemp, Kerman, California 6
 Elma Jackson, Newport News, Va. 6
 J. E. Foreman, Washington, N. C. 6
 Rufus Hyman, Slocumb, Ala. 6
 Mrs Mattie Lane, Grantsboro, N. C. 6

He knoweth the way that I take. My foot hath held His steps, His ways have kept, and not declined. Job 23:10, 11.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT BETHEL (Johnston County), NORTH CAROLINA



The Vacation Bible School at Bethel (Johnston County) began on June 11 and continued through June 15. Mrs. David Hill was the director of the school, Mrs. Ernest M. Allen was secretary. The Sunday School bus was driven by different members of the church.

Teachers and their assistants for the Departments were as follows: Nursery—Mrs. Rayford Lee and Mrs. Herman Massengill; Beginner, Mrs. Owen Thomas and Mrs. Lee Thomas; Primary, Mrs. Valton Moore, Mrs.

Hiriam Johnson, Mrs. Minnie Mae Thompson; Junior boys, Mrs. Rufus Allen and Mrs. Charlie B. Massengill; Junior girls—Mrs. Millie Mae Stanley and Mrs. Tommie Massengill; Intermediates, Mrs. Cora Lee and Mrs. Lloyd Lee; Young People, Mr. Owen Thomas; Adults—Mrs. Bessie Oliver.

There were 227 people enrolled in the Bible School with an average attendance of 213.

Our theme song for the week was "The Bible School Brigade." The Commence-

ment exercises were given on Sunday night, June 17th at 8 o'clock with each department taking part. The handwork that the children had done during the week was on display in the back of the church. There were around 185 certificates awarded for perfect attendance during the week. We had a full week of instruction, inspiration and recreation.

Mrs. Owen Thomas

Middlesex Orphanage

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Friday, August 17—8:00 p. m.—Stoney Creek

Saturday, August 18—8:00 p. m.—Pine Level

Sunday, August 19—11:00 a. m.—Tipplett's Chapel

Sunday, August 19—8:00 p. m.—Barnes Hill

Monday, August 20—8:00 p. m.—Oak Grove—(near Elm City)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Tuesday, August 21—8:00 p. m.—Dublin Grove

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 22—8:00 p. m.—Daniel's Chapel

Thursday, August 23—8:00 p. m.—Otter's Creek

Friday, August 24—8:00 p. m.—Sweet Gum Grove

Saturday, August 25—8:00 p. m.—Piney Grove

Sunday, August 26—11:00 a. m.—Black Jack

Sunday, August 26—8:00 p. m.—Little Creek

Monday, August 27—8:00 p. m.—New St's Delight

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, Sept. 23—8:00 p. m.—Reunion Chapel

Itinerary, W. A. Hansley Orphanage Representative

(All services at 8:00 p. m.)

(Unless otherwise stated)

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 19, 1951—11:00 a. m.—Saratoga

ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 22, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Hickory Chapel (Ahoskie)

Thursday, August 23, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Little Creek (Virginia)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 26, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Smith's New Home

Monday, August 27, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Mt. Zion, Onslow County

Wednesday, August 29, 1951—8:00 p. m.—Beaufort

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 21, 1951—11:00 a. m.—Union Chapel

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT WOODALE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE



Woodale Free Will Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tennessee, held its Daily Vacation Bible school from June the eleventh through the twenty-second with an enrollment of 105 students. Almost one hundred certificates were awarded to members of the school.

During the course of the Bible school, there were several who confessed Christ. We are certainly thankful unto the Lord for the thirteen souls that were saved in the services during the week. Seven of these were united with our church. As a result of this Bible school, our Sunday

School has increased greatly.

We do covet the prayers of the praying people that our work here at our church will be making progress continually through the years for the glory of the Lord.

Rev. Horace Teague, Pastor

CARTERET COUNTY UNION REPORT

The Carteret County Union meeting convened with Davis Church on Saturday, July 28, 1951. The theme for the day was: Discipleship.—Luke 14:26-33. Brother Leslie Styron delivered the welcome address, and Elmer Garner gave the response. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting, the committees were appointed, and the roll was called. Rev. Leon Styron gave a wonderful message on the subject: Requirements of a True Disciple. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. R. H. Jackson, pastor of Davis church. Special music was rendered by Rev. Harris, the Missionary Baptist pastor of Davis Baptist church.

The list of churches was called with all twelve responding to the call. In the absence of Rev. Kenneth Gaskill, Rev. T. C. Smith preached the union sermon. He used for his subject: Good Soldiers of Jesus Christ. He selected his scripture from Second Timothy 2:4. His sermon was enjoyed by everyone present. Following the message, we had dinner on the church grounds.

The union re-assembled for the afternoon session, and Rev. W. E. Anderson conducted the devotions. Rev. T. C. Smith delivered a wonderful message on the subject: "Some Tests for a True Disciple." Mrs. Louise Bedsworth made a splendid talk on the subject: "A True Disciple Is Always an Inspiration."

Our obituary committee reported the home-going of Lizzie Cannon, Newport, N. C., and Brother Willie Golden, Sealevel, N. C. We trust that their memory will be a benediction to each one of us.

The afternoon prayer service was conducted by Rev. W. E. Anderson. A testimonial service was held in which many present testified to the blessings which the Lord had given to them. Music was rendered while the Finance Committee was out preparing to make their report. Several special selections of hymns were sung by the congregation, and they were enjoyed by all present.

The Finance Committee's Report

Received from churches	\$92.00
For Cuban Student	50.00
Public offering	25.25
Total	\$167.25

Disbursements

Cragmont	7.25
Foreign missions	10.00
Christian education	10.00
Cuban student	60.00
Superannuated ministers' wives	10.00
Programs	2.50
Miscellaneous purposes	2.90
To the secretary	5.00

Total	\$142.65
Balance in the treasury	\$24.60

The union extended to Davis church thanks and appreciation for the kind hospitality shown in entertaining this union. The next union will convene with Free Union Church, Sea Level, North Carolina, in September, 1951.

Ralph Wilkins, Moderator
Lela Golden, Secy.-Treas.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble
Thou wilt revive me; . . . and Thy right
hand shall save me. Psalm 138:7.

Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the
Lord and not unto men. Colossians 3:23.

What the Liquor Saloons Did to Our Happy Home

Ours was a happy home. No child ever had a dearer mother and father, or finer sisters and brothers than I had. There were eight of us. Back in 1889, the year my parents were married, they moved from Arkansas to the frontier settlements in Oklahoma, and my father ran for a claim out near El Reno, and there my parents homesteaded.

My father was an industrious, hard working, ambitious young man and he began at once to accumulate a modest fortune. After a few years had passed and most of the children were born my father came to be one of the best known and esteemed citizens of that entire section. He had continued to forge ahead until now he owned a large number of stores and buildings, and the wagon yard in the little town of Union City. My mother was in the bloom of health, and all the children were healthy and happy.

But then one day a deep, dark pall of sorrow began to settle like the darkness of midnight over our home. The old demon of rum reached in with snaky, slimy hands and laid hold on my father. There was an old filthy saloon right near our house, and in order to be sociable with the other fellows my father began to take drinks. And then one sad day a neighbor brought us the heart-rending report that my father was drunk. Our home that day was turned into a house of mourning.

But this was only the beginning of our sorrows, for in the days ahead we were to experience the awful blighting years of heartache, misery and confusion such as only the rapacious, ravaging work of liquor can bring to a home. For when once my father had embarked upon the shameful liquor road to ruin, he soon found himself in the grip of a demon monster from whose deadly clutches he seemed helpless to escape.

It was one drinking spree right after another, and although every time when he sobered up, he would be remorseful of what he had done, and of the sorrow he had brought to his family, (for I know that he did love his family) and he would invariably ask mother's forgiveness. But he was on the toboggan to ruin.

He began to gamble away his money. Sometimes he would win, but more often he would lose, and he would get in debt, and then would sell a piece of property to pay off. As the days rolled by he sold, one by one, every piece of real estate he owned, even the very home, the little white house in which I was born.

We had to move into the back end of a little grocery store, and there eke out my miserable existence, for by this time my father was drunk a large part of the time, and we were operating the little grocery store in a desperate effort to pay expenses. But at the end of many a day he would take

And Why I Am Everlastingly Against Them

By Dave Crowley
Radio Evangelist of Washington, D. C.

the money out of the cash drawer and go out on a spree. Soon the shelves were empty, the small stock of merchandise had depleted, and there was no money, and no credit. The entire family was in rags, and the day came finally when there was no food in the pantry. Mother by this time was prematurely becoming gray and was fast breaking in health.

Then one day after my father had sobered up from a spree he consented to the persistent plea of mother that we move away from that place. My mother thought that if my father could just get away from the old crowd, change his environment, that he might eventually overcome the awful drink habit, and this my father resolved to do. So all that we had left of this world's goods were traded for an old wagon and a team of worn out horses.

How can I ever forget that day we loaded furniture, and bundles of ragged clothes, and all the family, and pulled away, forging across the North Canadian river whose waters were about three feet deep—we were going out, we knew not where, to enter into a new world. For a time we lived a sort of Gypsy life, stopping a few days at this place, and a few days at that place. Finally we came to Paul's Valley, and with the last dollar that my father had we bought an axe and started a little wood yard. My brother and I peddled the wood in town.

Well, our hopes were high, and things did move along all right for a time. There was a cottonwood saw mill there by the Washita River, and we got the owner to let us have the slabs and the old rough boards and the culls, and with those cottonwood slabs and culls we built a little house to live in. It didn't have any floor for a time, and there were holes in the walls several inches long, but it was home sweet home to us, and we had a sober father who loved his family.

But one day some old denizen of hell came along and shoved a bottle of booze under my father's nose and persuaded him to "just take one drink." And that drink was the beginning of his downfall again, and the days that followed were more fraught with sorrow and suffering than any we had ever known before.

There comes before me as I speak the horrible spectre of my father coming into the house tanked with liquor as a raging mad man, knocking down the furniture and breaking all the dishes. It came to the place that we dared only use tin cups, and pie pans to eat out of, and then it came to the place that there wasn't anything to

eat. My brother and I would go out and do odd jobs and make ten or fifteen cents here and there so that we could buy some molasses and corn meal.

Then came one of the greatest days in the history of the great state of Oklahoma—the day of statewide prohibition. I was only a small boy, but can you not imagine how glad I was to hear the whistles blow, and the bells ring, and the guns firing. The whole state was in one grand jubilee. Old King Alcohol had been outlawed. I know it was one of the happiest events of my entire life—there was music in my soul that day. I thought it was the death knell to the wicked liquor traffic, and that there would be no more drunkenness to destroy our home, or any other.

Ah, but my friends, no sooner had the Oklahoma prohibition statute been enacted until the blind tigers and the bootleggers began to let it be known that they were not going to pay any attention to the law. A short time later I found my father in a drunken stupor in an old hollow behind a clump of bushes, drunk again on rotgut whiskey. And by this time my mother's health gave way under the terrible strain. Nerves and body broken, she spent a whole year in bed, until the good angel came and took her away from her sorrows and sufferings.

We laid her body in a premature grave, at 49 years of age, there to await the morning of the resurrection. But while standing at the grave there was one thought that kept surging in my soul: "Whiskey did this! Whiskey did this!" And then not long after this my father's health gave way to a booze inflicted body and his unfortunate life came to an untimely end.

These experiences, my friends, came to me in my early childhood, and is there any wonder that as a boy, witnessing the ravaging, wrecking, riotous effects of the demon of liquor that I said in my heart:

"If I ever grow up and have the opportunity, in the name of high heaven, and in the name and memory of a suffering mother who was denied the right to a happy home and the privilege of seeing her children grow to maturity; and in the name of a father who loved his children but who became just another victim of the old serpent of booze; in the name of suffering orphaned children the bloom of whose youth is crushed by the most conscienceless, heartless, and cruel monster that ever wiggled out of the bottomless pit; in the name of all that is just and right and honorable and decent and respectable and holy, in God's name, I'll smite this monstrous demon, King Alcohol, with all my might!"

I cannot, it is true, recover those golden days of childhood and lift the pall which blighted the joy of that home of yesterday; but perhaps I may help to save other children

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Selfishness and Moral Weakness

Selfishness and moral weakness constitute as grave a peril to this nation's freedom as the threat of armed aggression, the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, president of the National Council, declared today in connection with the 175th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Bishop Sherrill, urging participation in the special observance, called on the nation to recognize that "the ultimate foundations of freedom" are to be found in the principles of true religion, especially Christianity.

"It was no accident that our forefathers proclaimed all men 'are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights,'" Bishop Sherrill said. "For the basis of our liberty is to be found in God whose service is perfect freedom."

The anniversary celebration is being observed in thousands of American communities under the sponsorship of a special commission appointed by President Truman.

The full text of Bishop Sherrill's statement follows:

"The 175th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence is an occasion of religion as well as of patriotic significance. We must never forget that the ultimate foundation of freedom is to be found in the principles of true religion and especially Christianity. It was no accident that our forefathers proclaimed that all men 'are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights' and that our historic Liberty Bell bears the inscription from the Bible: 'Proclaim liberty throughout all the lands unto all the inhabitants thereof.' For the basis of our liberty is to be found in God in whose service is perfect freedom.

"Therefore on this anniversary it is appropriate that we should incorporate worship as well as in private prayer thank God for the manifold blessings poured down upon this nation. We will do well to remember that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance, not only against attack from without but against forces of selfishness and moral weakness within. The threats to our freedom are clear. They can only be met by a people dedicated to righteousness, by a nation under God."—Selected

The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. I Sam. 16:7.

"Whither I march in front or last

Whether I've plenty to eat, or fast,

Whether I fight on land or sea,

Saviour, I'm pleased to go with Thee."

—Commissioner Railton

Thou hast holden me by my right hand. Psalm 73:23.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid. Isaiah 12:2.

THE SUNBEAM CIRCLE

Fairmount Park F. W. B. Church
Norfolk, Virginia

The Woman's Auxiliary of Fairmount Park F. W. B. Church, Norfolk, Virginia, organized the smallest Youth Circle called the Sunbeams, November, 1949. Mrs. Edward Hyers was elected as director, and Mrs. Mildred L. Pendergrass was chosen as leader. At Cragmont last year Mrs. Pendergrass explained the Sunbeam Circle to the Ladies Auxiliary. She stated that the collections were to be used for Missionary work.



Teaching Sunbeams to Pray

The children feed the Missionary pig with pennies, nickles and dimes for the Missionary work. We held our first meetings twice each month on Sunday morning during the worship service. We started with nine members, and collected 16 cents the first Sunday. The first year our membership grew from 9 to 50, averaging from 18 to 25 in attendance for each Sunday.

Now we meet each Sunday with an average attendance from 25 to 30, and our col-



Leading Sunbeams in Singing

lections range from 45 cents to 75 cents. The first year we turned in \$15 for Missions. Our entire collections go for Missions.

Now we meet each Sunday morning with Mrs. Pendergrass during church service in the Sunbeam room, and our collections for the first quarter of this year amounted to \$12.54. We teach them to sing, to pray, to usher, to tithe, and to be reverent in church. We explain to them how their collections are used to win souls to Christ in

foreign lands. We teach them that we are to help the missionaries to tell the little children in heathen lands about God whom they never knew before.

We use Flannel Graft stories, we read the Bible, tell Bible stories, teach Bible verses, and also teach object lessons. We do not have regular Sunbeam printed literature at this time. We do hope to have some in the near future for these little folks. The ages of these boys and girls range from 3 to 6 years old. At the age of seven we send them up to the Youth Church which is now under the direction of Mrs. Edward Hyers, ages 7 to 12, boys and girls. We read in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Our Sunbeam Motto is: "I am the light of the world." These are the words of Jesus.

Mrs. Mildred Pendergrass,
Corresponding Secy. and
Leader of the Sunbeams
1205 Ingleside Rd.
Norfolk, Va.

The Story of Grumble Tone

There was a boy named Grumble Tone who ran away to sea,
"I'm sick of things on land," he said, "as sick as I can be!
A life upon the bounding wave will suit a lad like me!"

The seething ocean billows failed to stimulate his mirth,
For he did not like the vessel, nor the dizzy, rolling berth,
And he thought the sea was almost as unpleasant as the earth.

He wandered into foreign lands, he saw each wondrous sight,
But nothing that he heard or saw seemed just exactly right;
And so he journeyed on and on, still seeking for delight.

He talked with kings and ladies fair; he dined in courts, they say.
But always found the people dull, and longed to get away
To search for that mysterious land where he should like to stay.

He wandered over all the world, his hair grew white as snow;
He reached that final bourne at last where all of us must go,
But never found the land he sought. The reason would you know?

The reason was that, north or south, wher-e'er his steps were bent,
On land or sea, in court or hall, he found but discontent;
For he took his disposition with him everywhere he went.

—Christian Advocate.

News and Views of National Association of Free Will Baptists held July 3-12

Convening with Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.

NATIONAL LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Fourth Nationwide Free Will Baptist League Conference got off to a fine start July 3, 7:30 P. M., when about four hundred delegates and visitors gathered in the New Auditorium at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, with Rev. C. F. Bowen, Nashville, Tennessee, presiding. Rev. W. S. Mooneyham led the singing and Miss Jo Simpson was pianist, Miss Loyce Marshall, organist.

The Keynote for the Conference was: "The Hour Has Come."

The Watch Word, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

Nineteen states were represented with approximately seven hundred in attendance during part of the conference.

Those who attended as delegates from the various states are as follows:

North Carolina	37
South Carolina	36
Oklahoma	18
Arkansas	15
Texas	15
Illinois	14
Missouri	14
Mississippi	13
West Virginia	12
Alabama	10
Michigan	7
California	5
Cuba	5
Georgia	5
Virginia	5
Kentucky	1
Wisconsin	1
Tennessee	220

Total Delegates attending 432

Some of the highlights of the session were, the messages delivered in keeping with the Watch Word and Keynote, which were inspirational and challenging to all in attendance. The solo by Miss Olema Grant of Hull Road Church, North Carolina, was greatly enjoyed by everyone. The Nationwide Intermediate Sword Drill was directed by Mrs. C. F. Bowen. Five states participated, with Miss Shirley Wafford, of Tennessee, winning first prize, and Coy Priest, of California, winning second prize. The Gospeliers (College Quartet) was always a welcome feature of the program. The afternoon workshop sessions were well attended with much enthusiasm and interest shown.

During the worship and inspirational ses-

sions, a number of young people came forward and rededicated their lives for a greater service to Christ and the church.

We are sure that the results of the Conference will be felt by the entire denomination.

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Ninth Annual Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention began on Friday morning July 6 in the New Auditorium of the Free Will Baptist Bible College with Rev. John H. West of Oklahoma, presiding.

Many things were done and said that were helpful and inspiring during the convention. Especially the Work-shop periods when some of the problems of the Sunday Schools were discussed, such as, literature, departmentalizing the S. S., teachers and methods of teaching, Superintendents and their duties, and the pastor's place in the Sunday School.

The high-light message was delivered by Rev. John H. West of Oklahoma, using as his topic "Seeking the Lost Through Organization," on Friday, July 6, 7:30 P. M.

The other messages by Rev. R. B. Crawford: Text, "Evangelism in the Sunday School," and Rev. L. C. Johnson, President of Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, on "Christian Education." Rev. Rashie Kennedy, N. C., spoke on the theme: "Seeking the Lost through Teacher Training." All were inspirational and helpful.

One of the best features of the Convention, and having the greatest impact upon the delegates and those in attendance, was the showing of the film, by Rev. Damon C. Dodd, titled: "Bible on the Table," filmed and distributed by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Sunday, July 8, the five churches of Nashville, Tennessee, invited visiting ministers of the National Association to fill pulpits, and others to teach Sunday School classes. Churches, pastors, and visitors are as follows:

TRINITY—210 Foster St., Pastor, C. B. Thompson; visitor, I. J. Blackwelder.

SYLVAN PARK—47th and Wyoming St., Pastor, N. R. Smith; visitor, W. S. Mooneyham.

WEST NASHVILLE—56 and Pennsylvania St., Pastor, C. A. Craft.

EAST NASHVILLE—518 Woodland Ave., Pastor, C. F. Bowen, visitor, J. R. Davidson.

COFFER'S CHAPEL—10th and Garfield St., Pastor, J. L. Welch; visitor, Dean Moore.

NATIONAL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Sixteenth Annual Session of the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention in U. S. A. began its program July 9, 1951, 7:00 P. M. by the registration of delegates and ministers in attendance. Sixteen states represented and were eligible for a seat in convention. About 200 delegates and visitors were in attendance the first meeting.

The General officers for the 1951 session were:

President, Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan, Detroit, Mich.

Clerk, Mrs. Reford Wilson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Assistant Clerk, Mrs. George McLain, Kerman, California.

Executive Secy.-Treas., Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Nashville, Tennessee.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Fanny Polston, Nashville, Tennessee.

Theme: "Now Is the Hour."

Watchword: "Laborers together with God."

Convention Hymn: "Christ for the World We Sing."

Two of the major features of the Convention were:

Monologue: "A Transformed Life," Lucy Wisehart, Mo., as main character, with a hidden choir assisting, under the direction of Mrs. L. E. Ballard, N. C. Presented Monday evening, July 9.

Message by Rev. Raymond Riggs, "Now Is the Hour for Greater Missionary Endeavors."

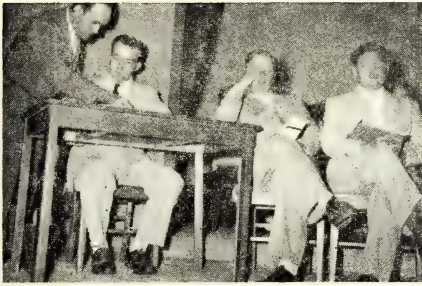
The entire convention gave the challenge, "Now Is the Hour," to go forward.

MASS MEETING OF ALL BODIES

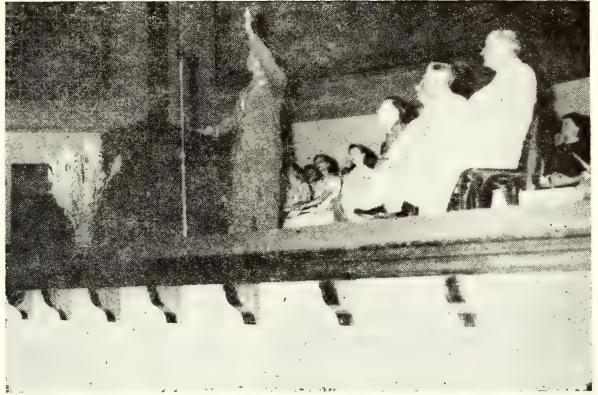
The mass meeting of the National F. W. B. L. Conference and National Sunday School Convention, with the cooperation of the city and rural Church of Tennessee was in the War Memorial Auditorium in downtown Nashville, Tennessee, with approximately 1500 to 2000 Free Will Baptists in attendance. The message was delivered by Rev. Damon C. Dodd who used his topic: "The Record and the Remedy." Text: II Chronicles 7:14, as the remedy for every human ill. (Rev. Dodd affirmed that these are days of revival and the only thing that will limit God's power among us is our unbelief. This was a great feature of the entire assembly.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST





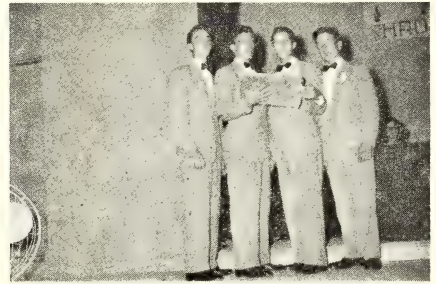
Officers of the National Association: Left to right, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Promotional Secretary; Rev. Paul Ketteman, Secretary; Rev. N. B. Barrow, Presiding Officer; Rev. Homer Willis, Assistant Presiding Officer



Rev. Damon C. Dodd Who Delivered the Message to the Group in War Memorial Auditorium



The Choir for the Mass Meeting Held in War Memorial Auditorium.



College Quartett Singing During National Association. Everyone enjoyed each number.

THE HEART'S PROOF

Do you ask me how I prove
That our Father, God, is love?
By this world which he hath made,
By the songs of grove and blade,
By the brooks that singing run,
By the shining of the sun,
By the breeze that cools my brow,
By fresh odors from the plow,
By the daisy's golden head,
Shining in the fields I tread,
By the chorus of the bees
In the flowering willow trees,
By the gentle dews and rain,
By the farmer's springing grain,
By the light of golden eyes,
By the sheen of forest leaves,
By the sweets of woodland springs,
By the joy right-doing brings—
By a thousand, thousand things!

—James Buckham

We have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Ephesians 1:7.

I will dwell in the midst of thee.—Zechariah 2:11.



Part of the Great Crowd that Attended the Mass Meeting in War Memorial Auditorium

:- Department of Foreign Missions :-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE

HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

News from Miss Barnard

Jiddah, Arabia
On the Red Sea
July 6, 1951

Dear Brother Riggs:

The heading of the letter will locate us geographically. We arrived here on the afternoon of the 3rd and because of Moslem fasts, feasts and holidays we have had to remain docked with almost nothing accomplished for three days. We have brought our heaviest cargo for this obscure port, some 50 to 75 new Dodge cars, a dozen large busses, and a number of motors and other parts, in addition to lighter cargo. As "luck" would have it, we must needs arrive on the eve of the biggest holiday of the year for Islam! The next day was Friday, the Mohammedan weekly sabbath, further complicating matters. We are now making a beginning at unloading but are being held up by customs officials who cannot afford to resume operations yet—whatever the reason is, it would doubtless be inscrutable to the western mind! So here we still sit, in a temperature which might shock you to hear and a humidity that keeps us drenched in perspiration. Fortunately there is a breeze most times on deck, but unfortunately the human frame requires to lie down and relax occasionally and there is no provision for such on deck. The cabins are oven-like and nights or noon siestas are miserable when not utterly impossible. A young man—from Detroit incidentally—native of Arabia returned to this port with us and moved on inland to his own particular place, and I quote him as about the best description I can think of of this place: "Jid-dah hondard-torty (130)— too hot—can't do nothing all day—drink water, drink water all day!" That about hits the mark. However, hot and desert-like as it is, I must not give the impression that there is nothing lovely about it. We are docked here in the midst of a large and numerous patches of coral reef that give an unusually colorful effect to the entire harbor. With the desert sun beating down upon the waters the coral shades into pink, blends with the waters and tapers into green and purple and ocean-blue. It is the work of a Master Artist. We shall be thankful when we can move on, for any discomfort here is due to the place and not to the ship. We still have to call at Karachi, Pakistan, and Bombay, India, unloading and receiving cargo at both places, before reaching our own destination at Madras. It may be late in July before we arrive.

Mecca, the famous center for Mohammed-

danism, is about 50 miles from here, and Jiddah is the port where pilgrims disembark on pilgrimages to that great shrine of Islam. Medina is only about 25 miles from here. Within sight of our ship lies the wreck of a pilgrim ship which, coming into harbor some years ago, ran into a reef and caught fire. The ship itself was entirely lost and the sharks that infest these waters like insects devoured every person, passengers and crew, before any rescue could be made. But this is the Mecca season again and now boats are more skillfully piloted in, with no frequent accidents.

We have had a rather interesting trip thus far, though I don't have the "pen of a ready writer" to transmit it all to you intelligently enough for you to enjoy it with us. From Beirut we went by car (taxi) up to old Damascus and then to a place called Baalbeck where we saw almost bewildering old ruins of the Temple of Jupiter. "We have now for two weeks been moving about in scenes of antiquity, so different from the atmosphere of America that we are constantly gasping with astonishment to hear that such-and-such a building or underground tomb is 3,000 years old. I have not had opportunity yet to record our observations at Damascus and Baalbeck or in Alexandria in detail but will see that you get a copy when (and if) I do. Suffice it here to mention that we paraded down the Street-Called-Straight, still the main street in Old Damascus, a narrow, alley-like passage about wide enough for two cars to pass by careful driving. It is said to be one mile long, one-half of which is covered against the blast of the sun. We could well imagine ourselves thrown back 2000 years as we moved amidst the milling numbers of Damascus folk slow-gauged and clothed in the self-same oriental, colorful garb of the apostles and their contemporaries, and as we looked on the baskets, the quantities of fish, the fruits and other articles in the shops, and inhaled the smells that only an eastern market street can produce. The large, strong, well-built baskets in the bazaar reminded us that Paul was likely to lead down through the window over the old city wall in that very kind of basket. And so we sought out the house which is said to be the very scene of that Bible event. The house was there, just hard up against the old wall now partly demolished. The window has been closed in but was well marked, and the entire setting made that beautiful Bible record live before us. Again we moved on and explored the house, now underground, where Ananias found Paul and laying hands

on him prayed for him to receive his sight. Had we not seen anything else on this voyage, Damascus would have made it worthwhile."

I hope that we'll have a letter from you in Bombay. We are anxious to know how the car matter is developing, and if possible I would like to get our application for permit into the Indan Government before I leave the port of Bombay. Wish I had that car on this very ship! I hope to be able to do a number of errands of Mission business in Bombay, as I understand we have a great deal of cargo—a considerable amount of cotton was taken on in Egypt—for Bombay and may be there about a week.

Both of us feel very keenly the need of your continued prayers for us as we disembark and proceed to our station. And I would like to urge you to place under "active consideration" at this time your long-time proposal to visit our work in India. I wish you could do this before the Woolseys leave for their furlough next year. Please do put this before the Lord and see if He does not have a word for you!

Loving greetings to all the friends,

Yours in Him,
Laura Belle Barnard

LETTER FROM MISS VELEY

Following is the most of contents of letter from Miss Velely, now resting in Ohio. She is not too well. Please remember her in prayer. She will be needed as teacher in school beginning in September.

Rev. Raymond Riggs
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

"I had hoped to be able to come home for a month, but had given up the idea for I thought it wouldn't be possible. I have been busy most of the time since conference and I really needed a little vacation to be able to start classes again but we never get any rest in Cuba. I have been in pretty good health but lately my heart hasn't been so good but I think the weather had something to do with it, so the Willeys thought it would be a good idea to have a month at home and so I made preparations in 3 days and left immediately after Onevio's wedding. I had to go by the way of Havana for that and so I saved money by coming on from there. I do hope that you will forgive me for not writing and for all the other time that I haven't written.

Another reason why I wanted to come home is, that one of my sisters who has been ill for some time, is now very sick again and we think that she will not be any better. I don't think it will be very long until she will be with the Lord. I never come home when any of the family dies but would rather come and see them while they can know I am here. My brother, the only one that I had left went to be with the Lord in January and my nieces husband died July 4th. So it seems that my family is going fast.

In May I went to Los Martinas where Pepe is stationed and there to Los Cayos where we dedicated a little church. It was a long hard journey but we had a precious time. The people had worked so hard for their little church and the testimonies of thanksgiving that flowed from their lips was wonderful to hear.

The last of June I went to San Juan where we had some special services. One of them in the town in a part where we have started a new work. We are trusting that the seed sown will soon bear fruit in that fanatical neighborhood.

I spent a weekend in Vinales and then went back for a week to help Neni in some special services. We were rather handicapped by rain and by the Gideonites who chose that week to have healing services in the park, but the Lord blessed us in spite of everything and one precious young lady gave her heart to the Lord and we feel much encouraged.

The week after our meeting closed Nenis' mother went to be with the Lord. She had been in poor health so long but now it is much better for she is at Home and free from all suffering.

Well, I have written at length, so will close.

Greetings to all the friends there.

Yours in Him
Bessie Yeley

FROM THE FIELD

Rev. Raymond Riggs
Promotional Secy.-Treas.
Foreign Mission Board

Deep Run, N. C.
July 18, 1951

Dear Mr. Riggs:

Inclosed you will find a money order for \$31.59: Thirty-one dollars and fifty-nine cents to be used for missions.

It is a special offering taken during our Vacation Bible School, which was sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary and "Deep Run Free Will Baptist Church."

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. George Benson (Treas.)
Deep Run, N. C.
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Dear Sirs:

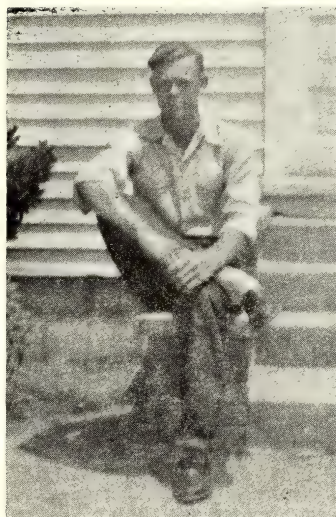
We are sending \$40.00 to be used in the foreign missions. We belong to Merli's Chapel Church, Cassville, Mo. We are still thankful we can still help out a little even though we are a long way from our church.

May the Lord bless all your labors to His glory and service.

Laverne Black and family,
Warm Springs, Oregon

"I bring my little gift to Thee;
Take Thou, O Lord, and bless,
That all mankind may find in me,
An answer to Thy plan divine."

... Keep thyself pure. I Timothy 5:22.



J. P. Batten

J. P. BATTEN MAKES GOOD REPORT

Herewith is the picture of one of our Sunday School students in the Kenly Church, N. C. He is J. P. Batten, age 19 years. He has not missed a single Sunday in Sunday School since the second Sunday in September, 1947. He is also a member of our church, and a very fine young man.

We have several in our Sunday School who have made one and two years' record, but I do not have their pictures for the paper. We do have a real good Sunday School, and the attendance is fine. We have a good group of young people in our church and Sunday School, who work and are interested in the progress of our church and Sunday School.

Mrs. James Crocker,
Senior Class Teacher

What the Liquor Saloons Did to Our Happy Home!

(continued from page five)

dren from the withering mildew of the liquor curse. I cannot bring back my mother and restore to her cheeks the bloom of health; but perhaps I can help to assuage the grief and lift the burden from the hearts of other mothers whose homes this demon monster would destroy. I cannot bring back from the grave a sober father and restore to him a happy family free from the curse of drink; but it is my prayer that I may help the struggling, prodigal father of some other boy and girl whose life has been victimized by this ravaging liquor curse.—In Civic Bulletin, July, 1951, Albany, N. Y.

JUST SUPPOSE, MR. DRINKER

Supposing your child should leave its own yard

For a romp in search of a ball,
If its mother were busy and had not the time

To step out and give it a call.

Supposing some drinker should race down your street

As if he were taking a dare—

And crush the life out of your little child;
Mr. Drinker, do you think you would care?

Supposing your mother were crossing the street—

Your mother now feeble and old:

And some reckless driver should knock her aside,

Leaving her lifeless and cold.

Could you find an excuse for his careless act?

Would you really think it were fair?

Now, putting yourself in this fellow's place—

Mr. Drinker, do you think you would care?

Supposing a loved one you hold very dear
Were a victim of some drinker's game;

And lay in bed just day after day,
All crippled and helpless and lame.

Supposing he never could walk any more,
No longer your pleasure could share;

Just lie there and suffer day in day out—

Mr. Drinker, do you think you would care?

How little you care for the other man's pain

In your reckless pleasure and greed;

How little you care what it costs someone else,

As you travel at dare-devil speed.

But just let it strike in your family some day

For you and your loved ones to share—

Then you'll slacken your speed and you'll take time to think

And then, Mr. Drinker, you'll care. Anon.

—Selected by Mrs. C. L. Patrick

CALVERT TO HOLD REVIVAL AT MAY'S CHAPEL, WAYNE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

This is to announce that the evangelist, Wade Calvert, of Belmont, North Carolina, will conduct a revival meeting at May's Chapel, beginning on August 20. The public is cordially invited to attend these services, and to hear the gospel messages of this servant of God.

Mrs. May Rouse, Church member

Be strong and of a good courage; fear not, nor be afraid of them; for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Deuteronomy 31:6.



The Responsibility of the Christian in Public Life

(Lesson for August 26)

LESSON: Matthew 5:13-16; 13:33; Acts 5:25-29; I Peter 3:13-16.

GOLDEN TEXT: Acts 5:29.

I. The Lesson Illustrated

The public life of the Christian is vitally important to society. As citizens Christians are to manifest their concern for the good of the state and the nation. Christ set forth in his sermon on the Mount the Christian's responsibility, as salt and light (Matt. 5:13-16).

"Only he who is connected with the rock, whose soul is in union with Christ by the Holy Spirit, can preserve his savor, and be instrumental of good to others." Ministers whose "spiritual savor" has been lost can have very little saving influence upon others.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. The Christian's presence in the world has insured its preservation until now.

2. All the intellectual illumination given by the world is insufficient to lead one soul out of the darkness of sin.

3. All of the Christian's qualifications are to be used for the glory of God and the blessings of others.

4. The good works of a Christian should not be done or planned to attract attention to himself, but to God who enabled him to do them.

5. Heaven works quietly and pervasively; so also does false doctrine. Just consider how swiftly the heaven of Communism is spreading now among the world's population. Even some of our large Protestant denominations are controlled by Communist sympathizers.

6. Witnessing for Christ at His command may sometimes lead to imprisonment and suffering.

7. When it pleases God to do so, He

knows how to deliver His own out of the hands of their persecutors.

8. Suffering as Christians does not destroy our hope, but enables us to give a good reason for it.

9. Things that are natural for the Christian are almost always strange to other people.

10. There is a peculiar happiness that comes from bearing reproach for the sake of Christ.—Selected.

11. Conscience, when kept pure and clean, is useful and dependable as a guide, but may lose its certainty and dependability if abused. A godly conversation in which Christ is held up and His name magnified is an index to a holy life. When we persistently adhere to these principles we shall be able to put to shame those who find fault with us, and try to besmirch our lives and characters.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. No real harm can ever come to us if we are "zealous of that which is good." Oh, yes, we may be hurt so far as our body is concerned, but no real harm can come to us, because as we are "zealous of that which is good," we are in the full will of God.

In Peter's mind there was no contradiction in the teaching of the Holy Spirit between no harm coming to him and suffering for the sake of Christ (look carefully at vv. 13 and 14). Even though we should suffer for righteousness' sake, the divine pronouncement is, "Blessed are ye."—Moody Monthly.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Faithful to Duty

When Pompeii was destroyed, there

HEAR THE RADIO FAITH PROGRAM

Hear the Faith program which is being conducted on Station WGRA, Cairo, Georgia, 1300 K. C. at 9:30 A. M. week days, and 9:00 A. M. on Sundays.

Hear also the program over Station WDWD, Dawson, Georgia, at 9:00 A. M. week days, and 6:00 P. M. Sundays.

Hear the program over Station WFFM, Ft. Valley, Georgia, 1150 K. C., at 9:00 A. M. week days, and 9:00 A. M. Sundays.

These are all 1,000 watt stations, and they cover from Atlanta to the Gulf.

Rev. K. V. Shutes
Camilla, Georgia

were very many buried in the ruins of it, who were afterward found in very different situations. There were some found who were in the streets, as if they had been attempting to make their escape. There were some found in the deep valleys, as if they had gone thither for security. There were some found in lofty chambers; but where did they find the Roman sentinel? They found him standing at the city gate, with his hand still grasping the war weapon, where he had been placed by his captain; and there, while the heavens threatened him; there, while the earth shook beneath him; there, while the lava stream rolled, he had stood at his post; and there, after a thousand years had passed away, was he found. So let Christians stand to their duty, in the post at which their Captain has placed them.—Thirty Thousand Thoughts.

Impartiality in Justice

In the city of Detroit, there was much concern over the large number of traffic accidents. A committee of citizens discovered that a large factor in these accidents was drunken drivers. A law was passed which made it mandatory that such a driver be sent to jail and that his driver's license be revoked. A special court was established. The two judges officiating in this court have had marvelous success; and this is the reason: they know that the whole system will fall down if they ever start playing favorites. When it comes to justice, service, efficiency, it takes a special kind of character. Our Lord Jesus knew what He was talking about when He told His followers that they could do a marvelous service to their fellow men by using the salt of the earth.—Selected.

God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. II Corinthians 9:8.

Announcement

This is to state that I will be available for pastoral work for another year. Any church desiring my services are requested to write to me, and to get in touch with me at the address below.

Rev. J. D. Quick
Sylacagua, Ala.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

FRUIT SEASON

C. D. Rishel

"This is provoking! I have been expecting all this summer to come out here this fall and get my sack full of nuts," bitterly exclaimed Ralph as he looked at the wide-spreading branches of a large chestnut tree. "I expected to find the tree burdened with brown, ripe chestnuts."

Last spring Ralph discovered the tree in an out-of-the-way place. He was sure that no one knew of that tree. How he kept the secret I cannot say. But he did up to yesterday, when he told Oliver.

"Oliver! O Oliver!" cried Ralph. "I know where there is a big chestnut tree loaded down with chestnuts. I want you to go with me for them."

"All right, O. K. I'll go," excitedly replied Oliver. "Where is the tree? Are you sure nuts are on it?"

"I'll not tell you, nobody knows but I. I saw it when it was covered with tassels. The place is a secret. I only know it; so you see how fortunate we shall be."

Next day two anxious boys, with empty bags, in eager haste walked more than four miles over rough roads, across rocky fields and through woodlands. They waded several brooks of swift-running water, climbed hills, and descended into ravines.

Oliver was getting very tired and began to complain.

"Come on," Ralph cried. "We are nearly there. We shall be well paid for our toil. Oh, my! But how shall we get the nuts home? We'll have a gigantic elephant load. Just over that little hill stands the dear old tree."

The hill was climbed and sure as daylight, the tree stood nearby.

"Look! Look!" cried Ralph, "there it is." Oliver looked up—he looked down—he looked all over, and then sadly exclaimed, "Yes, a great, big, old nothing tree. Not a baker's dozen of burrs can I see."

"Good! good!" joyfully cried Ralph, "the good wind, lucky for us, has shaken them for us. I am sure that the ground is chock full of chestnuts." On saying this the two lads made a quick run for the tree.

The ground was covered with leaves and burrs by the hundreds. Down on hand and foot the lads dropped, quickly the hands removed the leaves and two pair of sparkling eyes looked for the nuts.

But they looked in vain. Here and there a rejected or neglected nut was found.

The boys were greatly disappointed. Especially Ralph, who had lived on expectation for several long, hot summer months. Then he was so very sure. The tree was never

to blame for this disappointment. It truly had borne a large yield of chestnuts, the good wind had shaken the nuts down.

Ralph could not understand where the nuts got to. The lads strolled about a few hours and succeeded in finding enough to fill their coat pockets.

They walked four miles back to town, feeling as much ashamed as hungry. Ralph was angry and felt like bouncing the fellows who gathered the nuts. Next day a farmer drove to town and offered to sell chestnuts. Ralph saw them. "Oh, where did you get those big chestnuts?" he asked.

"From my good old chestnut tree," the

farmer replied. "We just gathered them yesterday morning. I feared that you town boys would get them before we had time to gather them." Ralph wisely kept quiet, and bought a quart of them. This was a real disappointment. You know how one feels when disappointed.

There is another fruit season, one in which you and I are interested, or must be interested by and by. God is interested in that great and wonderful fruit season. As Ralph expected fruit of that chestnut tree, so God expects each of us to bear much fruit for Him. When He comes to you or me expecting fruit, will He be disappointed? Do we bear fruit? Just think what Jesus says of us if we do not bear much fruit. We are to be cut off and cast into the burnings. My prayer is that each reader may bear much fruit for our blessed Jesus.—Sunday School Gem.

LIVING THE LIFE OF A TRUE SERVANT OF THE LORD

"If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him."—Matt. 7:11.

We have taken this passage of Scripture as a basis for our thought, hoping to gain some good thereby. First, let us take up the temporal side of this question. Where is the man who would give to his child a stone, if he asked for bread? Or give to him a serpent, if he ask him for a fish? So then, being evil, knowing how to give good gifts to his child, how much more shall the heavenly Father give good things to them who ask him.

Dear readers, did you ever stop to think that all we have to do is to ask God for the things that we really need. But we go on in this world and starve to death for spiritual food, and many are going into eternity unprepared to meet God. God has said in his holy Word, "Ask and ye shall receive the forgiveness of your sins." Brethren, let us go to our knees before the Lord, and ask him to blot out the past sins of our lives. Let us ask him to give to us grace

and strength sufficiently for the future that we may live lives worthy before him.

People should make their homes places of peace and love, where Christ can come and dwell. For us to be able to do this we are to consecrate our lives unto him. We are to ask for his mercy and grace each day that we live. He will guide us day by day if we will let him have control of our lives. But too many of us go on in our own appointed way, not thinking of the great love which God has shed abroad for us. He gave his only begotten Son that we might have life more abundantly. Still many of us will not ask that we might receive. It is the will of the Father that none should perish, but all should come to Christ.

Please read Matthew, 23, and verses 37 through 39, and see that there are two classes of people in the world: one is saved by grace, and the other is condemned before God the Father. Now, what these two classes need to learn is that no one can deceive God, nor the world very long. The world seems to have a correct idea of what those of us who profess to be Christians should be both in our hearts, and before the world. It seems to have required a long time for some Christians to learn this lesson.

Suppose we should make a careful study of this question between this and our next annual meetings, and see if we cannot learn that we owe to the world the evidence of a true Christian life by the way we live before the world. Christians are to glorify God in their bodies and in their spiritual nature. By so-doing, we will not put our Lord to an open shame. God is the same today, and forever. He is not slack concerning his promises toward us. Remember that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Rev. B. F. Ringgold,
R-1, Box 2, New Bern, N. C.

SCHEDULE OF CRAGMONT ASSEMBLIES

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THE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

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Fountain Taylor, Director

Please contact the director for the week you wish to attend Cragmont for the bus schedule and other details.

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Trying Days Being Experienced

Jesus tells us of days to come that will be perplexing, with "distress of nations," and it looks as those days are now about to appear in reality. Pointers have appeared all along through the Christian era; and, as it looks now, we are about to enter the days of great "distress."

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear of those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:25, 26).

We have a UN created, by man, to bring about peace, but this creation was without God. In fact God was not, and is not, consulted. God has been left out. Infidels, with liquor drinking, sin loving, Christ-hating members, have power to veto everything that is not to their liking. Out of respect for these Christ-hating communists and red sympathizers, no prayer was offered at the first nor, so far as we know, in the last sessions. Members of the UN now over in Korea are trying to bring about "Peace", a peace without God, a peace that will suit the Christ-hating Communists. Sure a peace will give these "reds" the advantage in everything. You cannot satisfy a communist until you give him both ends of the rope—after you are tied hand and foot.

All over the world the Communists are deliberately and willfully sabotaging every honest effort toward International understanding. Everywhere they are spreading fear, confusion and hatred, while they cry "we want peace." Yes, they want peace, a peace that will give them the complete control of every nation on the earth, and they will never be satisfied until that day! Therefore,

their chief weapons are threats, coercion, violence, deception and wilful lies. They are a group of international gangsters, void of truth, righteousness and conscience.

These Satan inspired international disturbers have made their way into a great number of the schools and institutions of learning in this country in such a way as to steal the minds of those who were taught at home the way of sobriety, truth, righteousness and the American way of life. Thousands and thousands have been poisoned to that degree, that if they are not out-right Communists they are socialists with a growing tendency toward Communism. This weapon of Satan has crept into many of our public offices; and, according to evidence, right into places of public trust in our Capitol at Washington, D. C.

The great struggle today is moral and spiritual. It is darkness against light. The devil in the hearts of men who have embraced Marxism, which in reality is Communism, are determined to blot the name of Jesus Christ from the earth. There is no compromise with these Christ-hating Satanic controlled countries. God will never compromise with the devil, neither will there be peace on the earth until Jesus Christ brings peace. The devil and his henchmen cannot give peace. The UN just as well disband, or get right with God, and put their feet on the solid Rock of Truth, for without a turning to God, the democracies of the world are going down. The strength of man cannot hold the world together.

It Is Time to Look Up

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28). Christ said, "when these things begin," and certainly the perplexity spoken of it here, because the greatest thinkers are perplexed. The whole world is bankrupt. The debts of the world will never be paid. Our own national debt has reached the all time high. Every individual in the United States is under a tax burden. The minute a child is born into the world, we are told that, over his head hangs a debt of \$2,000.00. Perhaps you have read

of the "tax collectors of the old Roman empire." We need not fool ourselves, taxes can crush our nation. It is the "last straw that breaks the camel's back," and there is a last day out there somewhere in the future. You say, "We have great prosperity—money is plentiful." Yes, that is true, but what kind of money? Did you know that it is borrowed money? Can prosperity continue when debts are being heaped up by the billions every year? A dollar is worth fifty cents. It can go to where it will not be worth twenty-five cents, and is fast traveling toward that state. But with all the sin, distress, disappointment, selfishness and ungodliness of man, we who love the Lord because our sins are under the blood and our condemnation passed away, need not fear, "but lift up our heads, for our redemption draweth nigh."

A Day of Reckoning Is Coming

There is a time coming when God will repay all the ungodly sinners with that which is just, "according to their works." "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Rom. 12:19). Yes, God will settle with old Joe Stalin and his bunch of infidels. "And then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming." (II Thess. 2:8). That will be an awful day for the Communists and the "red" sympathizers. Certainly that bunch of unbelievers fall in the number spoken of in Rev. 21:8, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murders, and whoremongers, and sorcers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

"In the sun, and moon, and stars,
Signs and wonders there shall be;
Earth shall quake with inward wars,
Nations with perplexity.

Soon shall ocean's hoary deep,
Tossed with stronger tempest rise;
Darker storms the mountain sweep,
Redder lightning rend the skies.

Exil thoughts shall shake the proud,
Racking doubt and restless fear;
And, amid the thunder cloud,
Shall the Judge of men appear,

But, though from that awful face
Heaven shall fade and earth shall
fly,
Fear not ye, His chosen race;
Your redemption draweth nigh."
—Selected

The hope and real joy of those who
are born of the Spirit, and made heirs
of God and joint heirs of the Lord Je-
sus," is to hear the shout of the re-
turning Lord when he will completely
"crush the serpent's head," and take
His waiting Bride into that eternal
fellowship which he promised, when
He said, "If I go and prepare a place
for you I will come again and receive
you unto myself." Everyone that
hath this hope in him purifieth him-
self, even as he is pure (I John 3:3).
What about your purification, dear
reader?

LITTLE KINDNESSES

You gave on the way a pleasant smile,
And thought no more about it;
It cheered a life that was sad the while,
That might have been wrecked without it;
And so for the smile and its fruitage fair
You'll reap a crown sometime-somewhere.
You spoke one day a cheering word,
And passed to other duties;
It warmed a heart, new promise stirred,
And painted a life with beauties.
And so for the word and its silent prayer
You'll reap a palm sometime-somewhere.
You lent a hand to a fallen one,
A lift in kindness given;
It saved a soul when help was none,
And won a heart for Heaven;
And so for the help you proffered there
You'll reap a joy sometime-somewhere.
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voice of thy cry; when He shall hear it, He
will answer thee. Isaiah 30:19.
"He lives, to bless me with His love;
He lives, to plead for me above;
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives, to help in time of need."
—S. Medley

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are
true, whatsoever things are honest, whatso-
ever things are just, whatsoever things are
pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatso-
ever things are of good report; if there
be any virtue, if there be any praise, think
on these things. Philippians 4:8.

Hereby perceive we the Love of God, be-
cause He laid down His life for us. I John
3:16.

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would not be without the Banner for anything," said another. "As for
our young people, and the old ones too," said the pastor of a church
taking a large number of Banners each month, "we consider it the best
young people's paper published." A hasty survey made by the editor of
the Banner after the session adjourned revealed that almost every
league represented in the Adult Conference distributed Youth's Ban-
ner from Sunday to Sunday. Expressions heard on the campus of the
Bible College during the Nationwide Conference revealed that many
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BETHANY CHURCH GOING FORWARD

Bethany "Original" Free Will Baptist Church, Florence County, South Carolina, was founded 1818, rebuilt 1883, rebuilt again 1908, and remodeled in 1951. This church is approximately one quarter mile off of highway 301 about six miles north of Olanta, South Carolina, and is a living monument to all of those who have made it possible past, and present. It humbly and proudly boasts a present membership of five hundred.

We also have a deep, and abiding sense of appreciation for our list of ministers and would like to make a brief review of them. Rev. J. B. Oliver, Pastor of New Town church, Lake City, South Carolina; Rev. Julius Vause, Superintendent of S. C. F. W. B. Orphanage, Turbeville, South Carolina; Rev. Fred Powers, Pastor of High Hill Church, Lake City, S. C.; Rev. F. J. Kirby, a student in our Bible School at Nashville, Tenn.; James Orum Oliver, a fine young man, a high school graduate, and has recently entered the ministry and plans to enter school at Nashville this fall. Now this brings us to Rev. G. C. Vause, known to many of us in this section as Uncle George. With the exception of three months he has pastored the above mentioned church thirty-six years, he has never been voted out, and he never will. I am reminded here of a statement made by General McArthur relative to Old Soldiers. You will recall that he said, "Old Soldiers never die, they

just fade away." The same can be said of old faithful ministers, they never die, but they fade away in the twilight of a golden sunset, to live a new in the Haven of rest. Brother Vause is confined to his home now, but gets out to church occasionally, and observes the services with much interest. Those of you who remember him in bygone days, just drop him a line: Timmonsville, S. C., Route 3, and I am sure he and his family will appreciate it.

We have a nice auditorium with a seating capacity of five hundred, and twelve nice large Sunday school rooms. We support our work in general as outlined by the National Association.

On the Fourth Sunday in June our pastor brought us a message from the subject "Diamonds in the Rough." In listening to this message, we immediately conceived the idea of putting the "Baptist" paper in the public institutions in our county. We have made a canvass of our hospitals, T. B. Sanitorium, County Jail, Crippled children's home, and prison camps. It is with joyful hearts we state that all of the folks within these various institutions readily said, "Just send us the papers and we will be glad to pass them to the various rooms, wards, and lobbies, where they will be read." It is our sincere hope that more of our churches will join us in the circulation of our Baptist paper, and not stop until we have spread them all the way across the nation. Rev. W. L. Jernigan formerly of Bladenboro, N. C., is our

pastor, whose present address is Turbeville, S. C., Box 26.

Yours for the on going of the Kingdom of our Christ,

Mrs. Dick Granger,
Church Reporter

A Correction

In his article on "Some Personal Views About Cragmont," published last week, Rev. L. E. Ballard listed a fifth assembly, or conference, to be sponsored by the women — "The Woman's Conference." Through mistake, this paragraph was left out of the article, but Mrs. Ballard declares that it should not be left out of any plans for Cragmont! Another error in this article which might mislead some is found in the paragraph outlining briefly the history of "Camp Leach." As printed we have: "Four years the Free Will Baptist leaguers had promoted a league camp, etc." This should have read "For years." Camp Leach was promoted several years successfully by the N. C. League Convention. We regret these errors.

Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. —Galatians 6:9.

I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20.

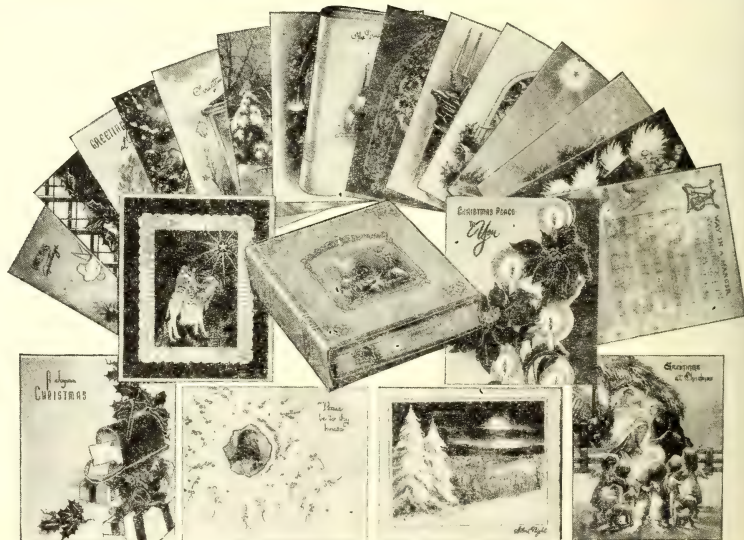
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The Magnificat

(Mary's Song)

Luke 1:46-56

And Mary said, my soul doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the low estate of his hand-
maiden:

For, behold, from henceforth all generations shall
call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath done to me great
things; and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him from
generation to generation.

He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath
scattered the proud in the imagination of
their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seats,
and exalted them of low degree.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and
the rich he hath sent empty away.

He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remem-
brance of his mercy;

As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to
his seed for ever.

And Mary abode with her about three months,
and returned to her own house.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas: Our loving heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from this earth our Sister, Varon DeBruhl White, who was one of our most faithful, and loyal members of Moseley's Creek Church, Craven County, North Carolina,

Be It Resolved:

First, That we express our deepest appreciation of her devotion and service to the church, Sunday School, and Woman's auxiliary;

Second, That though we are saddened by her passing, we bow in humble submission to the will of the heavenly Father who doeth all things well;

Third, That we extend to the family our deepest sympathy; and

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Elizabeth Daugherty,

Viola White, Comm.

There is no joy in the conquest of others, but conquest of self brings peace.

As long as there is somebody or something to love, life is worthwhile.

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He knoweth the way that I take. My foot hath held His steps, His ways have kept, and not declined. Job 23:10, 11.

Brief History of Cramerton Church

THIS CHURCH HAS HAD WONDERFUL GROWTH SINCE IT WAS ORGANIZED IN 1945

Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church was organized on January 7, 1945, with 18 charter members. It left from the Goshen Free Will Baptist Church in North Belmont, North Carolina.

Reverend Roy Rickard was called to pastor the small group of people. At that time they had no church building or property at all. They held their services in the different homes of the members until August 4, 1946, but much work was done during the year toward the securing of property and the erecting a church building. Therefore, on the above date, August 4, 1946, these church people moved in their new church building.

Since the organization of this church with a membership of 18 as charter members, the church has grown to a membership now of 250. The average Sunday School attendance last year was 260 members. The value of the church property, as it stands today, is fifty thousand dollars, which means that much interest and great sacrifices have been made to make this church possible. It is a nice brick church which is 72 and 32 in dimension. In addition to this building, there is a parsonage which is built on the modern ranch style.

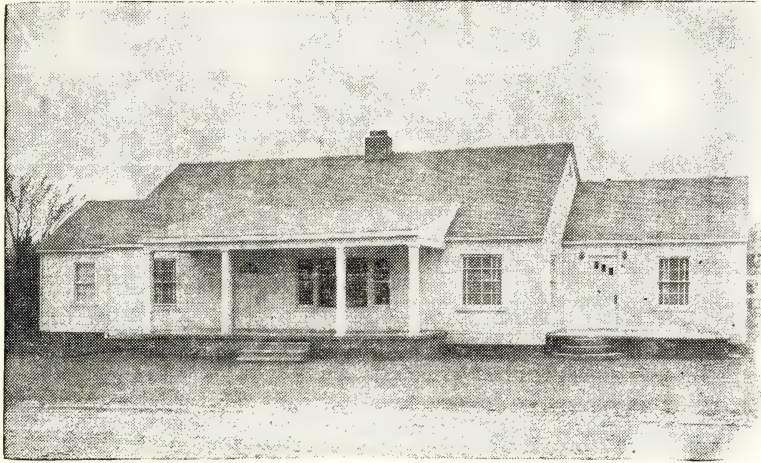
There is other church property which consists of two nice buses, and a station wagon which is used for the purpose of transporting people to and from church and Sunday School. The church people are now putting on a special drive to build a forty building. When this is done, then the church plant will be greatly increased in facilities for all religious purposes, and the total property will be greatly increased in value. We trust that this church and the people will grow in strength and become a greater force for God in the world.

This is to announce that on August 19, our pastor, Reverend Roy Rickard, began a revival meeting in the Micro Free Will Baptist Church, Johnson County, North Carolina. He is formerly of Belmont, N. C. He is married, and his wife is the former Miss Nina Parks, daughter of the late Mrs. O. A. Parks of Belmona. They have a family of five children.

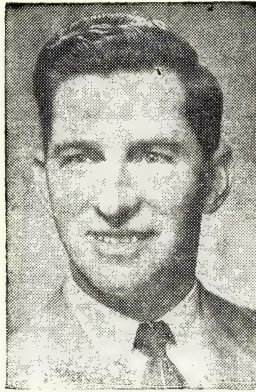
By church reporter

Our having all of the time there is doesn't deprive anyone else of any time at all. It's a nice thought.

One of the surest roads to unhappiness is to let someone else do your job for you.



CRAMERTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH



REV. ROY RIKARD

TRI-COUNTY YOUTH FOR CHRIST

This youth for Christ rally will be at the First Free Will Baptist church in Kinston, Independence Street, at 7:45 P. M. on August 25th. Special on the program is the showing of the Christian film, "Bible on the Table."

By Pastor of the Church

"How far that little candle throws its beam. So shines a good deed in a naughty world." We need the little candles which throw far beams and we need people to light the candles, too.

THE VALUE OF HARD PLACES

A. B. Simpson

Hard places help us to know the resources of God. It is only under difficult circumstances that we know His all-sufficiency. Israel must first stand still, and next, behold the salvation of the Lord. When they ceased from their acting, God revealed His power. So He tells them that the reason He led them through the wilderness, and exposed them to a situation where there were no natural supplies of any kind, was to teach them that He was adequate for every need, and that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." God can only become real to us up to the measure of our actual needs, and every difficult situation is just a vessel for Him to fill, and an occasion for Him to show Himself in His infinite wisdom, power and grace.

The Apostle Paul tells us that he was exposed to every sort of difficulty in order that the power of Christ might rest upon him according to his needs. Therefore he welcomed each new situation as another vessel for God to fill and another occasion for Him to say, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

Beloved, are we thus proving and finding Him equal to all the conditions of our lives, and glorying in being able to tell the world that our God shall supply all our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus?

—The Gospel Call

What Is the Gift of Tongues and for What Purpose Given

As we study this subject, at the very beginning, may each reader sincerely desire to know the exact Bible teaching on this doctrine. If so we will be willing to consider and receive every truth and use of the words found in the Scripture knowing, as all should know, that every real truth will endure. All our beliefs and works are to be tried by fire. All error will be burned and its believer and follower will suffer loss, even if he is building on the true foundation, Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 3:11-15). Study with profit, I Cor. 1:10-18; 3:1-21). There can be no salvation at all if you are building on any other foundation (Acts 4:12; Matt. 7:21-27).

Definitions of tongues by Webster are as follows when used in the Scriptures concerning speaking:

1. Speech; mode of speaking, Prov. 12:17, 18, 19.

2. A language; the whole sum of words used by a particular nation. (The English tongue. The Hebrew tongue. The Syrian tongue).

3. Speech; Words; opposed to thoughts or actions. I Jn. 3:18.

4. A nation, as distinguished by their language, Isa. 66:18.

This tongues sign-gift is for this age, hence we turn to the New Testament for its study.

We find the word tongue or tongues used in the New Testament 58 times. To designate a member of our body it occurs 15 times, to designate a nation, 7 times, to designate a language, speech or word, 36 times as follows: 4 times (once each) in Mk. 16:17; Jn. 5:2; I Pet. 3:10; I Jn. 3:18; 10 times in Acts and 22 times in I Corinthians. But the words are never used by Paul in his other twelve or thirteen letters. It is quite significant that the church at Corinth needed this reprimand and instruction, but never found in Paul's other books. All will agree that Jn. 5:2; I Pet. 3:10; I Jn. 3:18 refer to understandable words or language. The only other place the word tongues occurs, save in the 10 times in Acts and the 22 times in I Corinthians, is

in Mark which we will consider more fully.

In Mk. 16:15-18 the Lord told the eleven what to preach and the Lord said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe." ("Sign" means "a miracle intended as proof of something else" — Webster). What were these signs, and who wrought them, and for what purpose did the Lord perform them? Verses 17, 18, 20 answer clearly enumerating the five signs—"In my name shall they CAST OUT DEVILS; they shall speak with NEW TONGUES; they SHALL TAKE UP SER-

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PENTS; and if they DRINK ANY DEADLY THING, IT SHALL NOT HURT them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and THEY SHALL RECOVER." (Our capitals). Keep in mind verse 20 which we will examine more fully later.

TWO SIGN-GIFTS ONLY NOW PRACTICED

No church organization that we know of claims to have all these miraculous or sign powers today. None "cast out devils," "take up serpents," "dring any deadly thing," and suffer no harm, but we do now have those who claim that the Lord still grants believers power to heal the sick if they have enough faith, and those who teach that when you are born again you will speak in tongues. None "cast out devils" but a few fanatics and extremists have tried to demonstrate or manifest their ability to "take up serpents" and "drink any deadly thing" with no harm, but, they died.

Did the apostles have these "sign" powers at all times? Paul sorely

needed and was given "special" miraculous healing and sign power at Ephesus (Acts 19:8-12). But later he was not able to heal Epaphroditus (Phil. 2:25-30), nor Trophimus (2 Tim. 4:20), nor Timothy's weak stomach (I Tim. 5:23), nor remove his own thorn in the flesh (2 Cor. 12:7-10). And Peter, severely tested, asked for power to heal the sick (Acts 4:29-31) but it was not given him. Yet God heard him and answered his prayer for boldness and gave him power to speak "the Word with boldness" through other miracles and signs. When Paul and Peter were preaching earnestly the Lord, once for each one, confirmed their preaching by enabling them to raise the dead (Acts 20:7-12; 9:32-42). And with other great miracles and signs confirmed their preaching at trying times. See Acts 3:2-10; 5:1-12; 6:4-7; 13:9-12; 14:1-3; (Note v. 3), 8-11, 19-20; 16:16-35.

Are miracles and signs needed today to confirm the Word, to enable us to know that the messages of salvation when preached from God's Word are true? They certainly were needed in that day for the Gentile hearers had no means of testing the truth preached. They did not even have the Old Testament and no one had the New Testament for it was not yet written. But today we may have both and their author, the Holy Spirit, and if we will do our part—"Search the Scriptures," "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," and then willingly receive it and strive daily to live and obey it, we can know without confirming miracles and signs that the Gospel is a message from God. Neither is it required that we be educated in worldly wisdom to possess this knowledge. I need no added sign evidences.

So we can readily understand why the Lord is not using those powers today as He did then to confirm the Word. (We see counterfeits but no one raised from the dead). They were much needed in that day but

not in enlightened civilized nations today. In heathen lands where the natives have not these means of knowing we find some Godly consecrated missionaries have their preaching of the salvation Gospel thus confirmed by the Lord with signs and miracles. The Lord even today can and does confirm the preaching of the Word, "bearing them witness," with, sign-gifts of the Spirit, where He sees it is needed. But these sign-gifts were always given, "AS HE WILL" (I Cor. 12:11), "ACCORDING TO HIS OWN WILL" (Heb. 2:4). It is not clearly revealed in the Word that the use of this confirming power of miracles, signs and the Spirit gifts, and when and where to be used, are all entirely in His power and control and are given "severally" according to His own will?"

DIVINE HEALING OF THE BODY

We scripturally believe in present day bodily healing of the sick, "according to His own will," and, as the Master prayed, "Father, if thou be willing," "not my will, but thine, be done" (Lu. 22:41-42). "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us" (I Jn. 5:14). And we know from both observation and the WORD (if we are willing to receive and believe all of it) that God does not always heal bodily sickness in answer to prayer, but He always forgives the sins of a true repentant (2 Sam. 12:13-16-19. Read with profit verses 1-23). Yet He may will to heal (if it is for the best) in answer to prayer (Isa. 38:1-5; 2 Kings 20:1-11). God knows which is best for all of us and answers prayer accordingly (2 Chron. 32:17-26; 2 Cor. 12:7-10; Ja. 4:3-7).

MEANING OF TONGUES AS FOUND IN ACTS

We will now turn to and examine where tongue and tongues are found in the book of Acts returning later to Mk. 16:17-20. In Chapter 1:19 "tongue" refers to an understandable and used language of Jerusalem. "And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them" (Acts 2:3). Cloven means, divided, parting—Webster. The Douay translation

reads thus: "And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them." Tongues as used in this vs. must refer (as explained in verse 6) to speaking powers through many tongues, that is, many languages. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language" (verses 4-6). Does not verse 6 compel us to believe that "other tongues" in verse 4 means the various languages of these devout men of other nations who were dwelling in Jerusalem? It says definitely "that every man heard them speak in HIS OWN LANGUAGE." Hence "other tongues" must mean "other languages."

"And they were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in OUR OWN TONGUE, wherein we were born?" (verses 7-8). The maribians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God" (verses 9-11). Again we notice that "tongues" in verse 11 also has a marginal translation, "languages." These Galileans who were considered an uneducated and ignorant class of people were given power to speak "the wonderful works of God" in at least sixteen foreign languages that could be understood by these various foreigners dwelling in Jerusalem. No wonder "They were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?" (vs. 12). The last use of tongue in this chapter reads thus: "Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope" (v. 26). Is not the meaning of this word in this chapter definitely shown to be understandable rejoicing words?

(To be continued)

Man is the only animal which can be skinned four times a year.

DON'T MISS THIS!

The five weekly numbers of Youth's Banner for September will be filled "to the brim" with things of interest to old and young alike. There will be pictures of new churches, people who are making denominational history, interesting events, etc., and articles and stories written especially for these "harvest of good things" numbers.

Are you willing to give one dollar to put all five of these inspiring and informative numbers in twenty homes in your church community? You can distribute them personally, or buy them for the league, Sunday School, or other organization in the church. It will be a dollar well spent.

If you are willing to do this, just send the dollar with your name and address today to the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., and we'll print for you twenty sets of the September Banners (100 weekly parts) and mail them to you. Just say, "Send 20 copies of September Youth's Banner." You'll get them in time to pass out the first number on the first Sunday. But act now—we think it's going to be a sell out!

DELINQUENT DADS AND MOMS

O. K. Collins

We've heard a lot in recent months,

Of delinquent boys and girls;
They're scorned, maligned and called by some,

The worst lot in the world.

But, odd as things may seem to you,

They're not so terribly bad—
They do quite well in spite of their
Delinquent Mom and Dad.

When Dad holds up his stein of brew

And blows the foam away,
And son stands by, it would be strange,
If that boy failed to stray.

And Mom, with painted lips and toes,

She is a sight, you bet,
As she uncorks a bottle, too,
And lights a cigarette.

Don't be too tough on boys and girls

Who never had a chance;
Who learn at home to curse and drink,
And soon are taught to dance.

Who learn in cabarets and dives

Things that bring hurt and shame;
Delinquent Moms and Dads are those
Who really are to blame.

Let's fill our jails with Dads and Moms

And save that teen-age throng.
By placing all the blame, my friend,
Right where it should belong.

The trouble with a three-ring circus is that it has three rings. How can one watch three rings at the same time? Best concentrate on the center ring and that goes for all life.

... PATIENCE ...

The American people must develop an attitude of patience with regard to the extremely tense international situation. At the same time we must not lose the sense of urgency which impels us to be vitally concerned about the many fronts on which our foreign policy is today involved.

The mercurial American temperament tends, our friends maintain, to make us an impatient people. Whatever truth there may be in this charge, of one thing we can be certain: it is of critical importance to make a calm, reasoned approach to every aspect of foreign policy.

We have, for example, become impatient about the entire area of East-West relations. The continuing ups and downs of misunderstanding, the dragged-out periods of apparently fruitless negotiation bother us. Most authorities agree, however, that the real issue involved in East-West disputes is Soviet expansion. The USSR and the West have peacefully co-existed in the same world for 33 years. There is no reason to assume that they cannot co-exist for many years more if Soviet expansionism can be stopped.

Our approach to East-West relations highlights our impatience with the Korean situation. The United Nations, spurred on by the United States government, took a firm stand against the North Korean aggression which, it is generally agreed, was and is being supported (if not indeed inspired) by the Soviet Union. This determined stand for collective security is of the utmost historical consequence. Beyond this, moreover, it is the best immediate method to curb Soviet expansionism. Many Americans are in a hurry to end the police action in Korea, and certainly all of us would like to bring it to a successful conclusion as quickly as possible. The question of means, however, is of the greatest moment: we must have the patience to carry through this military action against aggression without using methods which might bring on precisely what we are trying to avoid, that is, a general war.

Our impatience is further revealed

in the "greater debate" on Far Eastern foreign policy. Can we make sweeping pronouncements about the developments in China when no one yet knows how economic, political and social conditions will there evolve during the next several years? Can we categorically deny the possibilities of arriving at a justifiable *modus vivendi* with a government controlling some 450 million people? There is no overnight solution to such problems.

In general our impatience to settle things quickly is most sharply indicated by our exaggerated reliance on military power and especially on our stockpile of atomic bombs. Too many of us still think that the use of military power alone might perchance provide a quick solution to our most perplexing international problems. Therefore extremists continue to call for "preventive" war. Actually we know—if we can achieve a reasonable approach to foreign policy—that ginal translation of "tongue" in vs. 8 is "language." These apostles were all of Galilee and spoke naturally the Galileans' language, hence the great amazement to hear them speak in the language "wherein we were born" in these various nations. "Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in

Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and Proselytes, Cretes and Araour only long-view hope of bettering the international situation is (1) to avoid global war through the use of UN collective security measures and (2) to increase cooperation among peoples. The best method open to us to achieve this latter end is to use more of our resources to raise the standards of living among the millions of backward peoples who are now on the march for a more abundant life.

As a people we are impatient about the United Nations. Offer we act as if we expect it to carry out the functions of a world government. But decisions can be made and carried into action by the UN only as member states invest it with the power to do so. Too easily we talk about the world organization as if it had some existence quite apart from ourselves. Yet we know that the UN is made up of sovereign nations, and nations are made up of individuals. "We, the peoples" are the United Nations. The world's best hope for avoiding the catastrophe of another world war resides in a United Nations which is constantly made stronger by the concerted support—financial, political and moral—of the world's peoples.

Religiously-minded persons have always taken the long view. They can do so because they believe that the purposes of God over-arch the wrecks of time. Prophetic religion has also instilled in its followers a sense of urgency; it has insisted that we must work indefatigably and continuously for justice and peace, for mercy and reconciliation. During these days when we are all harried by the confusion and overwrought emotions which complicate our international relations, our religious forces surely have a clear-cut responsibility to call their people to repentance, to "return" to an attitude of patience ever linked with a sense of urgency. Can we forget for even a moment that this may be a crucial turning point in world history?

"For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise."
—World Alliance.

GOD SPEAKS TO MAN

Rev. Winford Floyd
Cramerton, N. C., Box 443

I ne'er realized what power
A man of God possessed;
Until I met the Master Who
Pressed me to His loving breast.

He put His arms around me,
And with a sweet tranquil voice
Spoke sweet words of victory,
And it made my heart rejoice.

He told me how He loved me,
And how He bore it all;
That I might be a Christian
If I would only heed His call.

So, I said, "Yes" to Jesus,
That's all that I could do;
Now I'm asking you, dear sinner,
Won't you accept Him too?

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

INFORMATION WANTED

The editor should like to receive from Free Will Baptists in the State of Virginia information concerning the number of associations and conferences they have in that State, and the approximate number of churches in each association. We should also like to have the number of Woman's auxiliaries organized in the churches of Virginia, as well as the number of Sunday Schools. The progress that is being made in home and foreign missions, and for disabled ministers will be of benefit to us, along with the other information as to what Free Will Baptists are doing.

We will appreciate any history or information along these lines for special purposes for our office files. Ministers, Sunday School superintendents, Woman's Auxiliary leaders, and others, we feel certain, can furnish us with valuable data along these lines for our denominational work. We take this privilege in advance to thank anyone for whatever data he or she will furnish us about the work of Free Will Baptists in our sister state.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES NOT LINED UP

Through the National Executive Secretary, and others, we have recently learned that there are, in quite a number of states, Free Will Baptist organizations that are functioning as independent Free Will Baptist bodies. They are Free Will Baptist in doctrine, practice, and teachings, and are not affiliated with other denominational groups. They have been for some time independent, but we see no reason now, since we have splendidly working National organization of Free Will Baptists in the United States, why they should not come in with us, and form a working band of co-laborers with us.

We shall be glad to send any church or group of Free Will Baptist churches, not already affiliated with our denomination, sample copies of our church paper and literature if they will write to us, asking for the same. We feel that they would profit greatly by joining in with us as a denomination, and work shoulder to shoulder for the cause of Christ as a great organized body of Christian believers. As a denomination, we can help those churches in many ways to become more effective in the cause of righteousness, as well as their Christian fellowship with us will do good, and greatly enhance the religious cause in America.

You know, co-operative team-work can bear a heavier burden, and pull a greater load than working independently. This is true in religious work, as well as it is in business and political affairs. We should like to receive correspondence from some of the leaders of those independent Free Will Baptist churches, and get better acquainted with them, and offer whatever assistance we can for a greater work for the Lord.

ORGANIZATION AND SKILLED LEADERSHIP

This is a day of organization and skilled leadership in practically all phases of human endeavor. In fact, without proper organization and skilled leadership, men do not get very far in the business world. Brains and machinery go together; one is helpless without the other; and the wheels of progress would slow down if either one were to fail.

Today the young man or woman seeking a job must have sufficient training to do a good job in some field of endeavor. Otherwise they are not wanted. They must be able to fit in some place, or else be set aside, and find life a tiresome thing. Those who work in machine shops, factories, pilot aeroplanes, teach school, pastor churches, do missionary work, run trains, and so on, must be prepared to do the job well. The better they can do the job, the better will the organization for which they are working be able to turn out good products. One skilled worker in an institution, factory, school, college, and the like, is a unit of the whole, and the better he does his work, the better will be the combined work done in that institution or enterprise. And so it goes.

The more good workers a church has, the greater progress that church will make. And the better the combined group of churches of a conference or association, the better will be the work done of such organizations. The great movement for Christ is one of breadth and scope; the salvation of the lost is the central theme; and more co-operatively and efficiently God's servants work, the more will be their fruits from their labors. The united church has goals to reach, and the leadership is ever pushing forward to attain those goals. God is always pleased to see well planned organizations and effective leadership in his business, for he said in Unity there is strength, but in division, there is strife, hatred, illwill—ultimate chaos.

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF THE PRESS

This is to announce that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, is scheduled to be held on Monday, September 10, at ten o'clock in the Assembly Hall of the Press building.

All members of the Board of Directors, and all who hold stock in person, or who represent stock for churches and church organizations are requested to be present for this meeting. Other interested persons are cordially invited to attend this meeting if they so desire. Lunch can be secured at the noon hour at the local Cafe.

R. B. SPENCER, Secretary-Editor

Middlesex Orphanage

JULY RECEIPTS FOR 1951

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

GENERAL FUND

Eastern	
Sandy Plain	\$ 5.41
Mt. Zion	2.50
Dublin Grove	16.26
St. Mary's	23.27
Core Creek	33.31
Davis	12.50
Kinston	22.41
Arapahoe	121.84
Union Chapel	26.36
Ruth's Chapel	22.40
Roe	3.00
North East	31.98
New Bethlehem	30.00
Sneads Ferry	3.86
Welcome Home	3.00
Lanes Chapel	5.00
Trent	10.00
Morehead City	10.00
Union District Meeting	78.34
Antioch	20.00

Total \$ 481.44

Western	
Stony Hill (Bible School)	7.00
Marsh Swamp	10.00
Friendship	12.94
Watson's Grove (Wilson Co.)	3.00
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	21.04
Spring Hill	10.00
Branch's Chapel	5.95
Calvary	6.55
St. Mary's	6.72
Oak Grove (Durham County)	38.29
Third Union	20.69

Total \$ 142.18

Central	
Kings Cross Roads	2.20
Bethany	7.25
Marlboro	5.60
Rose Hill	31.33
Hull Road	12.75
Hull Road (addition June)	11.00
Greenville	4.98
Dilda's Grove	7.50
Pleasant Hill (Pitt County)	1.00
Rose of Sharon	1.25
Aspen Grove	20.00
First Rocky Mount	2.72
Elm Grove	10.10

Total \$ 115.68

French Broad	
Asheville	10.00
Beaverdam	10.00
Laurelton Chapel	7.00
Swannanoa	5.00
Burgin's Chapel	21.30

Total \$ 53.30

Cape Fear	
Robert's Grove	11.00
St. Paul	25.00
Corinth	27.00
Smithfield	3.00

Total \$ 66.00

Rockfish	
Highland Pines	38.72
Liberty Chapel	\$ 11.00
Piedmont	
Arrington Heights	10.50
Miscellaneous	
Cash Sales (Farm)	1,108.03
Refunds	84.36
Rev. J. A. Collins	1.00
Young People's Friend Subscriptions	31.00
Coupon Bonus	49.79
Mr. Carmon Ogle	5.00
Parents and Relatives	288.20

Total \$ 1,567.38

Clothing Fund	
Hickory Grove (Rock Fish)	16.00
Refurnishing Girl's Building	
Rock Spring (Western)	5.00
Diddy's Grove (Central)	4.00

Total \$ 9.00

Music Fund	
1st Kinston (Eastern)	10.00
Greenville (Central)	5.00

Total \$ 15.00

Bed and Linen Fund	
Little Rock Aux. (Western)	35.00
Union Grove Aux. (Western)	3.25
Hugo Auxiliary (Central)	35.00
Gum Swamp (Central)	35.00
Marlboro (Central)	5.00
Mrs. H. L. Spivey	175.00

Total \$ 288.25

Chapel Room	
Orphanage Mem'l. Chapel (Western)	8.00
Otters Creek (Central)	10.00
Ayden (Central)	5.00

Total \$ 23.00

CONCERT CLASS RECEIPTS FOR JULY

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Mgr.

Eastern	
Pearsall's Chapel	70.07
Lanier's Chapel	31.02
Whaley's Chapel	33.87
Deep Run	23.66
Holly Spring	61.00
Morehead City	35.15
Edwards Chapel	100.50
Rock of Zion	50.32
Arapahoe	50.11
Oriental	62.02
Trent	56.02
Bethel	67.25
Warden's Grove	67.50
Core Point	62.61
Smyrna	30.50
Palmetto	59.25
Juniper Chapel	52.30
New Haven	70.12
Sts. Delight	50.00

Total \$ 69.00

Central	
Shiloh (Cottage)	69.00
Albemarle	
Free Union (Cottage)	67.05
Sidney (Cottage)	47.10
Belhaven	70.00
Trinity (Cottage)	70.73
Corinth	50.00
Soundside	38.61
Malachi's Chapel	136.68

Fairmount Park 63.00

Total \$ 1,645.44

Representative Visits

Walter McD. Croom

Macedonia (Eastern) \$ 126.00

W. A. Hansley

Marshall (French Broad)	50.95
Shoal Hill (French Broad)	30.01
Swannanoa (French Broad)	50.18
Avery's Creek (French Broad)	14.10
Higgin's Chapel (Jack's Creek)	13.75
North Bend (Jack's Creek)	36.47
Bowditch (Jack's Creek)	25.35
Young's Chapel (Jack's Creek)	35.00
Elk Mountain (Toe River)	14.06
Beaver Creek (Western Yearly)	26.00
Little Creek (Va.)	18.83
People's Chapel (Western)	20.73
Hickory Chapel (Cottage)	78.73

Total \$ 414.16

Miss Rosa Taylor

Pleasant Grove (Harnett Co., Cape Fear) 101.10

COTTAGE FUND

Eastern

Core Point \$ 30.00

Albemarle

Shiloh	86.50
Free Union (Beaufort Co.)	107.05
Sidney	50.10
Trinity	72.73
Fairmount Park	102.00
Malachi's Chapel	117.54
Soundside	56.51
Mt. Tabor	36.05
Mt. Zion	9.58
Union Chapel	17.34
Belhaven	53.84
Sidney	3.00
Elizabeth City	14.00
Gum Neck	22.00
Piney Grove	33.78
Hickory Chapel	85.73
Portsmouth	1.00
Washington	2.00
Corinth	3.00
Sunday School Convention	47.05

Total \$ 950.80

Child's Trip to Cragmont Fund

Kenly S. S. 25.00

In Lieu of Concert Class	
Grants Chapel (Wayne Co., Eastern)	20.00
Grimsley (Central)	28.03

Total \$ 48.03

Donated Commodities

Wilson Auxiliary (Western)	
Linens	7.48
Stony Crook Aux. (Western)	
Household Supplies	20.00
Mrs. Alfred Gordon	
Linens	2.75
Mary Lou Bumgarner	
Clothing	7.00
R. P. Batten	
Food	10.00
Sina V. Davenport	
Household supplies	15.00
Calvary Auxiliary	
Linens	6.00
Little Rock Missionary Society	
Furniture	15.00
St. Mary's Auxiliary (Wilson Co.)	
Linens	5.50
White Oak Auxiliary (Eastern)	
Linens and Household supplies	25.86

Total \$ 111.18

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NATIONAL FREE
WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

July, 1951

Cash on hand July 1, 1951 -----\$10,388.48

RECEIPTS

Alabama	-----	\$ 23.50
Arkansas	-----	209.01
Georgia	-----	126.14
Illinois	-----	397.69
Kentucky	-----	50.00
Michigan	-----	436.83
Mississippi	-----	19.00
Missouri	-----	1,471.79
North Carolina	-----	1,143.06
Ohio	-----	24.48
Oklahoma	-----	309.57
South Carolina	-----	250.73
Tennessee	-----	215.60
Texas	-----	159.09
West Virginia	-----	12.00
Sale of Barnard's Books	-----	262.00
W. N. A. C.	-----	236.92
Total	-----	\$ 5,347.41

Grand Total -----\$15,735.89

DISBURSEMENTS

India	-----	\$ 1,407.50
Cuba	-----	1,940.00
Rev. Raymond Riggs (services)	-----	50.00
Rev. Rashie Kennedy (expense)	-----	69.55
Telephone Calls	-----	7.55
Missions Visualized	-----	233.33
Printing	-----	33.00
Office Supplies	-----	2.70
Office Help	-----	75.00
Mrs. Harold Stevens (Africa)	-----	63.00
Rev. Wesley Calvery	-----	70.00
Rev. J. W. Alford (expense)	-----	65.00
Isthmian Steamship Co.	-----	32.94
Wilfong's Passage Home (emer.)	-----	200.00
Rev. Raymond Riggs (expense)	-----	20.00
Telegraphing money to Wilfongs	-----	9.43
Postage	-----	4.63
Total	-----	\$ 4,283.63

Balance August 1, 1951 -----\$11,452.26

STATES QUOTAS

QUOTA	PAID	BAL.
Ala. \$ 1,550.00	\$ 23.50	\$ 1,526.50
Ark. 750.00	209.01	540.99
Calif. 800.00		800.00
Fla. 900.00		900.00
Ga. 2,000.00	126.14	1,873.86
Ill. 3,000.00	397.69	2,602.31

Monday, August 27—8:00 p. m.—Mt. Zion,
Onslow County
Wednesday, August 29—8:00 p. m.—Beau-
fort

WESTERN CONFERENCE—
Sunday, October 21—11:00 a. m.—Union
Chapel
Sunday, November 4—8:00 p. m.—White
Oak Hill (Bailey, N. C.)

Ken.	1,200.00	50.00	1,150.00
Mich.	7,000.00	436.83	6,563.17
Miss.	850.00	19.00	831.00
Mo.	8,500.00	1,471.79	7,028.21
N. C.	12,000.00	1,143.06	10,856.94
Ohio	2,000.00	24.48	1,975.52
Okla.	5,000.00	309.57	4,690.43
S. C.	3,200.00	250.73	2,949.27
Tenn.	5,500.00	215.60	5,284.40
Tex.	2,000.00	159.09	1,840.91
Va.	1,500.00		1,500.00
W. Va.	2,000.00	12.00	1,988.00
Misc.	250.00		250.00

Totals \$60,000.00 \$4,848.49 \$55,151.51

BALANCE IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS

General Fund	-----	\$ 7,670.95
Barnard's Books	-----	349.00
In Reserve for Miss Barnard	-----	327.90
India Car Fund	-----	3,104.41
	-----	\$11,452.26

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chair-
Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation
of the N. C. State Convention of Free Will
Baptists for July, 1951.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand July 1, 1951	-----	\$707.86
Receipts for July	-----	\$151.12

Total to account for -----\$858.98

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Superannuated ministers	-----	\$225.00
Operating expense	-----	\$ 28.30
Paid to the National Board	-----	\$ 12.28

Total disbursements -----\$265.58

Bal. on hand Aug. 1, 1951 -----\$593.40

RECEIPTS ITEMIZED

Sandy Plains S. S.	-----	\$ 4.86
Hull Road	-----	70.00
Davis	-----	5.00
Greenville	-----	14.94
Friendship (Johnston Co.)	-----	1.00
Core Creek S. S.	-----	11.81
Gum Swamp S. S.	-----	3.00
Smithfield	-----	3.00
3rd Western Union Meeting	-----	2.00
3rd Western Union Meeting	-----	9.42
Robert's Grove S. S.	-----	1.00
Pleasant Hill Inter. League	-----	.50
4th Central Union Meeting	-----	8.20
Marlboro S. S.	-----	10.39
Albemarle S. S. Conv.	-----	6.00

Total -----\$151.12

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer

For many years we have been delegat-
ing power at a reckless rate. Do you think
we'll ever be able to recapture any of it?
Democracy is power in the hands of the
people; republicanism is power possessed
by the people and used through represen-
tatives.

Totals

General Fund	-----	2,486.20
Clothing Fund	-----	16.00
Refurnishing Girl's Building Fund	-----	9.00
Music Fund	-----	15.00
Bed and Linen Fund	-----	288.25
Chapel Room	-----	23.00
Concert Receipts (Miss Farmer)	-----	1,645.44
(Cottage \$253.88)		
Representative's Visit (Croom)	-----	126.00
Representative's Visit (Hansley)	-----	414.16
(Cottage \$78.73)		
Concert Receipts (Miss Taylor)	-----	101.10
In Lieu of Concert Visit	-----	48.03
Cottage Fund	-----	950.80
Child's Trip to Cragmont	-----	25.00
Grand Total	-----	\$5,815.37

Budget Receipts

Eastern Conference	-----	\$11,418.02
Western Conference	-----	8,511.28
Central Conference	-----	7,660.56
Cape Fear Conference	-----	2,892.98
French Broad Association	-----	1,759.26
Piedmont Association	-----	1,217.60
Albemarle Conference	-----	1,207.85
(Cottage funds not included)		
Jack's Creek Association	-----	615.50
Pee Dee Association	-----	513.22
Rock Fish Association	-----	461.43
Toe River Association	-----	191.77
Western Yearly	-----	52.00

Totals -----\$36,501.47

Walter McD. Croom
Treasurer

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

CENTRAL CONFERENCE—

Wednesday, August 22—8:00 p. m.—Dan-
iel's Chapel

Thursday, August 23—8:00 p. m.—Otter's
Creek

Friday, August 24—8:00 p. m.—Sweet Gum
Grove

Saturday—August 25—8:00 p. m.—Piney
Grove

Sunday, August 26—11:00 a. m.—Black
Jack

Sunday, August 26—8:00 p. m.—Little
Creek

Monday, August 27—8:00 p. m.—New St's.
Delight

EASTERN CONFERENCE—

Sunday, Sept. 23—8:00 p. m.—Reunion
Chapel

Miss Rosa Taylor, Manager

WESTERN CONFERENCE—

Thursday, August 23—8:00 p. m.—Kenly

JACK'S CREEK ASSOCIATION—

Sunday, August 26—8:00 p. m.—Patterson's
Branch

FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION—

Monday, August 27—8:00 p. m.—Horney
Heights

Tuesday, August 28—8:00 p. m.—Union
Valley

ITINERARY FOR W. A. HANSLEY
ORPHANAGE REPRESENTATIVE

EASTERN CONFERENCE—

Sunday, August 26—8:00 p. m.—Smith's
New Home

:- Department of Foreign Missions :-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
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HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

RECENT NEWS FROM INDIA

"Shamrock"

Kotagiri, South India
August 1, 1951

Dear Brother Riggs:

We finally arrived in Kotagiri on Saturday, July 29, two days after disembarking in Madras—pardon, three days after disembarking. The Lord has granted us unusual journeying mercies all along the way, and we give humble but hearty thanks for all the faithful prayers responsible for our blessings. You will be glad to know that we paid only about \$1.50 Customs duty on all our stuff! An unheard-of thing. Then we are particularly grateful for having been able to keep every single piece of our luggage (40 in all ! !) with us all along the way so that by the time we ourselves arrived at "Shamrock" all our luggage was here also. I had every good intention of writing you at once upon arrival, but I had not allowed for all that was waiting here! Arriving in a house not occupied for some time, with all my things packed-away here or packed in the trunks and suitcases accompanying us, we have been in quite a turmoil and have been thankful to clear a place to sleep and manage to get some food. Then people have been coming steadily, and, delighted as we are, it slows progress.

I had hoped not to take over the work until I had my domestic affairs settled down but somehow or other it has managed to take me over and this morning I find myself under the yoke in spite of all my efforts to the contrary. Notwithstanding my trunks and suitcases and boxes are still unpacked! But Volena and I are very happy, and she is thrilled over everything. She has had her first formal language lesson this morning, having had two would-be lessons under me when both of us were too weary to know what we were doing. Yesterday the inevitable Welcome Ceremony took place in the school so we have been properly initiated. Volena managed to come away with four garlands around her neck!

We find the Lord has done a definite work here in my absence, though Satan has also done his. One dear man enquiring when I left has been very ill and praying to live until I could return and he could be baptized. I found him in a dying condition but he is steadily improving now, and, although he will not likely ever fully recover we are glad for his improvement and trust that he will be fit for baptism while Dan Cronk is here next week. The man's son was Dan's first convert here upon the Cronks' arrival in India and though the

lad has stood very steadfast in the faith he was never able to be baptized. We trust the Lord will guide in the baptisms of the son and the father together, and feel it is fitting that Dan should officiate. Other definite works of grace have been done. Likewise, many have come to us already facing grave problems in which they need counsel and prayer. And, alas, I hear that one of our fine young Christian lads has gone back to heathenism and has actually been seen doing the devil dance. I have as yet had no opportunity to see him or confirm the report, and I trust it may not be so. This is a sort of gist of our findings. I hope to find time soon to write many details for thanksgiving and for prayer and for counsel.

(Signed) Laura B. B.

THE BOY WHO FORGETS

I love him, the boy who forgets!

Does it seem such a queer thing to say?

Can't help it; he's one of my pets;

Delightful at work or at play;

I'd trust him with all that I own,

And know neither worries nor frets;

But the secret of this lies alone

In the things that the laddie forgets.

He always forgets to pay back

The boy who has done him an ill;

Forgets that a grudge he owes Jack,

And smiles at him pleasantly still.

He always forgets 'tis his turn

To choose what the others shall play;

Forgets about others to learn

The gossip things that "they say."

He forgets to look sulky and cross

When things are not going his way;

Forgets some one's gain is his loss;

Forgets, in his worktime, his play;

This is why I must take his part;

Why I say he is one of my pets;

I repeat it with all of my heart;

I love him for what he forgets.

—St. Nicholas

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

If you want your pictures to look well, send us pictures made by a photographer. We can not get a creditable cut from Kodak pictures.

Respectfully,

D. W. ALEXANDER

Business Manager F. W. B. Press

MRS. CECIL COKER AND THREE CHILDREN

On July 14, the entire church of Horse Branch, and the surrounding communities were brought to deepest sorrow over one of our members, Mrs. Cecil Coker, 34, and her three children, Vida Mae, 10, Judy, 8, and Norward, 4, who came to, what seemed, an untimely death as they were run over by an automobile, on the shoulders of the highway near her home about three miles from Turbeville, S. C.

Our church has never in its history, had four caskets within its sacred walls at one time. The tragic scene will long remain in the memory of those present, around 3,000, of that dear mother and her three children. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. L. Jernigan, assisted by Rev. J. B. Oliver and Rev. M. H. Mellitte.

Mrs. Coker and children were members of the church and Sunday School also Ladies Aid. They will be greatly missed by the church.

They leave to mourn their loss a husband (father) and one son, 6. Her mother, father, three sisters and two brothers, besides a host of relatives and friends.

As I stood and viewed that big grave,
That would hold those four dear forms.
I fancied I could see the Saviour,
Beckoning that mother and children home.

They must be happy there together,
In that home beyond the sky,
Where no sorrow never enters,
And there'll be no tear-dimmed eyes.

I know they will miss husband and little son,

That they had to leave behind,
But that straight and narrow way is open,
And they, too, can come sometime.

Then they all will be united,
On that happy golden shore,
With their kind and loving Saviour,
Where they'll part no never-more.

By a friend,

Mrs. Roxie B. Gibbons

Not gold, but only men, can make

A people great and strong;

Men who, for truth and honor's sake,

Stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men, who work while others sleep,

Who dare while others fly;

They build a nation's pillars deep,

And lift them to the sky.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Announcement

This is to state that I will be available for pastoral work for another year. Any church desiring my services are requested to write to me, and to get in touch with me at the address below.

Rev. J. D. Quick
Sylacagua, Ala.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

NOT DO, BUT BELIEVE

E. E. Shelhamer

It would be a great thing if one of you could command an army, surround a large city and compel it to surrender. Yes, but can you think of something bigger and better: He that is slow to anger is better than he mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit (is better) than he that taketh a city" (Prov. 16:32).

Say, young people! One of the greatest things you can do is to master yourself: To be able to say "No!" To say no when you are tempted to jealousy and revenge; to say no to evil companions, when they want you to smoke or listen to a dirty story; to say no to a dance or a game of cards; to say no to an evil suggestion that you would not like Mother to hear; to say no to one who wants to hug, or be too free in other respects; to say no to an invitation to swim or fish on the Lord's Day. Yes, it takes real backbone to go against the crowd, but it will pay, for these are the ones who will be looked up to in the end.

Idleness and disobedience are the first steps into crime. "An idle brain is the devil's workshop." Let a boy or girl sit around and read novels; stand around drug stores and giggle and drink "soft drinks"; hang around the pool halls and look at vile pictures—and it will not be long until they go to worse things.

Oh, precious young people, we are not trying to rob you of any real pleasure, but wish you might glance at the great army of criminals; the insane; those in poor houses; wrecks who were once like you—full of hope, but now are down and out! Why? Because they were stubborn and scoffed at good advice; because they did not care to go to Sunday School; because when they went to church, they sat on the back seats and flirted; then married in a hurry; then quarreled and separated and now are ready to commit suicide and "end it all."

What can be done? You are worth too much to be lost. To reform is good, but not enough. Look to Jesus, the One who can give you a new start and restore lost innocence, lost health and lost purity. He has helped others and can help you. Will you let Him? "As many as receive Him, to them gave He power (not only to start life over again but) to become the sons of God." Begin now and you will not be sorry on your death bed.—Juvenile Pleasure.

The pushover job inevitably makes a pushover man.

We are not saved by anything that we could do, no matter what it might be. It is only through what the Lord Jesus has done for us, that we can be saved from our sins.

The Apostle Paul says, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us" (Titus 3:5).

Those who feel themselves strong and able to do something to save themselves, are not saved. But those who know they are weak and sinful can look to the Lord Jesus to save them. "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly," and, "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:6, 8).

Just before the Lord Jesus died on the Cross He said, "It is finished" (John 19:30). He meant by this He had finished everything He was to do to save us. A short time before He was taken to be crucified He prayed to His Father, saying, "I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do" (John 17:4). So there is nothing left for us to do but to believe on Him who did it all.

When the Philippian jailer said to Paul and Silas, "What must I do to be saved?" they answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:30, 31). "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). There is nothing in our part to do—only believe and accept what God through Christ has done for us.

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REV. BILLY MORRIS TO HOLD YOUTH REVIVAL

Snow Hill Church and Community to
Expect Great Meeting

A "Youth Revival" for the Snow Hill Church and community, Duplin County, North Carolina, will begin on Saturday night, August 25, and will continue for several nights. The services will begin each night at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Reverend Billy Morris, a young evangelist, will conduct the services. Special invitation is extended to the young people to attend this meeting each night. Please pray that the Lord will wonderfully bless in this meeting, and that much good will be accomplished for the glory of the kingdom of God.

Joyce Outlaw
Route,
Mount Olive, N. C.

ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST

"The Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans." John 4:9.

A ranger was speaking: "Over there on the north rim of the Grand Canyon I have a friend, another ranger. But to get word to him I must write a letter and send it by bus, train, and sometimes by airplane thru two states, just because of this mile-deep, thirteen-mile-wide Canyon."

Yes, the Grand Canyon really separates these friends. Between them is a great gulf, at this point at least bridged only by distant mail routes. In some places there are donkey trains winding down to the torrential Colorado River and up the other side, but this great, fixed gulf prevents any pleasant, easy friendliness.

Just so, there are fixed gulfs between men and groups and races. We have made a few trails down and across and built a bridge or two, but still there is that deep gulf. We have learned through the costliness of hate and war and sorrow that "donkey trails" are not enough. All our skill and daring must be joined with spiritual vision and loving hearts, if we are to bridge this gulf. The grace of God and the love of Christ will empower us to do it.

PRAYER

O God, we have done so little toward bridging the gulf between us and our fellow men—treaties, paper pacts, commercial trade. Grant us wisdom and love that will build bridges and draw the world together in true brotherhood. In the name of Him who loved all men. Amen.—The Upper Room.

Intellectual and moral teeth decay if not used. Gnaw a tough moral bone occasionally.



CHRISTIAN RELATIONS AMONG RACES

(Lesson for September 2)

Lesson: John 4:1-14; Acts 10:25-28; Colossians 3:11.

Golden Text: Acts 10:34, 35

I. The Heart of the Lesson

This means that no race, breed, variety or class of humanity will fail to be represented in Heaven. Indeed, thus is the clear and explicit statement of Revelation: "out of every tribe, and tongue, and people," the throng before the Lamb's throne was composed. So our text is in harmony with the current of revelation when it says, "God is no respecter of persons."

1. Christian believers never should be astonished to find the Lord Jesus, or sometimes His servants, dealing with very unlikely individuals.

2. Christ is willing to reveal Himself to every human soul that has a sincere desire to know Him.

3. No other conversion in Sychar would have attracted so much attention as that of this Samaritan woman.

4. "Bad" people, like the Samaritan woman, are not confined to large cities but can be found in most any town or village.

5. It is possible to become so bad in the eyes of men as to be shunned by them; but the Lord Jesus never passes such by nor leaves them without hope.

6. By asking a favor of the Samaritan woman, the Lord Jesus found a way of speaking to her of the things she most needed to know.

7. Tactful and careful dealing with a sinner often leads to better results than a scathing denunciation of his sins.

8. It is possible to be morally good, benevolent and religious without having experienced the grace of God in salvation.

9. It is possible to be so bound by

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the teachings and customs of our fathers as to lose sight of the grace of God for the lost.

10. We do not lose our identity, our nationality, our sex, or our individuality when we become Christians, but we become new creatures in Christ Jesus.

11. The Record says, "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the Word" (Acts 10:44). Observe the immediacy of the Spirit's coming. There was no delay whatever. The coming of the Holy Spirit broke into Peter's sermon, and ended it. The Gentiles heard the Gospel, believed on Christ, and were saved and received the Holy Spirit.

We observe that there was no praying, no laying on of hands, and not even the administry of baptism before the Spirit came upon these Gentiles.

The Holy Spirit comes to abide forever, according to the promise of our Lord (John 14:16). The Holy Spirit Himself is the Seal with which the believer is sealed unto the day of redemption (Eph. 1:13; 4:30).—Selected.

12. Peter said to the centurion, **Stand up; I myself also am a man**, verse 26. Peter would not allow Cornelius to worship him. Servants of Christ are not to be worshipped by individual Christians or church members, but sometimes that is quite apparent. Peter had gone to teach Cornelius the way of eternal life. Christ's messengers have a work to perform, and in this case Peter had a wonder-

ful opportunity to reveal to Cornelius the gospel plan of salvation. Cornelius told Peter about his vision and his obedience to the angel's command.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

13. Do all people of the white race love each other? Certainly Americans and Russians do not love each other too much. The love of God in the hearts of men and women is the only way to lasting peace.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Was the Apostle Peter Frozen?

Several years ago a woman, with her little baby, was riding in a stage-coach in western Montana. The weather was bitter cold, and, in spite of all the driver could do to protect her, he saw that the mother was becoming unconscious from the cold. He stopped the coach, took the baby, and wrapping it warmly, put it under the seat, then seized the mother by the arm, and dragging her out upon the ground, drove away, leaving her in the road. As she saw him drive away, she ran after him, crying piteously for her baby. When he felt sure that she was warm, he allowed her to overtake the coach and resume her place by her baby. Can we not imagine her gratitude when she realized that he had saved her life? He had done as God sometimes does, to shake us out of soul-lethargy and moral sleep which would end in death—1000 Evangelistic Illustrations.

Trusting

I once illustrated the act of faith by the experience of a friend who was in an upper room of a hotel at night when the building took fire. He seized the escape rope that was in his room, swung out of the window, and lowered himself in safety to the sidewalk. He had a good opinion of that rope during the day when he saw it coiled up by his bedside, but it was only an opinion; when he believed on the rope, and trusted himself to the rope, it saved his life.—T. L. Cuyler, D.D.

You can always get advice for nothing and it'll probably be worth it, too. This is a joke; much advice is invaluable.

HEAR THE RADIO FAITH PROGRAM

Hear the Faith program which is being conducted on Station WGRA, Cairo, Georgia, 1300 K. C. at 9:30 A. M. week days, and 9:00 A. M. on Sundays.

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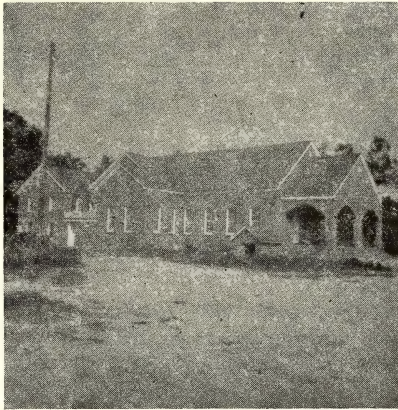
Rev. K. V. Shutes
Camilla, Georgia

Bethany Church Makes Great Progress

Has Rich History for Near a Century and a Half

Rev. George C. Vause, known to many of us in this section as Uncle George, has pastored Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Florence County, South Carolina, for thirty-six years, with the exception of three months. He has never been voted out as pastor, and never will, for he has done a great work, and God has blessed his labors during all those years of his leadership in this church.

Brother Vause is confined to his home now, but he gets out to the church occasionally, and there observes the services with much interest and concern for the progress of the church and the good of the church people. Those of you who remember him in bygone days, will you please drop him a card or letter, stating how you have appreciated him in his long life of service in God's kingdom work. His ad-



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had a hand in its spiritual growth and material progress. It is located about one and a quarter miles from U. S. Highway 301. It is about six miles from the town of Olan- ta, S. C. It is truly a living monument to everyone who has made it possible in the past, present, and for the future. It is a shining light in that community for the cause of Christ, and the salvation of the lost.

Bethany Church has a deep and abiding sense of appreciation for the ministers who have served it well, and helped to make it what it is today. They are as follows: Reverends J. B. Oliver, Julius Vause, Fred Powers, F. J. Kirby, James Orum Oliver, and George C. Vause.

Reverend W. L. Jernigan, formerly of Eladenboro, North Carolina, is our present pastor. His present address is Turbeville, South Carolina, Box Number 26. May the church and community look forward to great progress as the years come and go. May the Lord ever bless it and its good pastors with a noble history for the future.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to state that I will be available for pastoral or evangelistic services, any church or churches that are interested in securing me as pastor for evangelistic work may write me at the following address.

Rev. Ernest Strickland,
East Rockingham, N. C.

We never saw a happy woman who wasn't beautiful or an unhappy woman who was.

If we're not hopeless, the situation isn't either.

GREAT WOMAN'S CONFERENCE IN PROGRESS

(Special to The Free Will Baptist)

Black Mountain, N. C., Aug. 15.—The North Carolina Woman's Conference at Cragmont Assembly is now in progress with a record-breaking attendance of over 100 women from all parts of the state. This is almost double the normal capacity of the assembly. Says Mrs. L. E. Ballard, who has directed each of the Woman's Conferences since the opening of Cragmont, "We have women in every available place for a bed or cot on the assembly grounds, and some are rooming in nearby homes. We are crowded, but everybody is happy and the Lord is blessing." The director states that all ordinary arrangements at the assembly has been upset. Dining facilities have been adjusted to take care of by far the largest number in the history of the assembly. The chapel has been rearranged to take in the reception room. Some of the meetings are being held outside in the open, and in co-operating churches. But the full program of inspiration, information, and recreation is being carried out successfully and in order.

Among the ministers who are participating in the assembly by speaking at various gatherings are Revs. J. C. Griffin, Willet L. Moretz, Wayne Smith and C. H. Overman. For Sunday morning, August 19, the plans called for the group to split up into parties when the women will visit Swannanoa, Horney Heights, and other Free Will Baptist churches, some to be guest teachers in the Sunday Schools, and to enter into the services in various ways. The conference was scheduled to end Sunday evening, the women returning to their homes on Monday, August 20.

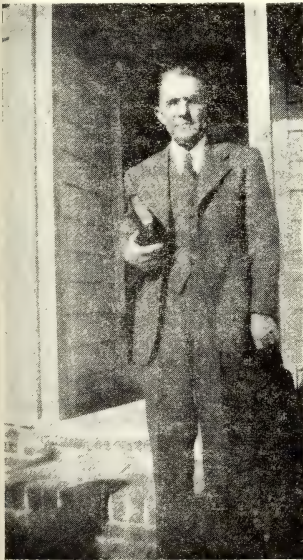
ANNOUNCEMENT

On July 21, 1951, the Holly Spring's Free Will Baptist Church granted me license to preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. I have felt the call of God for several years to take the gospel message of salvation to lost souls. But I had been trying to make excuses to God, and had been leaving that work for someone else to do.

Now, I have yielded the remainder of my life to Him, asking Him to use me anywhere that I might take the gospel message to those who are lost in sin. If any minister or church can use me to do supply work, or to hold any service that I might be able to render for them, I shall be very glad to do it. I shall be very glad to do my best for the cause of Christ.

I am asking that the Christian people remember me in your prayers that I might be able to render service for Christ who died for me.

James E. Howard,
Newport, N. C., R-2



REV. GEORGE C. VAUSE

dress is: Rev. G. C. Vause, Timmonsville, South Carolina, Route 3. I am sure that he and his good family will appreciate it very much.

Bethany Church was founded in 1818, and rebuilt in 1883. It was rebuilt again in 1908, and remodeled in 1951, and the present view of the church is quite beautiful both from the outside and on the inside. It is certainly a credit to everyone who has

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Salvation

"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

There is nothing that you can do about God's LOVE, but accept it or reject it. To accept it means that you are saved; to reject it means that you are eternally damned. We do not have to get God in the notion to save us. His mind is fixed-eternally fixed. Therefore, Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16).

That old jailor at Philippi who was frightened and fell at the feet of the apostles Paul and Silas, said, "Sirs, What must I do to be saved?" This was the greatest question that the man could ask. The apostles did not tell him a hundred things to do. Many of our theologians would have gone into detail, enumerating the many things that believers do. But the essential thing for this poor sinner was "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:30, 31). Did he believe on Christ? The evidence is that He accepted and confessed Christ that very night. "And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house." They preached unto this man the WORD OF THE LORD. There was nothing added. His part was to accept and confess Christ. This he did, "And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway" (Acts 16:33).

Some theologians contend that he was "saved because he was baptized."

But I say that he was baptized because he believed on Christ and believing on Christ took his whole soul and spirit right into fellowship with the Father and with his Son the Lord Jesus Christ.

Salvation is not in water baptism. It is not in joining the church. It is not in praying for salvation, if that were true, then we would have something to "boast about." "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Yes, SALVATION is a GIFT from God. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephes. 2:8-10).

We might start to praying today and pray for a month, but God's mind would be the same at the end of the month. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son." Jesus Christ is GOD'S GIFT, so, SALVATION is in GOD'S GIFT—HIS SON. There is no other salvation. There is nothing that we can do but accept it. Accept what? "We accept a person—that PERSON who is the Lord Jesus Christ. "This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:11, 12). So, our salvation is not in doing something, but believing SOMETHING. Believing What? The answer is "Believing in the Lord Jesus Christ"—no works attached.

Why were you baptized, preacher? Because I believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. Why did you unite with the church? Because I believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. Why do you partake of the Lord's Supper and wash feet? Because I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Why have you traveled thousands of miles and owned fifteen cars—mostly Fords—which have been worn to the trading point in taking the gospel to thousands of persons? The only answer is "I Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ."

I believe in His Virgin Birth. I believe Him to be God manifest in

the flesh. Yes, I believe that He was "The Only begotten of the Father."

I believe that He died for my sins. My sins had as much to do with nailing him to the cross as the sins of those who cried "Away him, Let Him be crucified." I was a sinner already condemned to everlasting fire; but, by God's grace, Jesus Christ took my place, and he died in my stead. By His shed blood I am set free from the guilt of sin and death. I believed that he was buried and that he arose the third day. Yes, I believe that he literally came forth out of the grave. No turning to "gas," as some "Cult" believe. He burst the band of death and stepped out of that grave. I believe that He ascended back to the right hand of God where he sits as my ADVOCATE, my MEDIATOR. That is sufficient. Then I believe that he is coming again. I am saved because I believe in Jesus Christ. To believe in Christ, as I see it, is to believe all that is written in both the Old and the New Testament Scriptures. To leave out anything would make me an unbeliever. "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself; he that believeth not God hath made him a liar: because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given unto us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God" (1 John 10:13).

To believe on the Son then is to believe the RECORD THAT GOD HAS GIVEN. To disbelieve his Virgin Birth is to make God a liar. To disbelieve that he "was God manifest in the flesh" is to make God a liar. To disbelieve in his vicarius, substitutional atonement as made on Calvary is to "make God a liar." To disbelieve his literal RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION is to make "God a liar." God's record says, "He is coming back again." "The same Jesus which is taken up from you into

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heaven, shall come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). To disbelieve that it will not be the same Jesus who will come again is to "make God a liar."

"BELOVED, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby, know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God. And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world" (1 John 4:1-3).

Thus to deny the DEITY of the Lord Jesus Christ, is to "make God a liar." "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God" . . . "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:1-14).

NO NAME LIKE HIS

There is no name like His for us. It is more imperial than Caesar's, more musical than Beethoven's, more conquering than Charlemagne's, more eloquent than Cicero's. It throbs with all life. It weeps with all pathos. It groans with all pain. It stoops with all condescension. It breathes with all perfume. Who like Jesus to set a broken bone, to pity a homeless orphan, to nurse a sick man, to take a prodigal back without scolding, to illumine a cemetery all roughed with graves, to make a queen unto God out of the lost woman of the street, to catch the tears of human sorrow in a lachrymatory which never shall be broken? Who has such an eye to see our need, such a lip to kiss away our sorrow, such a hand to snatch us out of the fire, such a foot to trample our enemies, such a heart to embrace all our necessities?—Talmadge

The wife of a great editor, investigating affairs which were not properly her concern, asked a poor man toiling on his few acres: "Don't you know you have relief rights which entitle you to government money?" "Yessum," he said, "but I'm a free man." She told this incident with scorn but we have always wanted to hunt that man up and shake his hand.

Poor Susy! She had been trying so hard to watch her words and not say unkind things about others. Speaking unkindly had been a big fault of Susy's. But now she had given her life to Jesus and was trying to please Him in everything. Speaking unkindly of others would not be pleasing Jesus, for the Bible said, "Speak not evil one of another" (James 4:11).

"Especially," mourned Susy, "when I'm not even sure she meant to do anything wrong. It looked bad to me, but then, I don't know all about it."

Then Susy began wondering why unkind words slipped out so easily when she did not intend to speak them. The thought came, "Can it be that I have any bitterness in my heart toward people that comes out in mean words before I can stop them?" Such an ugly thought Now Susy felt worse than ever.

She looked in the Bible. Sure enough, she found a verse in Matthew 12:34 that said: "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

"Then if there were love instead of bitterness in my heart for people," Susy decided, "I would certainly speak kindly about them."

After Susy asked the Lord to forgive her, take the bitterness out of her heart, and give her more of His love, she found that it became easier to speak kindly about people who annoyed her. She discovered these people had good points, too, when she had love enough to notice them. "Let us love one another: for love is of God" (1 John 4:7).

IT WORKS!

In the quietness of a Sabbath afternoon a few lady students from the Bible Training Institute, Glasgow, were conducting a service for women prisoners in the hall of a

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large city penitentiary under the leadership of an experienced Biblewoman. Besides the audience sitting in rows were others confined in cells, the doors of which opened just behind the speakers. In one of these was a woman named Maggie, who had sunk deeply in sin through strong drink and was at the moment lying on the floor of a padded cell with her head against the door in the grip of delirium tremens and in charge of a wardress. The singing in the service seemed to soothe her and she lay listening. In the course of her address the Biblewoman earnestly pleaded with her hearers to yield to Christ, saying in broad Scotch, "Mary, Jeanie, Maggie, will ye no let Jesus in?" This woman, hearing her name, immediately answered, "Yes! I will let Him in." She then sat up and said to the wardress, "I've let Him in." At once there was a change in her demeanor; calmness took the place of trembling; the storm-tossed soul had found rest. The wardress, seeing this, went out at the close of the meeting and told the Biblewoman, and asked if she would see her. She gladly did so and found that, indeed, the wonder-working Jesus had come in and the evil spirit had been cast out. "Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him."

FRUITS MEET FOR REPENTANCE

"In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord." Isaiah 6:1.

The people of Judah pinned their faith to king Uzziah, who had restored to the nation something of the glory of David and Solomon. One day the king presumed to usurp the priest's office and was stricken with leprosy. His death was a national calamity. The people saw an empty throne, and no one fit for the succession.

Just then the young man Isaiah went to attend devotions in the temple, little realizing he was to have a spiritual awakening that would have its bearing upon the whole nation. Taking his place among the worshippers, the young man saw not only the vacant throne, but he "also saw the Lord high and lifted up." The vision of God in His holiness was followed by a vision of himself in his sin and of the community in its uncleanness. His cry of penitence brought forgiveness and cleansing. Being pardoned and purified, he was able to hear the Lord calling and in answer volunteered for service: "Here am I; send me."

PRAYER

O Thou by whom kings rule and princes decree justice, we thank Thee that Thou dost give pardon to all Thy children who come to Thee with humble, penitent hearts. Help us that we may ever hereafter lead clean lives, dedicated to Thy Holy service. In Jesus' name. Amen.—The Upper Room.

There is no cause for fear in our hearts when God is on our side.—L. L. K.

NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD MOVING FORWARD; NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED AT CAIRO, GEORGIA

Isaiah 6:9—"Go tell this people."

Well, another National Associational year has passed into history, and what we have done for Home Missions has been recorded. May each of us ask, "Did we do all we could for this worthy cause?" If we find we have been weighed in the balances and found wanting, let us resolve now that our record shall be better in 1951-52.

We, as a National Home Mission Board, are glad to report a wonderful improvement over the past year. But we fell far short of what we wanted to accomplish. Now we are expecting greater things this next year. And I feel that our people are awakening to the great need of Home Missions. If you will only respond with your offerings regularly, we promise that you will be hearing of new churches being organized all over our United States.

Upon my return from Cairo, Georgia, I am glad to report that Brother K. V. Shutes and I set up a new church there with a wonderful future.

By the time you read this, we hope to have a revival in progress in Albany, Ga., with good prospects of a new church in that thriving city of 33,000 population. So you can see our possibilities all over the country. As a Board we shall go forward in this great evangelistic work, if you, as a denomination will only loose us and let

us go. I am sure you understand what I mean. We need money to carry on this work. So I hope every pastor will allocate a part of your regular offerings each month, or take a special offering and send it to Rev. Harry E. Staires, Oilton, Oklahoma. We need fifty thousand dollars this year for this great work. And the people of America are hungering for a Gospel like the Free Will Baptist preach.

Now, we will be presenting some new plans in the near future. Your State Director of Home Missions, I hope, will be visiting your church to tell you all about this work.

So as a great denomination, let us awake and lift up our eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest, and make a way that your Board may send laborers into the field. Now each one of you who reads this, sit down and send a personal offering to our treasurer, though it be small, let us do something about it. Can we depend on you? What we do will depend on what you do. I, as your Chairman of the Home Mission Board, am greatly burdened with this great work. Will you help carry the Cross? I get alone and pray over this great work and it seems I can hear the "tramp, tramp" of the lost thousands going out into eternity without the Christ of Calvary. Just an offering from you may rescue some poor lost soul. Proverbs 11:30, "He that winneth souls is wise."

Rev. J. B. Bloss,
Chm., Nat. Home Mis. Board
Columbia, Tennessee

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT SECOND UNION, CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The Sunday School Convention of the Second Union of the Central Conference of North Carolina met with Gum Swamp Church, Pitt County, on July 29, 1951. The theme for the day was: Unity, beginning with opening devotions by Rev. M. L. Tyndall of Kinston, N. C. This was followed by a very inspiring message by Rev. Sam Kennedy of another Union meeting. After a brief business session, the convention was dismissed for the entering into a very bountiful lunch which was made possible by the kindness and the hospitality of the members of Gum Swamp Church and community.

The afternoon session was opened with devotions which were led by Mrs. L. E. Ballard. This was followed by a direct report from our Cuban mission field, Rev. Rashie Kennedy, who made a visit to the field in May.

After another brief business session, the convention was dismissed until the fifth Sunday in September, when it will meet with the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church.

Miss Mary F. Hobgood, Reporter

When we see a squirrel burying an acorn we always wonder if it isn't just a device of nature to make trees.

A friendly old colored man once said: "I never puts anybody in my despiery."

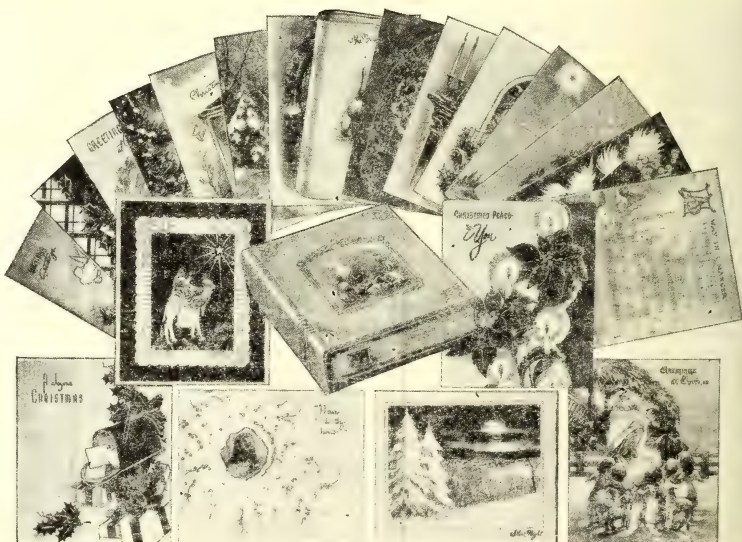
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MOUNTAIN GROVE F. W. B. CHURCH

The Mountain Grove Free Will Baptist church was organized in 1927 with twelve charter members. The Rev. John Koch was called as the first pastor of the church. The church grew under his leadership by other Free Will Baptist people in and around Mountain Grove uniting with it.

The different ministers who have pastored the church are: Revs. John Koch, Dober, J. E. Burney, O. L. Allen, Homer Smith, and George W. Scott, Jr.

By 1944 the membership had grown to the extent that under the leadership of Rev. Scott the church decided to erect a new and larger building. On Easter Sunday, 1945, the first services were held in this new flagstone building. It has full size basement with Sunday School rooms, kitchen and dining hall. In a few years all the debts on the building were paid, and the church was dedicated to God.

Of the twenty-four years that the church has been organized, Rev. G. W. Scott has been pastor seventeen years. The present membership is 187.

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Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

PROGRAM OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL
CONVENTION OF THE MARTIN ASSOCIATION

Following is the program of the Sunday School Convention of the Martin Association to convene at Highway Church, Brinson, Ga., Decatur County, September 9, 1951.

MORNING SESSION

10:00—Devotions, W. R. Barber
 —Welcome Address, Gordon Mills
 —Response—Mrs. W. E. Lane
 —Enrollment of Sunday Schools and delegates
 11:30—Mid-day message, Rev. H. L. Cartaret

AFTERNOON SESSION

—Devotions, Mrs. B. W. Clenny
 —Programs of various Sunday Schools
 —New Business
 —Miscellaneous Business
 —Round table discussions, Rev. W. H. Horn.
 —Election of Officers
 —Time and place of next meeting
 —Adjournment

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He knoweth the way that I take. My foot hath held His steps, His ways have kept, and not declined. Job 23:10, 11.

A VOICE FROM KENTUCKY

When I was a boy living near Nicholasville, Kentucky, a small town of 3,000, I remember only one place in town where anyone could buy liquor. That was in old Adcock's Saloon around the corner off Main Street. It was a dirty hole with shaded windows and out in front beer kegs and bums. Never did I see a woman go into that vile joint. Today Nicholasville is wet. Both men and women can get all the liquor they can pay for and drink. I don't know how Louisville, the metropolis of the state, where I now live, was when I was a boy, but I know how it is now. It is sopping wet. It is the whiskey capital of the world.

Kentucky presents a strange paradox as respects the liquor question. Its 83 distilleries produce more than half the hard liquor made in the nation, and yet 93 of its 120 counties are dry by vote of the people. The state produced 68,899,425 gallons of whiskey during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, while the nation's total output was 118, 760, 487 gallons.

How ashamed I am to have to pin that badge of infamy on the state I love best because in it I was bred and born as were my fore-parents as far back as the record runneth. One thing I am glad about and grateful for—there has never appeared a drunkard in the Hargett family. Never knew a Hargett to be an alcoholic. My father drank a little as a young man, but dear old Bro. W. B. Godbey came to our community and held a glorious revival. My young father and mother were gloriously converted and joined the church. There was no more drinking.

The Old-Time Religion

In those days when a man got religion he quit drinking just as he quit swearing and all other wickedness. I have a deep conviction now that if anyone has a real vital experience of God's saving grace drinking is out, whether cocktails at social events or a glass of beer with a pal.

Just now in our state we are putting on a campaign to prohibit minors from going into the taverns and also

to get liquor advertising stopped. The Louisville Courier-Journal on December 31, 1950, carried an article which should give us ammunition in our fight against liquor advertising. The article was given by Rodman W. Moorhead, Jr., Vice President and Advertising Director of the Brown-Forman Distillers Corporation, "Advertising not only helps sell whiskey but keeps brands which are temporarily in short supply before the public and builds up demand against their future availability."

In 1949, there were 1,729 automobile drivers arrested in Kentucky under the influence of alcohol. Ninety-two persons were killed and 963 hurt

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in accidents where drinking was involved. The State Police Department estimates the economic loss at \$5,980,000—in one year.

Our state, with 93 counties dry, had only 92 fatalities where other states with comparable populations and no local option had from three to four times the number of fatalities.

Prohibition Was Better

Anyone who contends the present condition is better than in the days of prohibition either doesn't know the facts or is willing to misrepresent them in order to make his case. I lived in prohibition days and I know liquor was hard to get—it could be gotten but it wasn't easy. But now it is sold in saloons, taverns, hotels, restaurants, whiskey stores, road houses, cocktail lounges, grocery stores, drug stores, honky tonks, as well as by bootleggers.

We have in the nation 452, 641 churches and schools and 483,033 retail liquor outlets. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, our country gave a total church contribution of \$1,511,000,000, and our people spent \$8,550,000,000 for beverage alcohol. And we call ourselves Christian!

We are confronted by terrible dangers both at home and from abroad such as never confronted this country before. The shocking thing is that most of our people do not seem to realize what is happening to us and the far-reaching consequences. They insist on business as usual, politics as usual, strikes as usual, fun as usual, liquor as usual.

There is one thing this government is doing that "burns me up" and that is to make beer available to our young men in the service. Many young men who never tasted the slop before will come out of the service hopeless alcoholics just as they did in the last war. Why the government keeps playing into the hands of the brewers I do not know. Why our President does so I do not know. I refer to the newspaper story that told how he stopped on 15th Street in Kansas City during the holidays at a little eating place for a lunch. He ordered chili and beer. The place did not have a license to sell beer, but they went out and got him some anyhow. He not only drank beer and set a bad example to the young men of the nation, he caused the eating place to violate the law by serving beer without a license.

That same afternoon, with the beer still on his breath, the President dedicated a Church at Grandview, the old family home town. "O consistency, thou art a jewel!"

The One Sure Cure

After all my years of experience, I am thoroughly convinced that the only sure cure for the alcoholic habit is to get thoroughly and gloriously converted.

O my dear friend, if you are bound by the chains of the drink habit, come to Christ and He will break the chains and set you free, just as He did for the demoniac in the long ago! —The Voice, June, 1951.

Good government is one thing which can't be preserved in alcohol.

There is such a thing as an affirmative no and a negative yes.

What Is the Gift of Tongues and for What

Second Use of Tongues-Sign Was Among Gentiles

"While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost; For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" (Acts 10:44-47). Do not verses 45-46 reveal to us that the purpose of the sign-gift of tongues at this time was to further convince Peter and the other Jews accompanying him that the new birth baptism of the Holy Spirit (John 3:3-7) was for the Gentiles as well as for Jews, and in truth "That God is no respecter of persons"? (v. 34). It was Peter and the Jews with him that "were astonished."

When there was a great revival and outpouring of the Holy Spirit down in the city of Samaria, as recorded in chapter 8:14-17, there was no sign-gift of **speaking in tongues** (different languages) given, and we naturally ask, Why? We know from verses 5-8 that the preaching of Philip was confirmed by great miracles of healing and casting out devils but no **speaking in tongues**. Again we ask, Why? Was it not because the people of Samaria spake the same language (Acts 2:7) and would not have understood a foreign tongue? Hence that gift would not have been convincing evidence to confirm Philip's preaching as were these other great miracles of healing. God knows best "bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will" (Heb. 2:4). Can we not understand and see clearly why God, "according to his own will," confirmed Peter's preaching in Cornelius' home before both Gentiles and Jews

Purpose Given

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(speaking in different languages) with the tongues gift sign, but with Philip's preaching in Samaria (all the hearers speaking the same language) God confirmed it, not with the tongues sign, but with great miracles of healings and casting out devils? Surely, God knows best when and how to confirm the preaching of His Word, and therefore He did it "ACCORDING TO HIS OWN WILL."

We next come to Acts 19:1-20 which gives us a record of the oppo-

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sition and difficulties Paul had to meet at Ephesus. Study these verses several times and you will discover that the Lord was pleased to confirm Paul's faithful preaching of the Word under difficulties and dangers with great and "SPECIAL MIRACLES" and signs and wonders and judgments using the tongues sign (v. 6) the third and last time in the formation of the early church as far as is recorded in the twenty-eight chapters of the book of Acts. Nor do we find any church at any time or at any place thereafter attempting to practice the use of this **tongue-sign evidence** to confirm the Word, except the church at Corinth. And Paul certainly rebuked very severely their ignorance and false ideas and wrong understanding of its purpose and use in the church. And this was only one of many errors in doctrine, and worldly ways of living, that carnal and fleshly-wise members troubled this church. Paul wrote three letters to this church. The first letter was not handed down to us but we know the church's condition from the

two we have received. See I Cor. 5:9; 2 Cor. 13:1-5-10.

We see also that these men, about twelve, of Acts 19:1-7, who knew only of John's preaching and baptism were of the Spirit ignorant, and were in need of the greater baptism. So God was pleased to confirm, as He did in Cornelius' house wherein conditions were very similar, the preaching of Paul by conferring on them both the gift of the Holy Spirit, and permitting them to preach in other languages. Many languages were found in Ephesus as we may and will know by the study of this entire chapter. Hence the value of the "gift of tongues" sign to confirm this preaching. Again we ask, Why these three times ONLY (Acts 2:4-6; 10:44-47; 19:6) did God use the sign-gift of "tongues" (languages) to confirm the preaching of the Word by His faithful servants? Can we not see the significance of the environments we have mentioned and be willing to believe that God knows best? And therefore He confirmed the preaching of His Word when necessary by "signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, ACCORDING TO HIS OWN WILL" (Heb. 2:4), and the diversity of these gifts He bestows "DIVIDING TO EVERY MAN SEVERALLY AS HE WILL." Not a gift to any man nor any one gift to all men. (Our capitals). In Act 21:40; 22:2; 26:15 no one can doubt that "Hebrew tongue" means the "Hebrew language."

Must we not recognize, if we are honest with the Word, that in the ten times (5 in Chap. 2) that the words tongue and tongues are found in the book of Acts they mean **language that can be understood** (Acts 2:6). May we return to Mark 16:17-20, for further examination and study of these confirming "signs" and miracles and their purpose in relation to the preaching of the gospel.

Purpose of Miracles and Sign Gifts
Now we ask again, WHY the

SIGNS (miracles), and for what PURPOSE? Observe that verse 20 gives us, concerning their purpose, clear and definite knowledge. It reads thus: "And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the LORD WORKING with them, and CONFIRMING THE WORD with SIGNS following. Amen." (Our capitals). Is it not very clear, definite, positively stated, and plain, that the LORD, through the Apostles, performed these miracles (signs), and that it was for the very purpose of "CONFIRMING THE WORD," the Gospel, which He commanded them to preach?

To CONFIRM THE WORD of God spoken by His faithful messengers is definitely shown to be the prime purpose of **miracles and signs** in both the Old Testament and the New Testament preaching. And one in the New Testament reads thus: "For if the Word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will" (Heb. 2:2-4). The Holy Spirit's gift of tongues, speaking in a foreign language, seems to have ceased or was so minor that at the writing of this book of Hebrews it is not here named. But notice how clearly it is stated that **these signs, miracles and wonders**, were God's means of witnessing to their salvation Gospel preaching, "AND WAS CONFIRMED UNTO US BY THEM," by the miracles and sign-gifts given them by the Lord to perform for Him. Observe that these sign "gifts of the Holy Spirit" were not given promiscuously, not all to every believer, but "ACCORDING TO HIS OWN WILL." This administering of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, purposes of same, and the basis of giving them are again definitely and positively stated in I Cor. 12:7-11, 28-30, which reads thus: "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given

to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another dis-

ITEMS FROM THE ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Since it has been sometime since I wrote to the Baptist paper, I will write concerning a very good revival meeting which we had at Mount Tabor Church. It began on the sixth of August, and continued through the eleventh. Reverend James A. Evans did the preaching, and the services were well attended, in spite of other revivals going on within about five miles of our church. Much good was accomplished in this meeting. There were three additions to the church, two young girls and one married person.

Brother J. D. Vernelson came for the regular week-end, and monthly services. He did the baptizing of the candidates on Sunday. Brother Evans spent some time in our home during the meeting. We did not have day services, and Brother Evans and I went over to Malachi's Chapel, and enjoyed the day services with those good people for two days. Rev. J. W. Alford is the pastor of this church. Brother Floyd Cherry of Durham did the preaching, and it was a real treat for us to have been present for the two days services. Brother Alford is pastoring three churches in a group. We have noticed that those churches and others that have the pastor living in the midst of them are doing a great work.

We are longing to see more of our churches in the Albemarle Conference grouped together for better work. Better still, we want to see the stronger churches go on full-time basis, and have their pastor living in their midst. There are others that should go on half-time basis, with the pastor serving two churches close together. Then those pastors would be able to work with the young people of the church and community more effectively than in cases where the pastor lives so very far away. This would enable the churches to grow stronger and more rapidly. I have been trying for some time to get our stronger churches to go on half-time basis, and see if they would not make greater progress. The old way of having services once per month will not take care of the needs today. Churches must move forward and hold the young people. The best way to do this is for them to locate their pastors as near as possible in their communities where they can serve the church and community in a much better way.

T. F. Davenport,
Creswell, North Carolina

cerning of spirits; to another **DIVERS KINDS OF TONGUES**; to another the **INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES**; But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man **SEVERALLY** as **HE WILL**." "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, **DIVERSITIES OF TONGUES**. Are **ALL** apostles? Are **All** prophets? Are **ALL** teachers? Are **ALL** workers of miracles? Have **ALL** the gifts of healing? Do **ALL** speak with tongues? Do **ALL** interpret?" And the last verse of this chapter with the next chapter reveals to us that charity (love) is more excellent than these gifts. Yet we should covet the best gifts, not that **ALL** nine of them will be given to any **ONE PERSON**, nor that any **ONE** of **THEM** (tongues or otherwise) will be given to every born-again believer (but we are to desire the best gifts of the Holy Spirit). The Spirit "dividing to every man **SEVERALLY** as **HE WILL**." (Our capitals).

From both I Cor. 12:7-10, 28-30 and Heb. 2:2-4, we know assuredly and definitely that the **GIFT OF TONGUES** (speaking in a foreign language) was not given to all born-again true believers, but with all the other eight gifts it was given "**ACCORDING TO HIS WILL**," "dividing to every man **SEVERALLY** as **HE WILL**."

So how can one truly believe **ALL** the Word and honestly teach (as some do teach) that if you do not speak in tongues you have not been born again and that this gift is the evidence and assurance of salvation? Is it not surely a man-made doctrine without Scriptural authority or foundation? What a serious error and perversion of the gospel is such teaching. Will it not merit the curse of Gal. 1:6-9 **WHICH DO READ?** And if you **BELIEVE IT TRULY**, you will not add anything to this salvation gospel. And Paul gives us this salvation gospel so clearly in a nutshell in I Cor. 15:1-4. May no one pervert it and merit Gods curse. Can one disobey and escape?

(To Be Continued Next Week)

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

WHO SHOULD BELIEVE IN MISSIONS?

What do you think about it?

Who should believe in Christian missions, home and foreign? All Christians of sound judgment and good reasoning should believe in missions. Why do you believe this to be correct?

Christ believed in and taught Christian missions for three and a half years. He took the Gospel from Nazareth to Jerusalem, from Galilee to Samaria, and Judea. He commanded his disciples to evangelize the world: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15bb). Not only was Christ's Gospel ministry a home mission program, a work in Nazareth and Judea, his home town and country, but also it was a foreign mission endeavor, for he preached in Galilee, Samaria, and in the region beyond the Jordan River. Christ taught that the Gospel is for "every creature." This means every race, tribe, or nationality, the world over, because Christ died for everyone. Salvation is for everyone.

Our Lord's disciples were commanded to preach the Gospel to both Jew and Gentile alike wherever they went with the Word. All need the Gospel and should be saved from eternal damnation, for Christ is "no respecter of persons." There went forth from the Jerusalem church devout men who preached the Gospel in other towns and country places, and people were saved. Truly, they believed in Christian missions, home and foreign. What right has any Christian of sound mind, and good judgment to disbelieve in either home or foreign missions? What do you think about it?

The early church fathers believed in missions. The church at Antioch sent assistance to the Jerusalem church which was in need of help. The churches which Paul founded believed in missions, and gave assistance where need arose in other regions. Paul and Silas were missionary-minded men, and went forth in the name of Christ to take the Gospel to the heathen. Peter and Philip, John and Barnabas, and dozens of others of the early church fathers preached missions, and won the lost to Christ. They were obeying Christ's command. They confined not their efforts in their own home towns, nor in their own home churches, because that was not what God wanted them to do. But where do you stand on the subject of missions? Do you really believe in Christian missions? Or are you in favor of one and not the other? If so, why? Christ was for both home and foreign missions. If you are a fair-minded Christian who loves the Lord, then how can you not go along with Christ on the subject of home missions, and also foreign missions? Be honest, are you a whole-hearted, or only a half-hearted Christian? Do you want only the Americans and the English people saved, or do you want to see people everywhere saved? Christ did not stop with his people the

Jews, nor only with the Gentiles scattered here and there in Palestine; he commanded that the Gospel be preached to "every creature." Souls of the Red and the Black skinned people need saving just as well as do those of Caucasian and the Malay peoples of earth. What do you believe about it? Do you believe in this? Are you not willing to go all the way with Christ on this subject? Think about it! Meditate over it! And pray about it!

Who should support missions? Am I responsible as a devout Christian? The answer is in the affirmative. Should my church support missions? Why not? The early churches did. Should my pastor support missions? If he is true to Christ's teachings, and personal circumstances avail, he will not only gladly support missions himself, but also he will preach missions and urge his church members to support missions, home and abroad. If he is a true follower of Christ, he cannot conscientiously do otherwise. But where do you stand, pastor? Do

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF THE PRESS

This is to announce that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, is scheduled to be held on Monday, September 10, at ten o'clock in the Assembly Hall of the Press building.

All members of the Board of Directors, and all who hold stock in person, or who represent stock for churches and church organizations are requested to be present for this meeting. Other interested persons are cordially invited to attend this meeting if they so desire. Lunch can be secured at the noon hour at the local Cafe.

R. B. SPENCER, Secretary-Editor

you agree with this line of reasoning? Do you believe as does this editor on this subject? Do you? then let him know that you do. He will appreciate it.

Now what? Here it is! As our denomination is now beginning its new fiscal year, it certainly behooves every pastor, ever church, Auxiliary, Sunday School, League, and all district, state and national organizations of Free Will Baptists to make an early start in raising, at least on the monthly basis, funds for missions, Home and Foreign. It is vitally essential that these church organizations, as well as individual church members, as far as possible, give money in liberal amounts to the support of missions. God is expecting this of us. New churches in our home-land are to be built, new fields of mission work are to be established, and the work in the foreign fields must be supported and enlarged upon for the salvation of the lost. Remember, God has promised to restore unto us four-fold blessings when we obey his commands. Can our churches afford to neglect these most

worthy causes, and expect God to continue his blessings upon them? Can they?

Please remember, our program of missions in Cuba must be amply supported. Our missionaries in India are calling for financial support and more missionaries for that field of labor. Shall we deny them because of the lack of help? Can any church or pastor feel right if they neglect this worthy cause? What would Christ say to any church that fails to believe in missions if he were to come and visit them in person? Our missionary in Africa is looking to us for help. Are we going to ignore her call? Please note, God has laid it on the hearts of some of our young people to go to Japan, and they are very desirous of going soon. But what shall we do about it? If God has called them, shall we deny them the means to go and break their hearts?

How much can we do? Only the Lord can tell, for he

knows our strength, our means, as well as he knows our hearts in regard to this subject of missions. He will provide for us if we will provide for our missionaries in the foreign fields, and expand our missionary program here at home. Let next July, 1952, when the Annual Mission Board's Report is made to the National Association, tell us the story of what we have done for missions during this fiscal year. May each state begin now plans to set in operation ways by which it will raise during this fiscal year the quota assigned to it by the National Board of Missions, and in so doing be happy next July for the world to know that she raised her quota and then some.

Please ponder these truths, and go forth with renewed courage to do your share for the cause of home and foreign programs of the Free Will Baptist denomination. God will bless in our performance of our duties for the growth of his kingdom.

Report from the Raleigh Church

Some time ago we sent out letters to all the Sunday Schools throughout the state, asking for a donation to help in diminishing the debt on our church here in Raleigh. Listed below are the names of the Sunday Schools and individuals who responded to this report.

Sunday Schools

New Home, Piney Creek, N. C.	\$5.00
Bethel, Johnson County	10.00
Dailey's Chapel, Eastern Conference	10.00
White Oak Hill, Western Conf.	5.00
Dilda's Grove, Central Conf.	5.00
Folkston, Eastern Conf.	5.00
Pearsall's Chapel, Eastern Conf.	10.00
Branche Chapel, Western Conf.	5.00
Sidney, Albemarle Conf.	5.34
Davis, Eastern Conf.	20.00
Pee Dee Union, Pee Dee Conf.	8.50
Union Grove, Western Conf.	10.00
Davis, Eastern Conf.	35.00
Pleasant Grove, Western Conf.	10.00
Pleasant Grove Ladies Aux.	5.00
Shady Grove, Western Conf.	31.70
Pleasant Grove, Western Conf.	10.00
Goldsboro, Cape Fear Conf.	25.00
The Raleigh Sunday School to the Treasurer of Church Cape Fear Conf.	500.00
Friendship, Central Conf.	12.00

Individual Gifts:

Mrs L. W. Baggett, Erwin, N. C.	10.00
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Mrs Myra Lewis, Davis, N. C.	1.00
Bro. Levi Hill, Snow Hill, N. C.	30.00
Miss Marie Hester, Bladenboro, N. C.	5.00
Mrs. D. T. Stacil, Rocky Mount, N. C.	1.00
Mr. Levi Hill, Snow Hill, N. C.	30.00
Mrs Kenneth Woodard, Kenly, N. C.	1.00
Mrs Leamon Stevens, Raleigh, N. C.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. Foster, Selma, N. C.	5.00
Mr. W. C. Sutton, Cove City, N. C.	5.00
Mr. W. C. Oden, Smithfield, N. C.	5.00
Mr. M. G. Wooten, Garner, N. C.	10.00
Mrs. M. G. Wooten, Garner, N. C.	10.00
Miss Roslyn Johnson, Garner, N. C.	1.00
Mrs Luck Young, Raleigh, N. C.	1.00
Mr. Franklin Young, Raleigh, N. C.	1.25
Mrs Loyd Crausown, Raleigh, N. C.	1.00
Mrs Inez Johnson, Garner, N. C.	1.00
Mrs Perlle Stewart, Raleigh, N. C.	1.00
Mrs S. R. Jones, Raleigh, N. C.	1.00
Miss Grace Massey, Raleigh, N. C.	.10
Mr Sid Jones, Raleigh, N. C.	.25
Mr. Ernest Whitehurst, Cary, N. C.	10.00
Mrs Ernest Whitehurst, Cary, N. C.	10.00
Arretta Wooten, Garner, N. C.	7.00
Mrs. Lonnie Cash, Garner, N. C.	.50
Mrs Mollie Howell, Garner, N. C.	1.00
Mrs W. B. Parish, Raleigh, N. C.	1.00
Mr. S. R. Jones, Raleigh, N. C.	1.00
Mrs Margaret Spence, Raleigh, N. C.	1.00

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In concluding this report, let us say to all you good people, this is a wonderful report. How we do thank you and give praise to the name of our Christ for such a wonderful response to the letters sent out by such a willing, working group of people who refuse to quit. They had the utmost faith in writing you, and their faith never failed them. However, there are many that threw the letter away and it wasn't mentioned in your Sunday School, if so when you read these names won't you join them in sending a donation soon?

We are so happy to report to you that we now have the principal down to \$6,700.00. This is the amount due on the principal to Mr. Oscar Leach. This does not give the amount of interest on the note. That is now due. We beg you to help us pay this debt off so we can then go ahead with our work without being burdened so heavily.

The treasurer of the Raleigh Sunday School gave to the treasurer of the Raleigh Church \$500.00 to go on the church debt. This is just to make it clear regarding the \$500.00 listed in the itemized list.

By Church

The strength of the nation is renewed from the lower middle class, wielded by the upper middle class and dissipated by the lower and the upper classes.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING OF THE PRESS . . .

If you represent stock held by the State Convention, Conferences, Union Meetings, Churches or individual, it is very important that you attend the annual meeting to be held Monday, September 10, 1951. The meeting will be called at 10:00 A. M., and please go prepared to stay until final adjournment. We are hoping to have a good meeting and if you hold or represent stock in the Press, please be present.

R. N. HINNANT, President

-:- Department of Foreign Missions -:-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
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WILL IT HAPPEN AGAIN?

Summertime is always lean time financially for the work of the Lord, however the Foreign Mission receipts for our denomination during the month of July were very good. Funds have been coming in slowly during the month of August, but we still believe that our folk will avoid any emergency and SOS calls during this year.

It can only be made possible through our regular and generous support to the Foreign Mission cause. Our overall budget and actual operating expense, excluding emergencies and travel expenses of the Board members, is approximately \$4000.00 per month. So you see everyone must do his part. Will it happen again? Will there be another SOS cry and an embarrassed people with missionaries failing to get their salaries? It's up to us.

WOOLSEY'S FURLOUGH IN SPRING OF 1952

It hardly seems possible that Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey have almost served out their first term as missionaries to India. However it is true. In reality they were scheduled for furlough in November, 1951. However, they have asked to remain in India until the spring of 1952. Their furlough home will cost money. Your contributions to the Foreign Mission Board will help bring them back to us that our hearts might be cheered by their experiences in carrying the message to regions beyond.

PROPERTY PURCHASE IN INDIA

The National Association has approved the purchase of property in India by the Foreign Mission Board. The amount not to exceed \$7,000.00. Upon her return to India, Miss Barnard has been negotiating for the purchase of property for which we are so badly in need in India. Following

is a paragraph taken from her letter describing property.

"The property of which I wrote the other day will not go for less than Rs. 40,000, but it now looks as if the owner will let us have it for that much. It is, I expect, the very best location in Kotagiri considered in terms of its sale value. The property I've talked about so much, however, is still the best location for our work. This other property is perhaps second best for us, except the part of it which is the school site and which is of course ideal. After visiting the property I find that the owner has sunk a beautiful well right at the back door of the main house, which enhances the value of the property and contradicts what I've said previously about water supply. Subsequent to the sinking of the well he has installed two septic tanks providing modern sanitation for the place. This has cost a great deal, of course. This alone is an unspeakable asset and is a rare one in India. I believe that this sanitation will save mission and missionaries a great deal in health, as most of us feel that the abominable system of disposing of refuse (which we are bound to follow here unless we do install our own septic tanks) is responsible for more of our diseases than anything else, and probably more than all other causes put together. The buildings of the property include the large house, which itself lends to two separate apartments with septic tank for each, each apartment large enough for a married couple or as many missionaries as we shall ever need to keep on this station at one time. Or, as an alternative, one apartment has two rooms which are thrown together and can make a good meeting room. It has actually been used for that in the past. Then on the same compound is a lovely little cottage which we could use for any purpose at all, school overflow, workers' residence (which we probably would not

do), or we could make a commercial thing of it and rent it for around Rs. 50 per month, perhaps more. I need not go into details about the school building which we are now using and is a part of the property. It is across the road from the other property, down the hill. All the buildings, including the school, have been kept in excellent repair, and it is in about the best condition of anything we could lay our hands on. I know that the owner could get much more for it then we can give, and for that reason he has not yet committed himself on a price. We are only hoping he will take Rs. 40,000."

She has asked that we try to send at least half of the \$7,000.00 at once for this purchase. We are trusting that the Lord will supply the need that this desire may be granted. Please do something to-day for Foreign Missions.

SEPTEMBER IS DOLLAR MONTH

In addition to our regular monthly gifts to Foreign Missions, we are asking every Free Will Baptist who believes that Christ died for all men everywhere to please send at least one dollar for foreign missions during the month of September. Don't forget this.

Our increased budget and the purchase of property and the sending of new missionaries can only be made possible by your gifts and prayers. Send all monies to the Foreign Mission Board, 242 Victor Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan.

THE POWER OF THE WORD IN INDIA

(Miss Barnard Writes)

The young man who was Dan's very first convert, one of my "boys" here, and who have been away in another state for a couple of years or more working, has returned to Kotagiri and we find he has been giving a good witness all this time and is wanting to be baptized. Dan will probably do the needful while here. Meanwhile his father, whose heart had been inclined towards the Gospel for some time—probably influenced

CRAGMONT

News and Views

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY DURING SPIRITUAL FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE

August 5-11

On August 5th a group of our F. W. B. people from N. C. and Va. met at Cragmont for a week of Spiritual blessings under the direction of Bro. S. A. Smith, Beulaville, N. C.

There were 36 of us in the Cragmont family on this week. The Spirit of the Lord was with us at all times. We enjoyed many Spiritual blessings. Each day we enjoyed a devotional service, stewardship class, inspirational singing, etc. Each evening we enjoyed a wonderful message from the word of God. These messages were delivered by the ministers present, and by some of our young men from our Bible College.

If you want to learn to love your denominational work more, just take your family and spend a week at Cragmont next year during a family week. We had never realized just what our college was doing for our girls and boys until we met several of them at Cragmont on this week. It touched our hearts deeply when we saw how that with one and two years' college training, they were so well prepared for carrying on in the service of the Lord. The talents of our

Bible School students who were present was an outstanding part of all our programs. They gave many good Spiritual readings and one student entertained us with Christian movies.

Each afternoon from 1 through 6 o'clock was sight-seeing time. There are many sights to see, such as: Mt. Mitchell, Chimney Rock, Blue Ridge National Park, Great Smokey National Park, Cherokee Indian Reservation, Lenville Caverns, as well as many hundreds of picturesque mountain peaks and scenes.

An offering was taken for the Orphanage. This offering amounted to \$10.00 and was to be accredited to the Newport News, Va., church on the Albemarle Cottage fund.

After having enjoyed all the blessings as mentioned, the good Cragmont food, the hospitality of the managers, (Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hall from our Bible College) and their assistants, we returned to our homes thanking the Lord for the rest, fellowship, and Spiritual food enjoyed during the week. We have known for many years that Bro. S. A. Smith was a good preacher, but never did we know before that he was such an excellent entertainer.

May the Lord continue to bless our Cragmont home, will be our prayer.

Yours in His Service,
Mrs. D. W. Cherry
Portsmouth, Va.

We have known incompetent public servants who were dry, but, by and large, dry officials tower high over wet officials. Consider the men exposed to public shame by the Ke-fauver and Fulbright committees. How many of them have a dry record? We can think of none.

The bright shining tomorrow lies in the cradle of today. Guard it well.

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Rev. K. V. Shutes
Camilla, Georgia

by his son—had made a definite decision for Christ in my absence and was telling all about that he was only waiting for my return to be baptized. Unfortunately, he had developed a serious heart trouble and has been a great sufferer now for some months. The day I arrived, and the following day, he lay in a dying condition. He, with others, said the Lord had kept him alive until I returned, for the purpose of baptism. He did improve and, although the doctor says he cannot live, consent has been given for his baptism, and we are tonight making arrangements to administer the rite tomorrow. The old man's witness is bright indeed. All concerned are entirely satisfied with his testimony, and I was heartened by the remarks of the son who has first come in while I have been writing this letter. He had been talking with the father concerning the planned baptism, and he said, "Now, Father, if your faith is genuine and if you are truly trusting Jesus, be baptized. But, even though you may not live, you must not undergo the ceremony just because somebody else may have influenced you, for that would be false." And the son added, "I know that my father has truly received the Lord Jesus." So the Lord goes on to work.

Dan is preaching a bit at night and last night there was real interest—no crowd, but genuine interest. I am astonished as I find so many who boldly assert their desire to be Christians. Some are real, others are not. But all of it shows the influence of the preaching of the Word."

Raymond Riggs

Taxation can be dishonest if it is excessive. It can be immoral if it is unjust. Taxes which are made unnecessarily high by vast traffics in vice and crime strike at your ability to finance a good home in which to rear your children.

"I am only one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything,
but I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do.
And what I ought to do,
by God's grace, I will do."

—Anon.

THE MAN WITHOUT A SOUL

In the early part of the winter of 1913 a young man by the name of Henry Spencer was arrested in Chicago for the murder of Mrs. Mildred Allison-Rexthrope, a Chicago dancing teacher. This man was believed to be the vilest, most daring and profane man that had ever been in a court room. The newspapers called him "the man without a soul." So ungovernable was he, that, when he was placed in the county jail at Wheaton, Illinois, it was necessary to have several guards watching him. The police were particularly proud of so great a captive. The deeds and daring and desperation of this man formed the news of the day.

During the progress of this man's trial in the court house at Wheaton, some of my relatives and friends, who attended the sessions, were greatly impressed with the utter depravity and desperation of this noted prisoner. They frequently spoke to me about him until I began to think of the awful condition this man was in, and wondered if there would be any use in telling such a one of God's love. The thought came to me: "What an awful condition this man must be in and what an awful life he must have lived in order to get the name, 'the man without a soul.' What a terribly hopeless life that title represented, and how great must be his need of God and salvation."

My husband and son were in the court room on the last day of the trial, when Spencer was sentenced to be hanged on December 19, 1913. As we sat around the supper table that night, my oldest boy, who had been with his father at the trial, said to me, "Mamma, I believe that something could be done for that man." I said, "Why do you think so, my son?" He replied, "I saw him smile when he was called so many vile names, and that smile showed me that the man had a heart. I wish you would go and speak to him." I then told my husband again that I felt I must go and speak to Spencer. "Very well," he said, "I believe the Lord has called you. I would go in His name and speak to Spencer about Christ." On December 10th I went to the jail. On my arrival the sheriff went up to Spencer's cell and said to him: "There is a lady here from Wheaton who wants to speak to you. Will you treat her right and not abuse her?" Spencer replied, "All right, send her up."

The sheriff then took me upstairs and introduced me to Spencer. I took a chair and sat down outside his cell. I wish I could describe to you what I saw—a man beaten, driven, haunted by the devil. If ever there was a man who looked as if he needed God's love, it was this poor, condemned man.

I began by saying, "You may wonder why I came to see you. I came because I had to come. I am a mother of three boys

and when I think of all the love I bestow upon them and the care and guidance they receive, and then read in the newspapers that you have never known what it was to have a mother's love or a father's care, I felt that you had been denied the greatest blessings that any one can be denied, and that is a mother's love and care. I came because I know that for you to get the name 'a man without a soul' must have meant a hopeless and desperate life. I came because I knew that your heart must be bleeding, torn, hungry and broken. Is not this so?" Spencer replied, "Yes, it is."

I then continued, "You have missed a mother's love, but I have come to tell you

LAURA C. EVANS

(Mrs. Evans is the widow of the late Dr. William Evans, eminent Bible teacher and scholar.)

about a love that far exceeds a mother's love, and if you will listen to what I have about the prodigal son and the thief on the cross and how Christ saved that thief. Spencer made the remark that he had never heard of any one having a kind word for a thief.

After fully explaining to him the way of life, and feeling that I had made the plan of salvation as plain as I could, I told him that I was going to ask him to do the hardest thing a man could be asked to do. I said, "You have always loved to do hard things, so I am told. You have been a staunch soldier for the devil. You have been fearless in his service. Now I am going to ask you to do this—to give your heart, with all its ambitions, its sins, its hatred and wilfulness, over to God, and ask Him to take you as you are, and to cleanse you from all your sin. I want you to promise that from now on you will live for Him and serve Him as fearlessly as you have the devil. Will you do that, Spencer?" He answered, "I will." I then said, "Shall we pray?" He said, "Yes."

We knelt down, he in his cell, and I on the outside. I offered a prayer to God, and after that I asked him to follow me in simple prayer, which he did. After the prayer was finished, he said, "While you were saying that prayer, all I could say to God was 'God, help a crook like me, as You helped the thief on the cross.' I felt forty pounds lighter after I had offered that prayer."

I then said, "Now, Spencer, you are a child of God, and I am going to show you by what authority I dare say this to you." I took from my muff a New Testament and asked him if he would like to see in print just what I had been telling him. He said very eagerly, "Oh, yes, I would. Have you got it? Can you show it to me?" I said, "Yes," and opening my Testament, read John 1:12, I John 1:9 and John 3:16, he said, "Oh, I have seen that passage on a 'sign' someplace. Let me read it for myself."

I handed him the Testament and as he read it, I told him to make the promise of the verse his own.

Before leaving him, I said to him, "I am going to give you this Testament. I want you to read the Gospel of John, especially." I said, "May I come again to speak to you?" He said, "Yes, please do, come tomorrow; come about the same hour."

I went to the jail the next day rather anxious to know how I would find Spencer. But as I came up to his cell he greeted me with these words: "Good morning, I am twenty-four hours old." I said, "What do you mean?" He said, "I read in the third chapter of John about the new birth, about Nicodemus coming to Christ. I was born again yesterday morning. Until then I had been dead; now I am alive, and am twenty-four hours old." I said, "You surely are, Spencer, thank God for it."

Then he said, "Oh, Mrs. Evans, I have tried so hard to memorize John 3:16, and at last I have got it." And with the joy of a little child, he handed me the Testament for fear that I would not know whether he quoted it right or not, and said, "Here is the Testament. You see if I am repeating it right." He quoted John 3:16 hesitatingly, but joyously and correctly.

It was really wonderful to note from day to day, the marvelous growth in grace this man made and his literally devouring passion for the study of the Bible.

On December 18, 1913, Henry Spencer was granted a reprieve until January 16, 1914. Another stay was granted until July 1, 1914. It was really amazing to hear him talk about his departure the day preceding December 19th—the day set for his execution, also between those days and January 16, 1914, the day set a second time for his hanging. Strange to say he seemed keenly disappointed when he was informed of these reprieves. His lot in the world had

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been so hard and his life so void of happiness that this world seemed to hold nothing worth while for him; whereas the new found faith that had become his during the past few weeks had brought such peace to him that but one thought possessed him, and that was to leave this world and enter into the future life of blessedness, which he believed he would do. Never once did he show any interest at all in the efforts of his attorneys to secure a new trial or to reprieve him.

Spencer was never so happy as when he was near the date of his hanging. If there was ever the slightest shadow of disappointment on his face it was when he got his reprieves. When I used to ask him, "Do you really mean to say that you are anxious to go and leave this world?" He would say, "Yes, mother, this life is nothing to me. It has meant nothing but sin and shame. I never had a friend nor any one to take an interest in me or to say a kind word to me until you came to this prison to talk to me."

When they were putting up the scaffold and the sound of the hammer would be so loud that we could scarcely hear ourselves read and pray, he would say at my remark about the awfulness of the sound: "Why, mother, do not worry. They never did a greater thing for me than putting up that scaffold. It will only be a moment. Think what this means to me to be able to leave this world that has meant nothing but sin and shame and hard fighting, to be with God. You ought to be thankful all your life that you made the biggest crook that ever lived, love Jesus."

The last night of Spencer's life on earth, the night when condemned prisoners are permitted to have practically whatever they wish, and which they generally spend in playing cards, Spencer's only request was that Dr. and Mrs. Evans and their son Louis stay with him part of the night, spending the time in the singing of hymns, the reading of the Bible and prayer.

This request was granted. While this service was going on, the court yard filled with hundreds of people trying to get a glimpse of the man who was to hang in the morning. Clear and happy, the voice of the condemned prisoner could be heard throughout the courtyard singing. We left Spencer at midnight to go home and get rest. He, too, said he was going to sleep as sound as a child. The guard who was with him that night told me that Spencer slept as peaceful as a babe.

At five o'clock in the morning he was awakened by a chorus of young ladies from the churches in the neighborhood, who had come to sing hymns for him. He immediately arose and joined in the singing. He was very happy. Dr. Evans and myself went down to the jail at 7:30 that morning. Spencer had asked to be given communion and to have his last words with us. To sit and speak to a man who is in the prime of his life, healthy and strong, and with the

apparent prospect of many years of life—to speak to him of those things, knowing that in an hour or two he would realize them, is an experience which cannot very well be put on paper. I said, "You seem so wonderfully happy and so strange this morning." He replied, "That is because I am so near to God. You may have to live years, battling and struggling down here, and it could not be expected but what I would seem indifferent."

At nine o'clock I left my husband, after Spencer had given me the little things that were in his cell, he himself tying and wrapping them up as quietly and serenely as if he were always to stay here. He tried to thank me for what I had done for him, and his last words to me were, "God bless you, mother." My husband remained, as he was to go with Spencer to the scaffold. The last glimpse I got of this man whom the world called "the man without a soul" will remain as the vision of one who, though he had been a great sinner, had found a great Saviour and was rejoicing in a great and blessed hope.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION GOES TO BLADENBORO

The State Convention of North Carolina will convene at White Oak Church in Bladenboro, Bladen County, September 12, 13.

Remember each church in the state is entitled to represent with one delegate. If your church has not been representing in this body, it will be a blessing to you and your church to become acquainted with the work of the State Convention. As a pastor, will you see that your church represents and also be there yourself. By virtue of your ministry you are constitutionally a member.

If each delegate and minister will attend both days, we will have a great time together and God will be blessed in our efforts. Be there.

R. N. Hinnant, Secretary
Micro, North Carolina

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ATTENTION ALL SUNDAY SCHOOLS

It has only been about four months since our last Sunday School Convention-Institute. It was at this Convention that we approved a plan of supporting our authorized activities.

To me our most urgent need is the support of a full time Field Secretary. You may ask, "Why do we need a field Secretary?" At our last Convention we had 88 Sunday Schools represented out of over three hundred Sunday Schools in North Carolina. Does this not prove to you that we have weak Sunday Schools which need help? There are Sunday Schools in our State not using Free Will Baptist literature. There are still others who do not know of our unified Free Will Baptist Program. And friends there are many Sunday School teachers today, consecrated Christian men and women, who would tell you that they would profit from a study course in teacher training.

A Field Secretary could and would be able to help in all these causes. There are now several of our Sunday Schools supporting this work, but not nearly enough to put a worker on the field. Remember God is sending many godly young men and women our way, but can we expect them to give their time and talents in full time to the work without our support?

The State Sunday School Convention is asking each Sunday School in North Carolina to adopt God's way of financing; that is, by giving a tenth of your Sunday School offering each Sunday for the support of your Sunday School Convention Institute work.

To you who are already co-operating in this plan, we thank you for your support; and to you who are not supporting the program as yet, again we would ask you to pray and pray much that God would lead you to do His will in financing your work. Others can do it and so can we. Now remember, we are depending on you, no matter how large or how small, to adopt God's plan of financing the program by sending your tenth of each Sunday's offering to:

Mr. W. M. Wiggs, Treasurer
North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday
School Convention Institute
104 Davis Street
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If you have any questions to ask or would like any information pertaining to our Sunday School program, I shall be glad to help you in any way I can.

In His Service,
Rev. Albert T. Coates, Dir.
Field Secretary Program
North Carolina State Sunday
School Convention-Institute

What is greatness? One characteristic of the truly great man is that emergencies seem to open valves which release reserves of nervous and mental power.



FELLOWSHIP IN THE CHURCH

(Lesson for September 9)

LESSON: Philippians 1:27-30; 2:1-11.

GOLDEN TEXT: I John 3:16.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

In our Scripture Text, the Apostle Paul set forth for the Philippian brethren some wonderful truths of fellowship which are good for us to study, and practice. Fellowship in conduct, in love, and in the Holy Spirit are essential factors of the true Christian life, for without them dwelling in the heart the believer in Christ falls far short of what God expects of him.

Paul reasons that, if there be comfort, Christian love, true fellowship, peace and unity of heart and mind among the brotherhood, then they would be filled with joy unto the Lord. The principles of Christian fellowship include: brotherly love, patience, humility, faith, hope, and a compassion for the salvation of the lost.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. Steadfastness holds the soul steady like an anchor holds a ship in the midst of a fierce storm (Phil. 1:27).

2. It is the Christian who stands fast whom you can expect to find balanced and also ready for action, not the one lying down (vs. 27).

3. The Christian who stands firm is the fearless Christian, who is not dismayed by any number of adversities (vs. 28).

4. Very few Christians are willing to recognize it as a special privilege when the Lord permits them to suffer for His sake (vs. 29).

5. God has a perfect right to expect us to order our manner of life according to His will since, or because, we are Christians (2:1).

6. It is a great joy to every Christian worker to find Christian people

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who are not torn asunder by strife (vs. 2).

7. Some Christians never outgrow the baby stage in which they love to "show off" what they can do (vs. 3).

8. It is proper for a Christian to look after his own interests, but not in such a way as to harm a fellow Christian (vs. 4).

9. We are not asked merely to try to imitate the example of Christ, but to be filled with His own mind (vs. 5).

10. The Name of Jesus is supreme in salvation, in supplication, and will be supreme in the final consummation (vs. 11).—Selected.

11. V. 3. "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." Strife, or contention for superiority, and vainglory, or excessive vanity, are characteristics altogether unbecoming and unworthy of followers of Christ. The admonition here is that each is to be lowly-minded, and conscious of his own defects and shortcomings. When an individual assumes such an attitude, and looks for the good in others, he is ready to esteem others better than himself. Not that he acknowledges himself as holding a lower place in the esteem of his fellows, or as being out of harmony with God's will, but that he prefers to praise others for what they do rather than to receive praise for himself.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. Holding together is important. There is a story of a lifeguard who was employed at a bathing resort. On the very first day of his employment a man was drowned, and the lifeguard was called before the committee of the council to give an explanation of this unfortunate incident. He said: "I saw this man go down, and went to his assistance. As he came up I caught hold of his arm. It was an

artificial one and came off in my hand. When he came up the second time I laid hold of his leg, but it was a wooden one, and it came off, and down he went again. The third time he came up I grabbed him by the hair, and that was a wig, which also came off in my hands." Then, after a pause for the conquest of his emotions he said with emphasis: "I ask you gentlemen, how can I save 'em if they won't hold together?" The committee had no answer.

It is likewise important that a church should hold together and not allow minor matters so to agitate and separate its members that the church falls to pieces. Too many churches have become extinct from that very cause.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

A Danger to Avoid

Some years ago the captain of a Greenland whaling vessel found himself at night surrounded by icebergs and "lay-to" till the morning, expecting every moment to be ground to pieces. As the morning dawned he sighted a ship at no great distance. Getting into a boat with some of his men he carefully picked his way through the lanes of open ice towards the mysterious-looking craft. Coming alongside he hailed the vessel with a loud, "Ship ahoy!" but there was no response. He looked through the porthole and saw a man, evidently the captain, sitting at a table as if writing in a log-book. He again hailed the vessel, but the figure moved not. It was dead and frozen. On examination the sailors were found, some frozen among the hammocks, others in the cabin. From the last entry in the log-book it appeared this vessel had been drifting about the Arctic seas for thirteen years—a floating sepulchre, manned by a frozen crew. And there are souls to-day who have refused the Divine offer of life, forsaken the centers where they were warmed with hallowed influences, and drifted into the chilling regions of Arctic darkness and frost. Many of these have certain appearances of Christian life, and a name to live. When Christ is lacking, believers are sure to freeze up.

—100 Evangelistic Illustrations

ANNOUNCEMENT

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Rev. Ernest Strickland,
East Rockingham, N. C.

ATTENTION! NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Have you made your plans for the 1951 session of the State Convention?

The 1951 Session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists will meet with the White Oak Free Will Baptist in Bladenboro, N. C., on Sept. 12, 13. The Convention will start on Wednesday, September 12 at 10:00 A. M.

Who Should Represent?

Every ordained Free Will Baptist minister in the State; All the ordained ministers, in good standing, are members of the Convention, and should attend.

Every Free Will Baptist Church in the State; Each church is entitled to one (1) delegate and should make every effort possible to see that they are represented. The report and donation should be mailed to the Convention Secretary, Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Micro, N. C., before the Convention. Report blanks have been mailed to all church clerks, if however your clerk did not receive one, or has lost it, please notify me, and I will send another by return mail. Remember: it is needful that each church send a delegate, but even if you can not send a delegate, **please** send your report and donation. (The amount of donation to be determined by the church representing.)

Every Union Meeting and District Conference, or Association: Each Union Meeting, District Conference, or Association is entitled to one (1) delegate for each one thousand members, or fraction thereof.

You can help make this the best representation yet: See that your church, Union Meeting, Conference or Association is represented.

A copy of the program appears in this issue of the Free Will Baptist.

Rev. M. L. Johnson,
Promotional Secretary,
Sims, N. C.

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TO BE HELD AT

White Oak Free Will Baptist Church, Bladenboro, Bladen County, N. C.

SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1951

WEDNESDAY MORNING

10:00—Devotions	Rev. Wade Calvert
10:10—Welcome Address	Rev. C. B. Hansley
10:15—Response	Rev. C. H. Coates
10:20—Appointment of Committees	
10:25—Report of Executive Committee	
10:35—President's Message	
10:45—Report of Historian	
10:55—Report of Promotional-Secretary	
11:10—Report of Mission Board	
11:25—Congregational Hymn	
11:30—Introductory Sermon	Rev. J. C. Griffin
12:00—Lunch	

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:00—Devotions	Rev. M. L. Baxley
1:10—Business Session	
2:00—Report of Cragmont	
2:15—Report of Board of Christian Education	
2:30—Report of Board of Superannuation	
2:45—Report of Church Finance Association, Inc.	
3:00—Adjournment	

WEDNESDAY EVENING

8:00—Service arranged and conducted by State Sunday School Convention	
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THURSDAY MORNING

9:30—Devotions	Rev. Ralph Osbourne
9:40—Reading of minutes of previous day	
9:50—Business Session	
10:00—Report of Appointed Committees	
10:30—Report of Orphanage Board	
11:00—Report of Treasurer	
11:15—Special Music	
11:30—Convention Sermon	Rev. Lloyd Vernon
12:00—Lunch	

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:00—Devotions	Rev. L. E. Ambrose
1:10—Report of State Woman's Auxiliary Convention	
1:20—Report of State League Convention	
1:30—Report of Free Will Baptist Press	
1:40—Report of National Association	
1:50—Final Business Session	
3:00—Adjournment	

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

The Fifth Eastern Union Meeting

The Fifth Eastern Union Meeting of the Eastern Conference of North Carolina, which convened with the church at New Haven, Craven County, on July the 28th, was one of the best that has been held in several years. The attendance was not as large as seen sometimes, but the inspiration received by the devotions, sermons and reports were high among the highest marks of the past. The devotions by Rev. Willey Stilley in the beginning was a challenge to all concerned. Then a very pleasant business session followed by a report from the State Promotional Secretary and the Union Sermon by Rev. J. R. Davidson, just kept the spirit high up toward the top of the spiritual ladder. Brother Davidson's message was delivered with much fervor and convincing, Biblical logic which was received by all. The report of Bro. M. L. Johnson, the State Promotional Secretary, was informative and encouraging. He said, "We have reached an all-time high in the Seven Point Program of North Carolina. We went well over our allotment in Foreign missions this past year, and our quota for next year has been raised to \$12,000.00. However, this is much below what we gave last year. Every point in the program was stressed and dovetailed into the National Association program. He spoke of Cragmont as a separate point in our State work saying, "This year has been the best in finance and attendance at the conferences as held at the Assembly." He thanked the Fifth Eastern Union for its support and said, "We expect greater things in the future."

Mr. C. K. Dunn, Sr., Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Free Will Baptist Press, was a visitor to the union. He was given a chance to

speak to the people. In part He said: "I was born in this section and always love to get back home. I am not here for financial help as in the years when we were having a struggle to build and run the business." He went on to relate some of the experiences of those days when the Unions, Conferences and individual churches made sacrificial investments in the Press, but was "glad to say that from a financial standpoint the business was going nicely, but patronage is what we need. The subscription list to the Baptist should be made larger."

The New Haven Church is tops when it comes to hospitality. They went all-out in North Carolina style in feeding and entertaining. A long table filled with good things to eat that cost you just a step up and fill your plate, turn around and get your free lemonade and eat and drink to your fill. We were filled in the house with Spiritual food and filled with food for the body on the church ground.

Some Be's Worth While

"Be patient; be prayerful; be humble; be mild;
Be wise as a Solomon, be meek as a child.
Be studious; be thoughtful; be loving; be kind;
Be sure you make matters servant to mind
Be cautious; be prudent; be friendly with few;
Be temperment in argument, pleasure and view,
Be cheerful; be grateful; be hopeful; be firm;
Be peaceful; be benevolent, willing to learn.
Be courageous, be liberal, be gentle, be just;
Be penitent, circumspect, sound in the faith,
Be aspiring, be humble because thou art dust.
Be active, devoted, be faithful to death.
Be honest, be holy, transparent, and true;
Be dependent, be Christ-like and you will be secure."—Western Voice.

A Fallen Boy

Several years ago, not far from our home, was a brilliant lad who

made good in his school work and was a leader among boys, but as sad as it may seem this lad, after reaching the adult age—young adult age—he began to drift into the dark alleys of sin. He had no one to get hold of his life in a helpful way. His surroundings were far from up-lifting and the truth of Christ's life and death was never emphasized by his family. He drifted away from our sight after he began to follow the dark alleys of sin and its pleasure god, and we saw no more of him for years. However, we came across this boy some time ago who was in a state of intoxication. He was blur eyed, red-faced, dirty in dress, and repulsive to everything worth while. He acknowledged that he was a sinner and quite a bad one. But there was someone whom he had found or had associated with who claimed to be a Christian. But he had lost confidence, due to the inconsistent life of the one who claimed to be Christian. I tried to lead him to Christ, but he was too full of liquor that is advocated by our government, and sponsored and made possible for our service men to fill themselves to damnation of soul and body. The so-called legal liquor that politicians have put in every nook and corner of the United States, when possible, will ruin your life and send a soul to hell. May I say right here, every man and woman who voted for liquor to be sold in Eastern North Carolina is guilty before God. I am sure they will have to answer for the damnation of this young man together with thousands of others, who have been guilty of putting the bottle to the mouth of such men and women who are going down to a drunkard's grave.

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also . . ." (Hab. 2:15).

I believe that every advocate of liquor in any form, legal or illegal, is guilty before God of helping men and women to become drunkards. With drunkenness go many other open violations of God's commandments. A drunkard will lie after getting to certain stages of his downward sliding. I have had them to come to me and say, "Lend me a quarter so I can get

me a sandwich and coffee, for I am hungry." God have mercy on these politicians who will sell the souls of men and women for a little revenue.

A Coming Judgment

"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteneth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land" (Zeph. 1:14-18).

Leave God out of your business and make all the money that you can, by overcharging for the poor man's meat and bread and unreasonable high rents—Yes, just get all you can, and can all you get, but there is coming a day when it will do you no good but will make your going into another world a miserable going. James says "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped riches together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth; and the cries of them which have reaped have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth" (James 5:1-4).

That will be a day of sore displeasure to the ungodly—those who have lived in sin and ungodly pleasure.

"But the days of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the

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which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works which are therein shall be burned up." (II Peter 3:10).

"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him" (Jude 14, 15).

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The Youth Camp of the First Mission Association began August 5, 1951.

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1. Devotional period at 8:45 A. M.
2. Christian growth by Donna Tipton.
3. Doctrine of Salvation by Rev. Everett Hilliard

4. Music by Brother R. B. Condry
5. The 11:00 o'clock services were conducted by Rev. Willard Day.

Evangelistic Services were conducted by Rev. Willard Day, Sis. Cleo Pursell, Rev. Paul Pursell, Rev. Ed Sunday and Rev. Franklin. We had seven conversions.

Sister Inabell Hamilton, Sister Mabel Franklin, Sister Annabel Wilson and Sister Helen Day were very faithful in working in the cafe preparing the meals which were very good.

Thursday morning at 8:00 o'clock we were inspired by a 12 year old minister, Brother Peacock.

Yours truly,
Barbara Wooden

Attention All Auxiliary Members in the Second District of the Western Conference

Mrs. Griffin will conduct a manual study at White Oak Hill Church, Wilson County, September 5, 1951, at 9:45 o'clock. Please get in touch with each of your members and encourage them to attend. Bring your lunch and a donation for Mrs. Griffin. Praying that we have a large number of our women present.

Sims, N. C.
August 22, 1951

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FAMILY ENVIRONMENT

Every Christian family should be a center from which a network of good influence radiates out into life. Christians must think in a world context and practice good neighborliness not only locally but across national and racial lines. Homes in which world problems are discussed and in which prayer is offered for people in all lands build world understanding and help to bind humanity together.

Happy family relationships give a foundation for emotional health, create harmony in the home, and send out a good influence into the community. Children trained in good homes have a high average of success when they in turn marry and set up their own homes. Unhappy families create a vicious circle. Personal maladjustment as well as delinquency and crime often stem back to such homes.

—Leland Foster Wood

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

SILVIO

Inez Wilson

Little Silvio lived with his mother in a little mud hut in Bolivia.

As you will have guessed he is an Indian boy. Like David of old in the Bible, he cares for sheep. So does his mother. His father is away working for a rubber company.

A few weeks ago a missionary came to the little settlement where the family lived. It was the first time Silvio had ever heard a missionary speak. He told them about Jesus, the Good Shepherd. And because most of the boys in the congregation were shepherd boys, he told them about David the shepherd boy. He told them how David played a harp, and that perhaps he took this harp with him and played on it while he watched the sheep. They were told how David learned to use a sling with a stone, and that he killed a giant who was defying the armies of God.

"What a great man David was!" Silvio thought, as he sat on the hillside today watching the sheep.

Silvio does not have a harp, but he does have a panpipe. It is made of six reeds. They are bound together by a cord. The

longest one is twelve inches long. The one next to it is two inches shorter, and the one next to that two inches shorter, and the other three are each two inches shorter than the one next to it, so the sixth one is not very long.

Silvio is happy when he is sitting on the hillside watching the sheep while they eat, or following them along a path while he plays his panpipe. He also has a bow and arrow and he shoots very well with it.

His mother comes and sits down beside Silvio while they eat their midday meal of dried meat and dried potatoes. They have the same food for their breakfast and for their evening meal.

"Mother, did you like what the missionary man told about Jesus?"

"It was a very good story."

"And did you like the one about the shepherd boy that killed the giant with a stone?"

"He was very brave."

"The missionary said David was not afraid because he was doing what was right. Mother, when I grow up do you suppose I can help other people to learn about Jesus the way the mission man does?"

"We will ask the missionary man," his mother said.

DON'T MISS THIS!

The five weekly numbers of Youth's Banner for September will be filled "to the brim" with things of interest to old and young alike. There will be pictures of new churches, people who are making denominational history, interesting events, etc. and articles and stories written especially for these "harvest of good things" numbers.

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Years passed and Silvio did become a preacher to his people. Many times he was in danger like David, but he never ran away. God always took care of him.—The Sunday School Times.

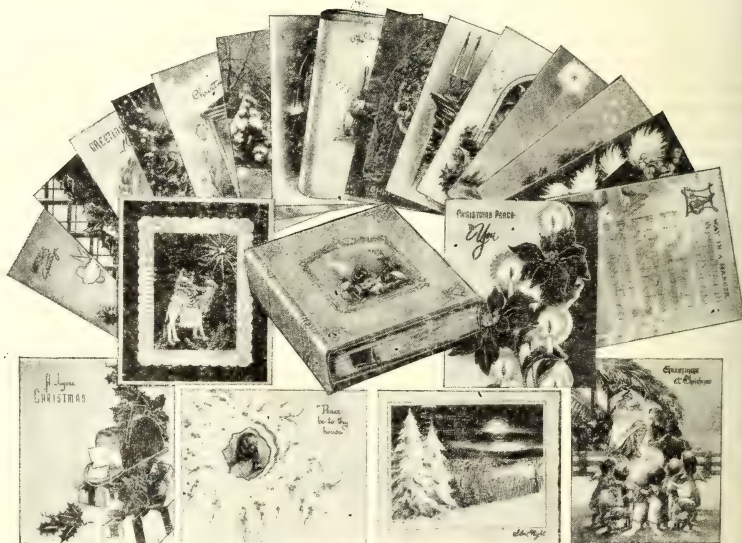
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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

REVIVAL IN PROGRESS AT PLEASANT HILL CHURCH

This is to announce that Brother Sam Kennedy is holding a revival meeting at Pleasant Hill F. W. B. Church, Pitt County, North Carolina. The meeting began on Thursday night, August 30, and it will close on September the ninth. The services start each evening at 7:45 o'clock. Special music will be rendered during these services. Good preaching will be the main feature of the meeting. Special invitation is given to everyone to attend these services.

By the Reporter

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to state that I shall be available for pastoral work on fourth Sunday for another year. Any church desiring my service may communicate with me at the address given below. Also I shall be available for revival meetings this fall.

Rev. W. Russell Millard
Mount Olive, North Carolina

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Poor, Bleeding Korea Oppressed by Brutal Russia

Wicked rulers will have much to answer for in eternity for their dealing with the precious lives of men and women as if they were pawns on a chessboard. At the Yalta Conference held in 1945 between President Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and Joe Stalin, the more than 19 million people of Korea were dealt with as if they had been so many cattle.

In order to pacify the gangsters of the Kremlin, which still seems to be the aim of this and the British Governments, about 10 million North Koreans were handed over to the Communists to do with as they pleased. Then began the fatal work of the indoctrination of these people in the principles of Communism.

Let us remember that, when this wicked work began about six years ago, the North Koreans were just the same kind of people as their brothers in South Korea. Some of the finest Christians in all the world were in North Korea, and, a short time before, a revival in that country had brought the church to a high state of spiritual power.

However, the Communists' first aim was to destroy Christianity, to wipe out the many fine churches in North Korea, and get rid of the Christians, who, they knew, would oppose their program. As a result of the massacres among the Christians of that country, the church was almost completely wiped out.

The work of Communist indoctrination continued unabated, and on June 25, 1950, these once peace-loving people with Satan in their hearts crossed the 38th parallel to destroy the church in South Korea and win that part of the country to Communism. As a result, since then the church in South Korea has been almost destroyed.

Christians have been cruelly massacred by the thousands, driven from their homes, separated from their families and loved ones, so that today these fine Christian people are being chased from place to place like sheep by hungry wolves. They are stoned, sawn asunder, tried in every way, slain with the sword, wandering about in sheepskin and goatskin, being destitute, afflicted, tormented. They are wandering in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth' (Heb. 11:37-38).

The words of this terrible Scripture have been literally fulfilled, according to the reports of missionaries who know the facts. The Christians, who were not destroyed by the Communist armies that invaded that and last summer and fall, are now being searched out and put to death by the Communist guerrillas. In a recent number of the Standard, the Oriental Missionary So-

ciety said that every native leader under that agency had been destroyed!

There has never been a greater tragedy in the history of the Christian church, unless it was during the early years of the church under the cruel emperors of Imperial Rome. There has never been a greater crime committed in the annals of the human race than that which the three national rulers committed that day at Yalta, when, on the advice of Alger Hiss, they gave the Koreans over to the Communists!

There has never been shown such stupidity as that shown during the past six years on the part of our own national leaders in the blind and stupid effort to pacify the Russian government in order to prevent a

A SHOCKING STORY OF PERSECUTION, CRUELTY AND MURDER!

(Editorial in The Missionary Crusader,
Lubbock, Texas, June, 1951)

third world war, when that war is in progress and has been since Russia was permitted to gain control of all eastern Europe.

Our leaders even argued that the Chinese Communists were innocent agrarians, nothing like the Russians, and, duped by a lot of Communist sympathizers in our State Department, they still hold on to that idea and refuse to believe that we are at war with Communist China with Russia backing her with everything she has.

Our national leaders bartered in cold blood the 450 million fine people of China and gave them over to Joe Stalin and his gangsters in the Kremlin, refusing to believe that our Secretary of State is either incompetent or wilfully acting in the interest of Soviet Russia.

These leaders refuse to admit that Russian Communism can not be pacified, that it is bent on ruling the world and starting its fight with that purpose in view many years ago. It has varied its tactics to suit its immediate end, but it has but one purpose that it will not turn from until it has either won or been destroyed.

The sooner our national leaders recognize this fact, that is evident to every man on the streets, the better it will be for us. We can not enter into an agreement with Russia without giving her what she wants, and when she gets that, she will want something else, until she has the whole world in her hands.

Before the Communists took over Korea, that country was a bright and shining light for the Gospel, and eternity alone will make known the multiplied thousands of the finest Christians there, who have given up their lives for the cause of Christ. We do not know the number of Christians in Korea at the beginning of the Communist regime, but there were, perhaps, a million, the great part of whom have been destroyed.

Their churches have been burned, their schools and seminaries razed to the ground, their happy congregations broken up, and so far it has been in the power of the Communists to do so, the church has been completely wiped out. The Christians everywhere today in Korea are at the mercy of Communist guerrillas, who are hunting them down like wild animals and killing them wherever found.

A few years ago these people were meeting in their churches in peace just as we are today, never dreaming any more than we are of the terrible things that were about to befall them. But, in a brief time the blow came, and we have the terrible situation here described. Who knows but that we here in America may lose our freedom of worship just as speedily? The hand of persecution may fall here just as it fell there, and we are far from having the background of faith that they had to enable us to endure persecution as historically as they have.

These people had been in an almost continuous revival for years, but we are cold and indifferent to the things of God, caring little about the millions in the world about us perishing without Christ. These dear people went as missionaries to others around them and suffered untold hardships to give them the Gospel. They learned to suffer at home and it was nothing new to them to suffer for others.

The missionaries tell us that they are a poor people, knowing nothing about the many luxuries we enjoy in this country; but, in spite of this, they gave great sums of money to give the Gospel to others. They frequently gave their means of livelihood, their clothing, went without needed food, and made other such sacrifices in order to help in building churches and supplying other needs of God's work.

The wife of one native worker witnessed the death of her imprisoned husband, then went back to her humble home with her two little children with renewed determination to be faithful to the Lord. With a sewing machine as her only means of support, she began to make a living for herself and children, and at the same time to give out the Gospel to those around her. She led many to Christ, organized them into a church which soon grew through her faithfulness, to a membership of several hundred. She helped them secure a pastor and then moved to another community to start a similar work there.

Before she died, this poor little widowed mother without an education and with only
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What Is the Gift of Tongues and for What Purpose Given

Value of Gifts Contrasted
Tongues to Cease, Knowledge to Vanish

Tongue Evidence Not for Believers

And in chapter 14:5, 19, 39, Paul gives us the true relative value of these two gifts, PROPHESYING and SPEAKING IN TONGUES. They read thus: "I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied; for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, THAT THE CHURCH MAY RECEIVE EDIFYING;" "Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue;" "Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues." Furthermore chapter 13:8-10 reveals definitely that when charity (love) fills all our hearts and controls our lives (2 Cor. 5:14-15) then for the believers, "TONGUES, THEY SHALL CEASE," and our fleshly or human "KNOWLEDGE, IT SHALL VANISH AWAY." Let us quote these verses in full. "Charity never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, THEY SHALL CEASE; whether there be knowledge, IT SHALL VANISH AWAY. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect (love) is come, then that which is in part shall be done away" (1 Cor. 13:8-10). Hence we see conclusively with chapter 14:22, that the gift of tongues, speaking in other languages, is not for believers, not for the born-again Christians but to convince unbelievers. And for a church of true believers "THEY SHALL CEASE." Paul makes this so harmoniously clear in chapter 14 where we read: "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, NOT TO THEM THAT BELIEVE, but to them THAT BELIEVE NOT: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe. If therefore the whole church be come to-

(Continued from Last Week)

gether into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad? But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all: and thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so, falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth" (1 Cor. 14:22-25).

What Is The "Unknown Tongue"?

In this chapter 14 we find that six times (in the King James transla-

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tion) the word tongue is preceded by the word unknown. These six times are found in verses 2, 4, 13, 14, 19, 27, and you will note that in all six verses the word unknown is in italics which signifies, as every real Bible student knows, that they were not in the original Greek manuscripts, but the word unknown, is supplied by the translators to make it clear that some were speaking in a foreign, unknown language. In both the Douay and 1881 Revised translations the word unknown is not found, for it is not in the original Greek or Latin manuscripts. As tongue thus used means a language, an "unknown tongue" could only mean in the minds of the King James translators a language that was not known to every person present. We find Paul uses the word "tongue" in this letter to the Corinthian Church four times in chapter twelve, two times in chapter thirteen and sixteen times in Chapter 14. And in all 22 places it designates a language or

speaking. And, it should be a speaking that could be understood. If not understandable it was not to be permitted in the church services. This was God's command through Paul. Will you, my professing Christian, believe and obey Him? Will you "KEEP SILENCE IN THE CHURCH" "IF THERE BE NO INTERPRETER"? God so commands in verse 28. WILL YOU OBEY?

You will discover too that in all the latter portion of this chapter, verses 26-40, Paul severely rebukes the Corinthian Church for the way they magnified, practiced, and perverted this gift of tongues (speaking in a foreign language which is clearly so interpreted in Acts 2:5-12). And observe too the results that followed! Yet today in some assemblies or so-called churches we find them trying to demonstrate this gift in practically the same way these Corinthian church members were doing, and they are producing similar results—confusion, indecency and disorder. Do not such methods of worship merit this same rebuke and condemnation? Unbelievers when they see and witness such actions "WILL THEY NOT SAY THAT YE ARE MAD?" Some performers today are said, by unbelievers, to be possessed with a seducing spirit (1 Tim. 4:1; Lu. 9:39; Mk. 9:18, 20). Paul in verses 26-28 gives this command: "Let all things be done to EDIFYING," and "If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that BY COURSE; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, LET HIM KEEP SILENCE IN THE CHURCH." Again we ask, Will you, my tongues reader, hear and obey God speaking thus through His inspired faithful servant Paul? The wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience (Col. 3:6; Eph. 5:6).

But Paul also says in verses 31, 33—"For ye may all prophesy (preach) ONE BY ONE, that all may LEARN, and all be comforted." "For God is not the author of CONFUSION, but

of peace, AS IN ALL CHURCHES OF THE SAINTS." (Observe that in saints' churches "all may learn," are "comforted," not "confusion, but peace.") Yet in Paul's letter to all other churches he never refers to this gift of tongues. So must they not have used this gift properly, if at all. Evidently it was the women of this church who were not obeying the elders but were "usurping authority over the man" (I Ti. 2:12) and producing great CONFUSION, as we see in some churches today. For Paul says, "Let YOUR women not ALL women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto THEM to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law" (I Cor. 14:34). Evidently they were not in obedience to the men in authority, the elders.

In the closing two verses Paul again measures the two gifts, tells which kind (preaching and teaching, or tongues) we are to covet. But he permits the other on this basis—"Let ALL THINGS be done DECENTLY and IN ORDER." Is not this "decently and in order" rule necessary in all worship and all church-services? How sad to see this command so generally disobeyed. "Let all things be done unto EDIFYING," as commanded in verse 26. If we tolerate "confusion," ignore the "decency and in order" command, are we not disobeying God and "giving place to the devil" (Eph. 4:27)? (Our capitals in quotations).

Conclusion

Summing up the facts and evidences found in the '8 scriptures of the New Testament on this subject is it not very evident that the "tongues gift" was one of the minor gifts, used by the Lord to confirm the gospel preaching merely three times? And that it was not for the great work of edifying the church, not for believers, but to enable unbelievers to know that the gospel preached, being confirmed with miraculous power, was superhuman and thus cause them to believe that the messenger and messages were sent by God (Jn. 3:1-2). But for true believers, for the church, preaching the Word unto edification is the desired goal.

We now ask, Is the Corinthian church thus rebuked our guide, and its estimate of the "tongues gift," as we see its following and practices in some churches today, the work of the Holy Spirit, "a still small voice" (I Kings 19:12), or is it the work of deceiving, "seducing spirits" (I Tim. 4:1)? Are confusion, indecency, noisy disorder, the fruit and work of the Holy Spirit? Let the sincere honest Bible reader and student Scripturally answer.

But we should all remember that only harmonious Scriptural "truth" will endure, will stand the fire that is to try all our preferred opinions, beliefs, sects, schisms, divisions. Only unadulterated "truth" will endure. Read again many times and study with sincere honesty I Cor 1:10-18; 3:1-21. All theories and opinions of men, not in harmony with all the Word, will surely burn and will be accompanied with loss, even with those who are building on the true and only foundation, Christ Jesus. Who can follow error and erroneous teachers and not suffer loss? Let us earnestly seek for the real "truth." Who can modify or change the eternal Word? Hence should we not with honesty seek the "truth," search the Word, receive it in its fullness then strive daily to so live that our life will be in full harmony with the entire Word, that we may receive a full reward and not suffer loss. My dear reader, believe Mat. 7:13-14, 21-27; Mk. 8:34-37; Lu. 9:23-25; 13:23-27; Jn. 8:29-32; 10:27-29; I Tim. 4:11-16; 2 Pet. 1:5-11. Do study, meditate on, analyze, and believe these Scriptures as they read. Will you not think of your eternal abode? Truly receive them, and then strive daily by His grace to obey and live them.

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What we put into our stomachs may give us strength oh it may give us an ulcer. Same way with our minds.

POOR, BLEEDING KOREA OPPRESSED BY BRUTAL RUSSIA!

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a sewing machine as a means of support, had organized many churches with a membership that ran up into the thousands. She could not have done this in her own strength, but God was with her, according to His promise, and did a mighty work thru her. She had no education, but she had what was a thousand times better, a surrendered will that God could use.

The Christians in this country imagine that they must have years of training in the schools before they can serve God, and many of them go to schools taught by infidel teachers in order to get this so-called training; but God says His victories are not by the might nor power of human resources, but His own Spirit (Zech. 4:6).

What a lesson for the Laodicean church in America, revelling in its wealth, its magnificent buildings, and powerless preachers! The Koreans were satisfied with a church building with four rough walls, for their object was not to settle down in one place and enjoy the blessings of the Gospel all to themselves, but to move from place to place and get others to know its meaning.

They rejoiced in Christ and the riches of His grace and not in their fine buildings and the other externals of worship. They thought more of the people in the building and their edification than they did of the building and the surroundings in which they met. May God help us in America to get back to the faith of the Koreans, for the time may be near when we shall need it.—In Civic Bulletin, July, 1951.

PINEY GROVE REVIVAL

On September 13, at 7:30 P. M., the Reverend S. A. Smith of Beulaville, N. C., will begin a revival meeting at Piney Grove F. W. B. Church, Beaufort County, North Carolina. The meeting will continue until September 22. On September 23, we will have home-coming day. All former pastors are invited to be with us on that occasion. All members are urged to be present, as we have some business to attend to in that meeting.

J. E. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C.,
Route 5.

A CORRECTION

The picture and article concerning J. P. Batten, which appeared in a previous issue of the Baptist paper, contained an error. Mount Zion Church in Wilson County, North Carolina, is the correct church instead of Kenly Church, as was shown in the article. We regret this error occurred, due to lack of proper information in the manuscript.—Editor.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION

The North Carolina State Convention is scheduled to convene in its thirty-ninth annual session with the White Oak Free Will Baptist Church, Bladenboro, North Carolina, September twelfth and thirteenth, 1951.

Each Free Will Baptist church in the state is expected, out of loyalty to the cause of Christ, to represent with delegates and liberal offerings in this session. It is not only a privilege but also a duty of every Free Will Baptist church in the state to take part in this annual session. The delegates who go to represent their churches have the right, and should exercise it, to speak and vote for or against issues brought upon the floor of the convention. They constitute a part of the convention, and should become well informed as to its purposes, plans and policies in carrying on the work for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

It is expected that the ministers of the state, and visitors as well will attend in large numbers the two days' session, and also show great interest in the work of the convention. Certainly the convention has done a great work in the past in furthering the cause among the various churches of the state among Free Will Baptists. May everyone look forward to this convention being the best one ever held during its entire history. May the ministers who attend seek to further every cause for which the convention stands, and to stand by every principle of true Christian progress which the convention seeks to foster during the coming fiscal year.

CLARENCE BOWEN VISITS THE PRESS

While visiting in North Carolina among his old friends and acquaintances, Brother Clarence Bowen called by the Press to speak to the employees. He most always takes time to drop by to pay us a short visit and to express his interest in the progress of our printing company.

We were glad to shake his hand, welcome him in our midst, and to hear him express his joy of being privileged to see us again. There is always something about Clarence we sincerely appreciate: his smiles, cheerfulness, matter-of-fact expression of opinion, and his frank optimism. We are always glad to see Clarence, and wish for him and his good family the best of success in the cause of righteousness wherever they are called to serve our Master.

FOURTH QUARTER LITERATURE READY FOR SHIPMENT

The Sunday School and League literature for the fourth quarter of this year is practically ready for shipment, and orders are now being filled as they arrive. A rush is expected at this time for more literature for this closing quarter than it was for the past quarter. Interest is continuing to grow among Free Will Baptists for our literature throughout the United States, as more Sunday Schools are turning to the use of our quarterlies.

We are urging all Sunday School and League secretaries to place their orders at once for all the supplies that they feel they will need for their Schools and Leagues. However, should we sell out before all schools and leagues are fully supplied, we will seek to print additional copies to fill the needs of late orders, or the second orders of those who failed to make their first orders large enough. It is usually wise to order a few more copies for each class than is expected to be needed, so that in case of class increases in membership for the closing quarter your school will have enough to go around without having to place the second order.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAMS

A great many churches look forward each year to giving a Thanksgiving Program in their auditorium for the good of the people in the community. In fact, it is becoming more and more a seasonal program for both the old as well as the young people of the church. Churches having followed the giving of such programs for a number of years have found that renewed interest in spiritual things have taken hold of the people in a very splendid way.

We have in stock suitable materials for Thanksgiving Programs, and will be glad to serve our churches, Sunday School and Auxiliary groups that will want program materials for this purpose. We suggest that you place your orders with us before it is too late, and thereby give yourself ample time for the preparation of the program before Thanksgiving arrives. We have some interesting materials for children and young people, and if we do not have exactly what you want, we will try to get it for you. Send us your orders.

Have You Renewed Your Subscription

WHY STUDY ALCOHOL?

"Why disturb us with a series of lessons in the church school on alcohol? What have we to do with alcohol anyway? Nobody is advocating prohibition, we do not drink to excess and our church is not now engaged in any sort of campaign against liquor. Why agitate this question?"

So said a member of an adult class who had the foresight to observe that next Sunday's lesson would deal with alcohol. It is a fair question. Is there an answer?

What faces many adults now is not, "Can I leave alcohol alone?" but "Will alcohol leave me alone?" For example: One of our Conference organs recently carried a brief but poignant story in the form of a statement from a Christian mother, as follows:

"People tell me whiskey will not trouble you if you leave it alone. My husband and I do not make it or drink it or sell it, but who is troubled? We are. I'm the mother of eight boys and would give my life to keep them from being drunkards. But just last week one of them—a nice, healthy, 21-year-old boy—got with some friends and drank too much and took a dose of poison, and narrowly escaped death."

It is perfectly obvious that this mother and her husband must do something about alcohol, however much they would prefer to leave it alone.

Take another story, this one from a minister. He says:

"It is Wednesday morning and I am looking out on Death Avenue. It is a pleasant thoroughfare which something primordial and brutal in human nature has transformed into a highway of slaughter.

"I live on Death Avenue but, two death streets cross it at right angles and between the two I live."

Then he goes on to describe the death of a woman on Sunday morning on that avenue, the death of a man on Monday evening, the death of another man on Monday evening a week later, and the death of another woman on Tuesday, and then continues:

"And this morning I am asking myself, 'How can I go on living in such a world and save my soul?' I am praying to God that I may not get used to it. I am asking that He will help me to cry out and keep on crying out until no one around me can live in peace with it. The brutalizing effect of this daily slaughter is so terrible that nothing can survive a generation that gets used to it. God pity us if we do not marshal a veritable army of public opinion and demand that something be done."

When we remember that fatal accidents caused by drinking drivers are increasing throughout the United States, perhaps we

can understand why this Christian minister is aroused. Among the remedies he suggests for this situation are: "Merciless and relentless prosecution of every intoxicated person found behind a wheel; get rid of a liquor traffic that, in driver and pedestrian alike, has appallingly increased the hazards of life."

DR. JOHN Q. SCHISLER

Our trouble is that we have heard so much praise given the various alcoholic drinks that we have lost our fear of their insidious evils. We tolerate alcohol. We condone it. Even some of us profit from its sale.

We need a new conscience in the church. Some time ago a man wrote two and one-

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A thousand faces, wide awake;
A thousand hearts that beat as one;
A thousand voices raised in praise,
To God the Father's own dear Son;
A thousand prayers ascending high:
"God bless Thy work, we pray";
A thousand hopes for years to come,
As youth moves on the upward way—

THIS WAS THE NLC!

Each day a glad surprise for all;
Each new thing better than the old;
Each minute silver-lined with joy;
Each hour most precious, like the gold:
As Leaguers sang, praised, and prayed,
As one great league, together bound,
By cords of understanding love,
And marching on to "Higher Ground"—

THIS WAS THE NLC!

—L. E. B.

half columns in a church paper pleading for an old-time revival of religion. He says that we have lost our sense of sin, but you read in vain to discover what actually and specifically he means by sin. Not only are you unable to discover his meaning of this abstract term, but you are confused and confounded because he actually means the fact that some preachers are concerning themselves about social problems and are not "preaching the gospel."

Just exactly what was it that brought vigor and life and salvation to sinners in the old-time revival?

This gracious result certainly did not grow out of a time discussion of some abstract something called sin. The old preacher had a holy hatred of sin in particular as well as sin in general and he condemned the one no less than the other. Sinners to him were those who "cussed," gambled, sold liquor and got drunk, beat their wives, cheated their neighbors and murdered.

"We need a new conviction of sin!" Agreed. But let us be specific. We need a new conscience on particular sins. So long as church members gamble and drink and engage in the liquor traffic and are guilty of the dozen-and-one other present-day sins we will look in vain for the old-time revival of any sort that is worthy of the name. Not until we develop a moral conscience among our people which will lead them to put holy living above easy living can we hope for a spiritual power in the church which can produce a revival that will do for our day what the old-time revival did in the days of our fathers.

Alcohol is the source and cause of many of the present-day sins. We need a conscience on it. This conscience should be based upon information of its evil effects on man and society. This conscience should arise from a sensitiveness to the awful holiness of a God who is outraged by the audacious front-paging of propaganda for alcohol which is proven false both by science and experience. The "merits" of various drinks in which alcohol is the active agent have been so flaunted before the eyes of the world that our consciences have become soft regarding it.

So we must study alcohol in order that we may know it for what science and experience say it is. We must study alcohol in order that we may be aroused from an attitude of faint-hearted apology to an attitude of moral purpose to attack it, to meet its insidious invasion into our homes and lives, to contend with it, to give it battle by all the means which have been discovered and which keen minds may yet discover to save our youth from its deteriorating effects.—*The Voice*.

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TWO TOWNS HEAR THE GOSPEL

It is very difficult to convey the great joy that comes to a missionary when he is permitted to carry the Gospel into two towns that had never heard a Gospel message, and to have these whole towns plead to know more. This was our experience this month.

The towns of Arroyos and Demas are on the Gulf of Mexico, fishing villages extremely difficult to reach by car. The roads are great puddles of soft mud into which the wheels of our Ford Pickup would sink and spin so that the only way to get out was by each member of the party pulling on a heavy rope fastened to the axle. Often, with eight men on the rope, we would slip and pull through the oozy mud. Repeatedly we had to do this. At other times we were driving through plains of waving grass.

Our party consisted of our Cuban evangelist Melitino, Moises (one of our Cuban missionaries), Mike Jalovich from Buffalo, New York, and Thomas Willey, Jr., and myself. Brother Mike is a very fine accordionist and was a real attraction to our campaign. Mike came down by faith and God has used him greatly. Our son, Thomas, Jr., has been doing a magnificent work as driver and mechanic.

In Arroyos we were very fortunate in securing for our meetings a building that had been constructed for a theater with fine new benches. The owner, on hearing the Gospel, said, "I am so glad I did not rent it for a theater. Now it is serving a better cause."

As we went from door to door the people would invite us in, asking us to tell them about the Gospel. Rugged, sun-tanned toilers of the sea would say "I believe." When time for the services, the building was packed to the door. The closing

THOMAS H. WILLEY

Pinar del Rio, Cuba

night when the invitation was given to publicly declare their intention by open confession, the meeting reached almost the proportions of a riot. People deeply moved cried out they wanted the Gospel.

What a joy it was to be able to leave a fine capable Cuban missionary to follow up.

Driving on across the plains, jumping out many times to lay our shoulders to the rope, we finally arrived at Demas to another warm welcome. (I had been here and the Lord had given me an open door a year ago.) The one service after a day of house-to-house visitation was one long to be remembered.

During our visit in this town we met a fine young Cuban farmer who is the owner of a large part of the town. On learning who we were, he began to tell us how God was dealing with him. He had been sent to a Catholic school and there lost his faith in the religion of his Spanish fathers. This testimony is one I cannot get out of my thoughts. "I am like a ship at sea, without rudder or pilot. I have wondered and wondered if there was anything more, have despaired to the point of taking my life. How often I have passed the entrance to your school and felt an irresistible desire to enter and ask about what you believe."

In the service that night the whole town packed the largest building available. Melitino stood on a table and poured out his heart in a Gospel message. One of our converts was made responsible to secure an adequate building where our Cuban mis-

EIGHT STATES EXCEED GOAL FOR MISSIONS

Although ten states were \$8,875 behind their Foreign Mission quotas on June 1, it seemed certain the annual budget would be met by June 30 since eight states had already over-subscribed their quotas by \$6,366.

If the June income was anywhere near normal, the \$52,700 budget set last year by the Board would probably be exceeded. The average income is from four to six thousand dollars a month and only \$2,509 was needed to meet the budget.

States that had met their quotas were Arkansas, California, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, North Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

Due to increased demands on both the Cuba and India fields, the Foreign Mission Board announced that the 1951-52 budget would have to be set higher than the previous year.—*Small Voice*.

HELPING THE WORLD

HENRIETTA R. ELLIOTT

One day, in church, the minister
Said everybody ought
To be a helper in the world,
But though I thought and thought

I couldn't see what I could do;
The big world seemed to be
So much too big to need the help
Of little girls like me.

I couldn't preach to people
And tell them to be good;
Nor earn enough of dimes to buy
One hungry person food;

Nor nurse in hospitals; nor teach
Poor children how to read—
It seemed as if I couldn't do
One thing that people need!

So I asked mother—and she says
That school and home are each
Just parts of that same great big world
It seems so hard to reach;

And when I help my teachers
By doing what is right,
Or try not to be noisy
When papa's tired at night,

Or sometimes spare one of my toys
To help some poor child's play,
I'm really helping the big world
A little every day!

—*Olive Plants*

We need the clouds and storms to help us appreciate the blessed sunshine.—*C. R. H.*

missionary might preach the Gospel of our risen Lord.

We have indeed been privileged to eat out of tin cans and sleep often on the ground in the open but the toils of the road seem nothing when we tell those who have never heard.

CUBAN MISSION FIELD RECEIVES VISITOR

Paul H. Wilson, a representative of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc., visits our Mission Field in Cuba. We are publishing in the Baptist two letters from him written to the Willeys and to Rev. Rashie Kennedy, pastor of the Greenville, N. C., F. W. B. Church. Mr. Wilson became associated with Rev. Kennedy during the latter's visit to the Cuban field.

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Havana, Cuba
May 29, 1951

Dear Brother and Sister Willey:

Just a note of appreciation and thanks for your kindness and hospitality. I enjoyed every moment of my stay with you, and was so happy to meet dear Brother Fant and Brother Kennedy. We had a fine time of fellowship on our trip back to Havana and they were able to get a plane reservation for 11:10 A. M.

I think I have received greater blessing in the conventions at "Los Credos del Libano" than in any other place in Cuba; other Bible Schools, in the U. S., may have better equipment, greater advantages, but I feel sure that their graduates are not better equipped with practical training or fortified with a deeper spiritual life than these dear young people going out from Pinar del Rio with earnest zeal and consecrated lives. Your school is doing more for Cuba than all the government agencies combined, and eternity will reveal how true this statement is.

Thank you again for all the kindnesses shown me while I was with you.

Paul

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Havana, Cuba
May 29, 1951

Reverend Rashie Kennedy
Greenville, N. C.

My Dear Brother Kennedy:

Just a note to tell you how much I appreciate the fellowship with you which was my privilege during the days of the Convention in Pinar del Rio. I trust you arrived home safely and found everyone well and secure.

I am just beginning to get back into the daily routine after that time of "abundance" in "Los Cedros del Libano". I sincerely believe that that School, as well as the school represented by Brother Markwood, is doing more for Cuba than all the government agencies combined.

I hope I may have the joy of seeing you again, perhaps at next year's convention, the Lord willing.

With warmest Christian love,

Paul H. Wilson,
Apartado 2703
Habana, Cuba

When father, mother and children learn the nature of their relation to each other, a family is born.

SEPTEMBER IS DOLLAR MONTH

In addition to our regular monthly gifts to Foreign Missions, we are asking every Free Will Baptist who believes that Christ died for all men everywhere to please send at least one dollar for foreign missions during the month of September. Don't forget this.

Our increased budget and the purchase of property and the sending of new missionaries can only be made possible by your gifts and prayers. Send all monies to the Foreign Mission Board, 242 Victor Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan.

GREAT REVIVAL CLOSAS AT MAY'S CHAPEL

Saturday night, August 25, 1951, brought to a close the greatest revival that has been held at May's Chapel F. W. B. Church in several years. Rev. W. H. Calvert of Belmont, N. C., was the guest speaker, and his soul-stirring messages brought twenty additions to the church.

We had large attendance every night, with visitors from Clayton, N. C., Harrell's Chapel near Snow Hill, N. C., Soundview near Morehead City, N. C., Gray Branch near Deep Run, N. C., Northeast, near Mount Olive, N. C., Long Ridge F. W. B. Church, and from Wilson, N. C. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the services, and we regret that they could last only one week, but we hope Bro. Calvert can be with us again soon.

May's Chapel has been steadily growing under the fine pastoral work of Rev. W. Russell Millard of Mount Olive, N. C., who was with us during the meeting, and whom we all love and appreciate.

A sister in Christ,

Mrs. May Rouse,
Dudley, N. C.

HEAR THE RADIO FAITH PROGRAM

Hear the Faith program which is being conducted on Station WGRA, Cairo, Georgia, 1300 K. C. at 9:30 A. M. week days, and 9:00 A. M. on Sundays.

Hear also the program over Station WDWD, Dawson, Georgia, at 9:00 A. M. week days, and 6:00 P. M. Sundays.

Hear the program over Station WFPM, Ft. Valley, Georgia, 1150 K. C., at 9:00 A. M. week days, and 9:00 A. M. Sundays.

These are all 1,000 watt stations, and they cover from Atlanta to the Gulf.

Rev. K. V. Shutes
Camilla, Georgia

RUTH'S CHAPEL MAKING PROGRESS

Rev. J. C. Griffin is the pastor of our church, Ruth's Chapel. He began his pastorate on the fourth Sunday in October, 1949, and we elected him as our permanent pastor in January, 1950. Our regular church services are held on the second and fourth Sundays, in the morning and also at night. We call in someone, not on our regular preaching Sunday, nor on third Sunday night to hold service for us. Walter R. Sandlin conducts the service. This is his regular appointment.

We have Sunday School every Sunday morning. Lee Purifoy is the superintendent. The F. W. B. League meets every Sunday night, and he is the director. The Woman's auxiliary meets every Tuesday night at the church, except the first Tuesday night in the month, at which time it meets with Mrs. J. W. Odom.

The Adult Bible class meets Monday night after the second Sunday at the church. Choir practice is held on Thursday night before the second and fourth Sundays. It is conducted by L. Beverly Ballard.

We bought a government building at Goldsboro, N. C., for our Sunday School rooms. It was brought down to the church grounds and put up before Easter, April 8, 1950. The Sunday School rooms were completed well enough for class purposes in June, 1950. They are now completed inside and out. We heat them with gas. We have five rooms, and we are planning to heat the entire church with gas.

Our Vacation Bible School this year was held June the eleventh through the fifteenth, with an enrollment of 104 pupils. It was a good school from all reports. The work of the students was good. Mrs. J. C. Griffin was the director of the school. On the last day of the school Brother Griffin was greeted by a surprise birthday dinner which was spread picnic style on the church grounds. The graduation took place on the night of June 15. The entire program was good.

We had ten persons to attend Cragmont Assembly this year from our church. All reported that they enjoyed a very good time, for it was the next thing to heaven. We hope more will go next year.

Our church, Sunday School, the Leagues, and the Woman's auxiliary all have grown in membership and in the Spirit of the Lord. We are now planning to build some more room to our church. We are planning to build a 14 by 20 feet room on the side of the church to be used for S. S. class, League, etc.

Wm. B. Glover,
New Bern, N. C.,
Route 2

What is the matter with government? Too much power, too much tax money to dispense. There is nothing else so corrupting as power.

From the Field . . .

Manning, S. C.
Aug. 20, 1951

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
242 Victor Ave.,
Highland Park 3, Mich.

Dear Brother Riggs:

You will find enclosed two checks which came through our Union Meeting. Since some of our churches continue to send their funds direct instead of sending them through their state worker I would like very much to have a monthly report of funds received from South Carolina. This is the season of the year that our people sell crops and they can give more than any other time.

The Executive Board met last week and appointed me to succeed myself as state director and requested that I attend the meeting to be held in Nashville Oct. 2-4. The Board approved the quota for our state and gave us their assurance of their cooperation in meeting it.

Brother Riggs, I think we could use the mission picture to an advantage here in S. C., and I have a friend who has offered the use of his machine to show them. If you have a film available please send it to me. I shall expect to hear from you immediately in regards to this matter.

Yours for the cause,

L. A. Holliday

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OPEN LETTER

Dear Co-Worker:

In the very near future you will receive your Foreign Mission report for the month of August. Please study the report carefully. You will notice that the receipts for August dropped off considerably, while our expenditures continue to increase. Just a few months like this and our department will be declaring another—unwanted emergency. We just can't afford to let this happen! So, let us please rally to the cause of Foreign Missions and get a head start on making the quota for our state.

The majority of Free Will Baptist people are rural folk—and this is the season of the year when the good earth yields her harvest and our people have the most money. It seems a good time to promote stewardship and save so much work and anxiety at the end of the year.

Enclosed is a copy of the program for the Missionary Conference. We cannot over emphasize the importance of your presence. Perhaps your state or local Association or even your church could arrange to pay your expense to this meeting. I'm sure the investment will be worthwhile.

Dr. Clyde Taylor, one of the principle speakers to the Conference, is Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Mission Association, of which we are a member, and has recently completed a world

tour of mission fields. Then of course the inspirational messages from Mrs. Willey will be a great blessing to all who attend.

Make your plans now to be there!

Sincerely Yours,

Promotional Secy.-Treas.

Nat'l, Foreign Mission Board

P. S.—As of this date (Aug. 24) it looks like our receipts for August are only about one-half of our disbursements. This is very unhealthy and gives cause for alarm. Remember we are depending upon you.

THE SAME GOD TODAY

Dear Baptist Readers:

Here I come again with a few more words for your consideration. I asked a preacher yesterday why it was that we do not have some people these days as good as some of them of olden days, such as Peter, Daniel, Job and others. He looked at me for a few seconds and said. "Well, I guess it is because we do not live close enough lives." He is right. We can be just as good as Daniel. The Lord says, "Draw nigh unto me and I will draw nigh unto you."

We have the same God that Daniel had and he says that he doesn't change and his word is true. We don't take time to be as good as Daniel, for he had a certain place to go to call on God two or three times a day. He also fasted all along. I believe I could say and tell the truth that he did not stand up to pray either. I had two dear old sisters that had thirteen nephews who went overseas in the second world war, and all came back alive—only one got hurt—got his hand burned with some kind of explosion. That is an example of what prayer will do.

Dear people, we have the same God that Daniel had. Why don't you trust him. There are only two places for you, first here and then either Hell or Heaven. So choose you this day whom you will serve, God or Mammon.

Your brother in his name,

B. E. Coxwell
134 N. Macomb St.
Tallahassee, Florida

A man filled with the Spirit of God will be very hopeful.—Rev. Dwight L. Moody.

If we keep low, God will overrule even our failures.—Rev. Isaiah Reid.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to state that I will be available for pastoral or evangelistic services, any church or churches that are interested in securing me as pastor for evangelistic work may write me at the following address.

Rev. Ernest Strickland,
East Rockingham, N. C.

THIRD UNION REPORT

The Third Union of the Eastern Conference met with Sarecta church, July 28, 1951. Devotions were conducted by Rev. S. R. Kennedy. Union was opened by the assistant moderator, Rev. S. R. Kennedy. Temporary committees were appointed. Prayer for the success of the union by Rev. S. A. Smith. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. List of ministers was called with 10 present. List of churches was called with 27 representing with donation of \$231.00. By motion that Bro. J. Wilbert Evergheton's name be placed on the list of licensed ministers. By motion that we accept the invitation to meet with Whaley's Chapel Church, September 29, 1951. Rev. J. B. Narron was selected to preach the union sermon, Rev. S. A. Smith his alternate. Rev. J. B. Narron brought a message from the State Sunday School Convention in behalf of State Field Secretary. After congregation song and prayer the union sermon was preached by Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

We were then dismissed for dinner. After enjoying a fine dinner we reassembled for the afternoon session. Reports of various boards were adopted. An offering was taken for Bro. H. Pipkin, amount received was \$33.60. By motion we extend to this church and community a rising vote of thanks shown this session of the union. The union was closed with song and prayer.

Mod., Rev. S. R. Kennedy

Clerk, Lemmie Taylor

Devoted Father Fish

Martha Barnes

We usually think of mother animals taking care of their babies. This is often not so of fish families, however. True, most fish lay their eggs in some sheltered spot and go off and forget all about them. The young fish must look after themselves from the day they hatch. There are some exceptions among fish and then it is usually the father fish who plays nursemaid to the family. Mr. Stickleback mounts to guard over the nest where his children are great bravery. The African Mouth-breeder goes even farther in taking care of his offspring. He helps his wife dig a pit in the sandy bottom where the eggs are laid. Then he scoops up the eggs in his wide mouth and holds them there for nearly two weeks until the young fish hatch. This is real devotion, for poor father fish cannot eat and has to go hungry all the time his children are growing big enough to swim by themselves. The Mouthbreeder is a silvery little fish five to seven inches long and he makes his home in the waters off the west coast of Africa.—Junior World.

We are responsible for the use of our talents and for our influence.—Christian Witness.

N. C. State Convention to Convene at Bladenboro

White Oak Church of Bladenboro, North Carolina, is expecting a record attendance at the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists, September 12, 13, 1951.

We truly hope that this will be the greatest Convention ever to be held in this state among Free Will Baptists.

We take pleasure in inviting every Original Free Will Baptist church within the bounds of this Convention to represent their church with a delegate. All ministers, too, are especially invited.

All of you who plan to attend may find the following directions helpful in finding your way to our church.

Those coming from the western part of the state may come Via Charlotte, Lumberton, and from Lumberton take highway No. 211 to Bladenboro. You will find the church located on the right side of the highway, just after passing the Bladenboro Cotton Mills.

Those coming from the Durham or Raleigh area may come Via Fayetteville, Lumberton, etc.

Those coming from Virginia, Rocky Mount, Greenville, and the Northeast part



WHITE OAK CHURCH, BLADENBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

located on the left of highway 211 after crossing the Bridge.

Due to a shortage of parking space on the church grounds, we have obtained parking space from friends near the church. We are asking all who drive automobiles to co-operate with those who direct traffic in order to insure every one free access to in and out traffic movement.

We are looking forward to this great event and we hope to see you at the State Convention.

Yours to Serve,

Rev. C. B. Hansley, Pastor

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Have you made sure that your church will be represented at the North Carolina State Convention, meeting in Bladenboro, September 12, 13? If you have not, this is the last call before the Convention.

It is very needful that every church be represented, by delegate, but if you are unable to send a delegate, you should represent by letter and report. Your reports are needed. If you have not already mailed the reports, please bring them to the Convention.

There will be plenty report blanks on hand at the Convention if you need one.

Remember the goal: "This the best Convention yet."

M. L. Johnson,
Promotional-Secretary

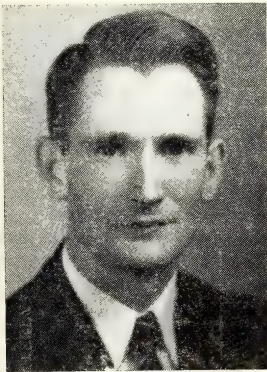
ATTENTION

All those planning to spend the night while attending the North Carolina State Convention, to be held at White Oak Church Bladenboro, N. C., please write Mrs. R. L. Gainey, Box 126, Bladenboro, N. C., before September 10, 1951.

Hostess Committee

If we die with sin in our hearts, hell is our doom.—Rev. E. A. Ferguson.

Man reads history backward, but God reads it forward.—Selected.



REV. CAROL B. HANSLEY, *Pastor*

of the state may come via Goldsboro, Mt. Olive, Clinton, and Elizabethtown. From Elizabethtown take highway 242 to Bladenboro. Upon entering Bladenboro turn right at the first stop light, continue across a bridge to the church, located on the left side of highway 211.

Those coming from Kinston, Kenansville, and Beulaville may come via Wallace, Harrel's Store, White Lake, Elizabethtown, etc.

Those coming from New Bern, Jacksonville, etc., may come via highway 53 to Elizabethtown and on to Bladenboro.

Those coming via Wilmington take highway 211 at Bolton via Clarkton to Bladenboro. Upon entering Bladenboro follow highway 211 straight through to the church,



THE LARGER FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS

(Lesson for September 16)

Lesson: Acts 11:27-30; 15:1, 2, 22-31; 2 Corinthians 9:1-5.

Golden Text: Luke 9:50.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

This lesson is a study of good will and fellowship among Christians and churches. Christ taught the larger fellowship of Christians to John who forbade "one castin out devils . . . because he followeth not with us" (Lu. 9:49-50). We see in our Scripture Text for today how Paul and Barnabas, in their ministry at Antioch, manifested the larger fellowship with mixed membership of Jews and Gentiles. The financial aid which the churches of Corinth and Macedonia gave to the poor and needy in Judea is a noble example of the good will and fellowship of brethren living great distances apart, and in different countries.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. When the Lord deems it wise He will send messengers to foretell future events (Acts 11:27, 28).

2. It is a sign of brotherly love when believers come to the aid of those who are in need (vs. 29).

3. Too often individuals, and also groups, have good intentions, but they do not amount to anything unless they are also carried out (vs. 30).

4. To look after the needy should be so natural for Christians that no instructions on the subject should be necessary (II Cor. 9:1).

5. It was a splendid thing to give something for relief a year ago, but that does not excuse us from helping again in the present (vs. 2).

6. Christian congregations should never be so niggardly in their giving as to make their leaders ashamed of them (vss. 3-5).

7. There are always some who cannot believe that our salvation is all of

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grace, so they require works which God has not commanded, Acts 15:1).

8. When perplexing problems vex a body of believers it is wise to arrange for an open discussion of the whole subject (vs. 2).

9. The Lord will reveal His will by the Holy Spirit when it is earnestly sought by men (vss. 22, 23).

10. A certain high standard of conduct will give evidence of the fact that we have been saved by grace (vs. 29).

11. God permitted this great dearth over the world but it was probably the greatest blessing to Judea. There was much prejudice toward the Gentile converts. Even those Jews fully saved did not lose this at once. So this condition rendered them quite dependent.

We suspect that these Judeans began to have real confidence in the salvation of these Gentiles when they saw the cash and the food sent by them. No doubt many tears of gratitude and humility were shed. We believe these gifts did more to correct their wrong attitude than many words could have done.—Selected.

12. Paul had a motive in having the offerings gathered before they were called for. He had boasted of the liberality of the Corinthians, but if for any reason they should neglect to have their gifts and offerings ready on time, his boasting to the Macedonians would appear empty. This would cause shame to settle upon him, and his reputation would be discredited in Macedonia. Even the most earnest and faithful people need to be reminded of their responsibilities.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

13. When the love grows cold, in a

church, then people figure rules and laws will force men to line up better. When there is a temptation to renege in any of our spiritual duties, or a temptation to run after things of the world, then should one be alarmed and get down to earnest confession before God, and in prayer. One will not backslide if he misses prayer meeting, but he is already backslidden at heart if other things seem more important on prayer meeting night.

II. The Lesson Illustrated But God Knows

Oberlin, the French philanthropist, was once travelling in the depth of winter amongst the mountains of Alsace. The cold was intense, the snow lay thickly upon the ground, and ere the half of his journey was over he felt himself yielding to fatigue and sleep. He knew if he gave way to sleep he would wake no more; but in spite of this knowledge desire for sleep overcame him, and he lost consciousness. When he came to again a waggoner in a blue blouse was standing over him, urging him to take wine and food. By and by his strength revived, he was able to walk to the wagon, and was soon driven to the nearest village. His rescuer refused money, saying it was his duty to assist one in distress. Oberlin begged to know his name, that he might remember him in his prayers. "I see," replied the waggoner, "you are a preacher. Tell me the name of the Good Samaritan!" "I cannot," answered Oberlin, "for it is not recorded." "Ah, well," said the waggoner, "when you can tell me his name, I will then tell you mine." And so he went away.—The Signal.

Sacrifice or Willing Service

When James Calvert went out to cannibal Fiji with the message of the Gospel, the captain of the ship in which he traveled sought to dissuade him. "You will risk your own life and all those with you if you go amongst such savages," he said. Calvert's magnificent reply was: "We died before we came here." And yet he would have been the last to talk about a sacrifice; it was not a life of sacrifice, but of real pleasure.—The S. S. Chronicle.

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Business Manager F. W. B. Press

WHY ATTEND A CHRISTIAN COLLEGE?

The words of Paul to Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" are words of Christian teaching. Within our growing denomination today, we need more trained leaders. In our country there are many young people who are thinking of a school of higher learning.

To those young men and women of our denomination, I want you to ask yourselves this question: Why attend a Christian college? Like the characters in Charles Sheldon's famous religious novel, "In His Steps," we should ask ourself this question: What would Jesus do in choosing a school of higher education? If we follow in His steps, we should choose a Christian college.

In a recent article in the Christian Observer, Dr. Lingle says: "These forefathers of ours believed with all their hearts in Christian education. Shouldn't we acknowledge their foresight and interest by attending a Christian college that they founded?"

We realize that Christian subjects are not at the top in the curriculum of many of our secular schools throughout the United States. Most of the teachings of the Master are learned through the Sunday School or the church program. Therefore we need Christian leaders in our churches with a great Christian influence and a well rounded personality. Scientific knowledge has advanced more rapid than either our moral or spiritual knowledge. People must not only be taught the facts, but also learn how to use them. This is illustrated by the development of the atomic bomb. Students must be taught how to live as well as how to make a living. The examples of Germany and Japan show the futility of mere knowledge. We know that a Christian education is the training of the whole person—body, mind, soul. This education which embraces the highest intellectual, moral and spiritual ideals, and which is also in conformity with the Bible,

is taught by those who own Christ as Lord and Saviour.

A Christian education offers a secular education inseparable from Christian training. In the words of Woodrow Wilson, "Education has yielded her best fruit when associated with religion."

A Christian college offers, first of all, the association with students and professors of a more Christian character. I know how easy it is for a boy or a girl, who has just finished high school, or the veterans who have

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REV. J. B. NARRON, A. B.

Kinston, N. C.

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just returned home, to get going around with students of unlike Christian character, so they neglect their religious duties. Under the influence of the Christian school, the students themselves are more apt to keep alive Christian principles and practices.

Statistics show that of the seventeen hundred colleges and universities in the United States almost seven hundred are church related. It is a fine thing to know that in these

ARMOR-PLATED BOYS

It has been well said that in these days especially, we should have armor-plated boys.

The Christian armor on her citizens gives more security to the nation than the "armor plate" can on her ships. As to the boys of the nation, each one needs to be iron-clad on—

His lips, against the first taste of liquor and smoke.

His ears, against unpure words.

His hands that they handle nothing wrong.

His heart, against revenge and doubt.

His feet, against going with bad company.

His eyes, against dangerous books and pictures.

His pockets, against covetousness and dishonest money.

His tongue, against evil sentiments.—
Unknown.

Christian colleges there is a continuous and unconscious influence upon the student by a spiritually-minded faculty.

We can never measure the worth of Christian teachers, because of the lasting impressions that they have left on students whom they taught. Wasn't this very true of the disciples who sat at the feet of Jesus? Jesus made such an impression on the disciples that they remembered His teaching and life everywhere they went. Many young men and women have gone into the world with the gospel of life to a lost humanity, who were inspired at some Christian college. Let us think of the wonderful work that Madam Kiang-Ki-Check has done for the people of China. The Christian teaching and influence of men and women with great Christian character has made it possible for her to have done such a great work. The list would be long if we would name those who have done a great work who were inspired at a Christian college.

In one of his recent broadcasts Walter Winchell very concisely sums up world conditions in these few words: "The only protection against the atomic bomb is the Golden Rule and the only international law that is workable is the Sermon on the Mount. I can go to either of the seventeen hundred colleges or universities in the United States and study atomic energy and its various usages. I can become an expert in international law, but only in a Christian college can I be trained to use them wisely as God would have me to do."

By attending a Christian college we lay a foundation for those that come after us—that they too may make an impression upon society.

In this way we are carrying the gospel of Christ to others, for we are witnesses for Christ in Christian living.

Let us remember, dear people of our denomination, this great slogan: "TRAIN THE YOUTH OF TODAY FOR THE WORLD OF TOMORROW."

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

THE RETURN OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

I. Jesus Promised to Return

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:13).

Notice that Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you." Heaven is a PLACE. Place means a LOCATION. So, when Jesus said, "A PLACE" He meant a location. Yes, there is a PLACE PREPARED for the child of God. "A house not made with hands," said the Apostle Paul. My dear reader, do not be misled by any religious "cult" who denies that Heaven is a place. Certainly there will be experience—plenty of it for those who accept the Lord Jesus and wait for His coming; but Jesus did not say, "I will go and prepare an 'experience.'" But He said "A PLACE."

II. It Will Be a Visible Return

"And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, Why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:10, 11).

These men that saw Jesus go up were beholding him with the natural eye. They were seeing just as we see objects with the natural eye. They had seen him on several occasions after His resurrection. Thomas had been invited by the Master to place his hand in the side of the risen Lord and "be not faithless, but believe." When Thomas said, "My Lord and my God," Jesus said, "Blessed is he that believeth and hath not seen." So I, with every true believer, have the blessing, because we believe that the SAME JESUS that went away is coming again. I fail to see how that any person can call himself a CHRISTIAN who does not believe that "The same Jesus which went away will come again in the same manner in which He went away."

Acts 1:9 says, "And a cloud received him out of their sight."

Daniel says, "I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the

Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him" (Dan. 7:13).

Jesus said: "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" (Matt. 24:29, 30).

III. It Will Be An Unexpected Return to the Wicked.

"But of the times and seasons, brethren, you have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" (Thess. 5:1-3).

After hearing so much about "Peace" from our Capital and from the other capitals of the world, after the long struggle of the UN, and after our leading politicians have predicted "Peace" all these years, and also since the World War II, are you not about ready to decide that we are living in the days when they cry "Peace" when there is no peace. I have just heard that we have lost 85,000 men in the Korean fight, but it is not called war by some of our "wise leaders."

The world is moving on as in the days of Noah. People are unmindful of God. Millions live in sin and in open violation of every precept and command of our Lord. Gambling, adultery and every form of open and secret sins are perpetrated every moment. Prize fighting, horse racing, dog racing, and with men and women RACING to get the best of the other fellow. Well, Jesus will come and millions will be shouting at ball games on the Lord's day, or betting on some dog, or some horse, or some cock fight, or perhaps playing cards for money for their so-called Church.

IV. Christians Are Looking for the Return of the Lord

"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night nor of darkness" (I Thess. 5:4, 5).

When Jesus gave the Memorial Supper, the disciples all "drank of it." He said unto them, "I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day I drink it new in the kingdom of God" (See Mark 14:22-25). And we are instructed to observe this supper until "He comes." Paul says, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (I Cor. 11:26).

When we observe the supper, partake of the bread and the fruit of the vine, we confess that we believe that the same Jesus

that gave us this SUPPER is coming back. If we do not believe that HE IS COMING AGAIN, and we partake of the emblems of His broken body and spilt blood, we are a hypocrite of the deepest type. We are betraying the Christ of Calvary. We are playing the part of Judas Iscariot. The Lord's supper reaches back to the CROSS where Christ died for our sins, and it points to the return of the Lord. To believe in Christ is to believe that the SAME JESUS WHICH WAS TAKEN UP WILL COME AGAIN.

It will be no surprise to the true believer to see the Lord coming in the air at any time. For we are looking for Him. We are not only looking but we are preparing for His coming.

"For our conversation is in heaven: from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things to himself" (Phil. 3:20, 21).

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (I John 3:2, 3).

V. The Righteous Dead Resurrected and the Living Saints Caught Up with Them in the Clouds.

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the note of the arch angel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." (I Thess. 4:13-18).

The preaching of the return of the Lord was COMFORTING NEWS to the early Christians. They looked for His early return.

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming" (I Cor. 15:22, 23).

"Behold I shew you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorrupt" (continued on page fifteen)

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

MRS. CECIL COKER AND THREE CHILDREN KILLED IN WRECK

On the afternoon of July 7, 1951, at 3:15 P. M., the death angel entered the home of Mr. Cecil Coker, and called four of his family into a land of rest.

A car left the highway, struck and killed his wife, Theo Green Coker, age 34, two daughters, Vida Mae, age 10, and Judy, age 8, and also his darling baby, Norwood, age 4. This was the most terrible thing ever to happen in South Carolina.

Theo was a member of Horse Branch F. W. B. Church, and also of the Woman's auxiliary. The children were faithful members of the Sunday School. They are survived by the husband and father, Cecil Coker, and a son, and brother, Ryon Coker.

Theo, dear, we loved you,
As much as a sister true.
We hope some day to meet you
Beyond the misty blue.

Vida Mae, how we miss you,
You were almost like our own.
When life here is complete,
We'll meet around God's throne.

Judy, so darling and precious,
Was always so kind and sweet.
She's a shining angel now
Walking down the golden street.

Norwood, the darling baby,
Never a heart more pure and sublime,
When life here is o'er,
We'll meet at God's appointed time.

—A Niece and Cousin,
Winnie Coker Thigpen,
Turbeville, South Carolina

MAGGIE V. GOODMAN

On August 1, 1951, God called away from this earth our beloved aunt and friend, Maggie V. Goodman. She was 83 years old. She was a kind and loving person, and was loved by all who knew her.

It was my privilege to help her in her last years, for she could not see too well. I helped her very much in getting around, and learned to love her a great deal.

On March 17, this year, she was taken sick, and was ill until the time of her death. We know not why she suffered so much, but God does, and it was not meant for us to know. She lived in Texas for fifty years, coming to North Carolina in November, 1948. She made her home in Greenville, and lived there until the time of her death. She was a member of Gum Swamp Church, Pitt County, North Carolina.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. W. Alexander of Bethel, N. C., and

the burial took place in the Greenwood Cemetery, in Tarboro, N. C.

She has left her friends and loved ones
In this sinful world below;
I pray that we shall meet her
On that happy, and golden shore.

—Written by a friend and loved one,
Mrs. Ray Brewer,
Greenville, North Carolina

ORIENTAL F. W. B. CHURCH TO ENTERTAIN FIFTH EASTERN UNION MEETING

The Oriental Free Will Baptist Church, Pamlico County, North Carolina, will entertain the Fifth Eastern Union meeting of the Eastern North Carolina Conference on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in September. The church extends a hearty welcome to this union meeting to hold the union with us on that above date. At the noon hour lunch will be served on the church grounds for everyone to enjoy with the sweet fellowship together during the lunch hour.

On Sunday the Sunday School convention of the district will also convene with us. Everyone is asked to bring lunch with you on Sunday, and to spread the same at the noon hour with us, and to enjoy the day together. Everyone is invited to attend this convention. Let us hope that it will be a most splendid occasion for all who will attend.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Mrs. George Lee, *Clerk*

Oriental, North Carolina

HOME-COMING AT WATERY BRANCH

There will be a home-coming day observed at Watery Branch F. W. B. Church, Wayne County, North Carolina, on the Second Sunday in September. Former pastors, members of the church and friends are requested to be present for this occasion. A cordial invitation is extended to one and all. Come and enjoy the day with us. Lunch will be served at the noon hour on the church grounds.

By L. B. Head

NOTES AND QUOTES

(continued from page fourteen)
ruptible, and we shall be changed" (I Cor. 15:51, 52).

Thank God we Christians will not have to stay in the earth always, but we will come forth with new bodies. Perfect bodies, to be reunited with the soul and spirit, Then shall "we be like him, for we shall see Him as He is."

According to the signs of the times and the fulfillment of Scripture, we believe that it will not be long now before He comes in the air for the saints—those who are living for Him and looking for His return. The church will be raptured at His appearing in the air. Paul says, "Caught up to meet the Lord in the air." Can we say with John "Even so, AMEN."

Our character depends upon ourselves; our reputation may depend upon others.—Etta E. Shaw.

Jesus, in writing to the seven churches, always gives Himself a new name to each one.—Rev. G. D. Watson.

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South Carolina State League Convention

Leaguers in South Carolina are happy because a wish dear to their hearts has been fulfilled. They have a State League Convention known officially as The South Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptist Leagues. This organization became a reality on August 25 at Horse Branch Church, near Turbeville, S. C., where almost a full house representing two District League Conventions as well as the upper part of the state which has, as yet, no organized league work, elected state officers. In the business session, presided over by Chairman Paul Ketteman, a spirit of friendliness and Christian cooperation was evident among the leaguers. At the same time the wide awake group showed enthusiasm and a determination to really launch a work which puts God's Kingdom first in the lives of those in South Carolina who wish to be better trained for Christian service. The Constitution adopted provides for an Executive Committee consisting of the eight officers of the Convention. These officers representing each section of the state are: Rev. Paul J. Ketteman, president; Loyd Cole, Associate president; Earnest Shook, recording secretary; Mrs. Alma H. Weatherford, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Murdock Stone, treasurer; Reedy Severance, chorister; Ray Turnage, pianist; Mrs. Ernest Shook, Bible Quiz Leader.

A full day's program was enjoyed by those present and a basket picnic was

By Mrs. Alma H. Weatherford
Pamplico, South Carolina

spread from twelve to one o'clock. The hostess church served delicious iced drinks during the lunch hour. Besides the devotional periods, the special music, chorus singing, and talks by leaguers themselves, two very special features were planned. Rev. Laverne Miley, instructor at our Bible College, was the guest speaker at eleven-thirty. In the afternoon a sacred drama, *The Lost Church*, was presented by Horse Branch Leaguers under the direction of their counselor, Mrs. E. D. Coker. The whole program was built around the theme *Launching Out*, based on Luke 5:4. We are trusting Christ, the Captain of all Leaguer's lives, to give this ship a successful voyage. Pray for us here, please, leaguers and Christians everywhere.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Tri-County "Youth for Christ" Rally will be held at the Hollywood Presbyterian Church, located 6 miles south of Greenville, on the New Bern Highway, No. 43, on September 8 at 8 o'clock.

Margaret Evans
President of P. Y. F.

GOOD NEWS FROM GOOD SPRINGS AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary of Good Springs F. W. B. Church, Cheatham County, Tennessee, has some good news for the Baptist readers. We wish to report that great interest is being shown by the various vice-presidents as to the performance of their respective duties. They are certainly trying to successfully carry out their work as auxiliary workers.

Among these efforts of these officers, was the splendorous report of the cottage prayer meeting which was held in the home of Mrs. Charlie Ford, sponsored by Mrs. Vera Elliott, fifth vice-president. A large crowd of people attended this prayer service, and great spiritual fellowship was deeply felt and enjoyed by everyone. Each month cottage prayer meetings will be held in the homes of the members of our auxiliary of our church. These will, we believe, be of great help in a spiritual way to both the church and the community as a whole.

A sunshine basket was sent to a convalescent friend in the community, and we have added two new members to our organization. Mrs. Irvin McMahon organized a "Go Tell Society" among the children of the church and community. Great interest is already being shown by the children in this group of workers.

Mrs. Waydell Binkley, Reporter,
Joelton, Tennessee, Route 2

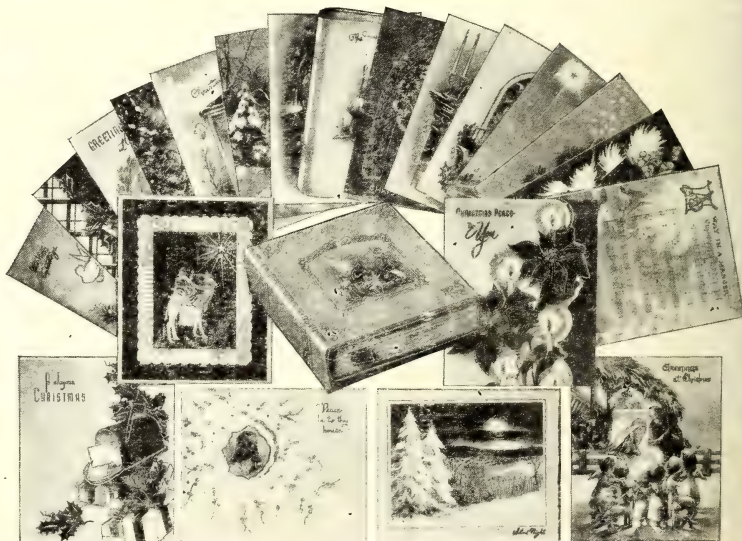
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THE EARTH is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek Him, that seek Thy face, O Jacob, Selah.

Life up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? the Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Life up your heads, O ye gates; even life them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah.

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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

REV. OSBORNE HOLDS GOOD WELCOME HOME REVIVAL

Our revival began at Welcome Home F. W. B. Church on Sunday night, August 12. Rev. Ralph Osborne did the preaching, with Rev. R. H. Jackson, the pastor, being present for each service except one.

Brother Osborne did some wonderful preaching, for it seemed that God filled his mouth with words of truth and his heart and soul with delight. Each night blessings came to us from every sermon. He did preach the Word of God in simplicity and truth.

The attendance was very good from the very first of the meeting, which continued for ten days. Each person who attended seemed very sorry that the meeting had to close. But as we know there are other fields of labor that need the gospel, and Brother Osborne was to enter into another meeting in a few days.

There were three persons who were saved by confession in Christ. The church as a whole was much revived, and Brother Jackson held the baptismal services on Tuesday afternoon. We met back at the church that night, and received the new candidates in the full Christian fellowship of the church. We communed at the Lord's Table, and washed the Saints' feet.

Annie Gillikin

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

The Amen Corner . . .

You ask me why I look so sad, 'a saying not a word,

Why, Becky, thoughts of long ago my memory have stirred;

I'm thinking of that meetin'house where preached old Father Horner,

But mostly I've been thinking 'bout that dear old amen corner.

Those days have long since fled and gone, dear friends have passed away,

And even that old meetin'house is going to decay;

I look around among the folks if any I may see,

But all are gone, it seems to me, but, Becky, you and me.

I see the dear old corner yet, 'twas close beside the altar;

Those good old saints whose seats were there had faith that would not falter;

Their hearts were all aglow with love, their shouts would awe the scorners,

Like thunderclaps their loud amens would shake the amen corner.

Indeed it seemed sometimes we sat by cool Siloam's fountain,

And then again we seemed to stand by Sinai's awful mountain;

No matter what the text might be, for sinner, saint or mourner,

There always flamed the Spirit's fire around the amen corner.

It was as if the Pentecost with flaming tongues of fire

Was still a-bringing Heaven down and lifting souls up higher;

And loud as was the earnest voice of dear old Father Horner,

Far louder were the glad amens that shook the amen corner.

That dear old spot was holy ground, the very gate of Heaven;

The glory cloud seemed resting down by mercy showers riven;

The manna and the smitten rock our hungry souls sustaining

Along the road beset with foes from Egypt up to Canaan.

Sometimes, I well remember yet, things seemed a little dreary,

The meeting seemed a little slow, the people dull and weary,

And then the victory seemed to be with Satan and the scorners

Until a hallelujah broke from out the amen corner.

Then quick as lightning things would change, the foe would flee before us,

And shouts of "Glory," "Praise the Lord," would blend in mighty chorus;

I tell you, Becky, 'tis a truth, it cheered the weakest mourner,

Old Satan never could prevail against the amen corner.

I tell you, Becky, I believe that's why we keep retreating,

The world and Satan have combined to give the church a beating,

They say they've got a better way, religion has no mourner,

And so they've smashed the mourner's bench and killed the amen corner.

But friends, there's one thing comforts me, the Church will be a standing

When Satan and his scoffing crew have made a final landing;

The Church's built on solid rock and proof against the scorners,

We'll find the New Jerusalem much like the amen corner.

The Civic Bulletin editor can remember something like the above in his childhood days many years ago in a country village at a class meeting where he went with his parents at 8 A. M., every Sunday morning. Some of the good people there walked two or three miles each way to attend those meetings. That small country village church of farmers sent four boys to the university and graduated, all of whom became ministers. Where parents take their religion seriously the children are likely to do the same.—The Civic Bulletin.

NOTICE TO CENTRAL AUXILIARY

It is almost time for the Central District Woman's Auxiliaries Convention to meet for its fall meeting. We will meet with Howell Swamp church, near Walstonburg, on Wednesday, September 26, 1951. We urge that each auxiliary member in this district attend and receive a blessing.

I have mailed the report blanks to the different secretaries. If I have missed your auxiliaries, please write me immediately, and I will send you one. I am asking that you return the reports to me by September 19, which will give me time to make out the reports and send them to the vice-presidents. Please cooperate with me in this.

Yours in His service,
Mrs. Marvin Moore, Secy.
R-1, Scotland Neck, N. C.

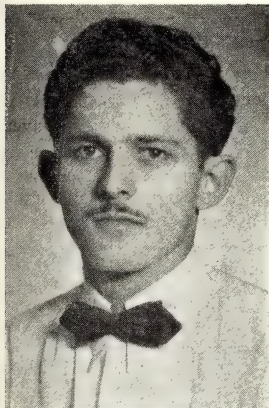
TESTIMONY

On the 15th of November, 1942, I heard the glorious gospel for the first time and also the first hymn for to praise the Lord (Rock of Ages). The words were in English and although the melody was beautiful I could not understand the meaning of it.

I continued to visit the gospel services and later I felt a great need of communicating with the Lord but found that something always interrupted. My sins! And then it was that I sought Christ as a personal Saviour, and found Him.

Later the missionary who was working among us, had to go back to the States and I was left alone, just a child in the Lord. But in spite of this I was made responsible for two weekly services.

After some months had passed I felt the desire to go to other fields to carry to others that which I had received. I started out



Santos Romeu

with some other brothers in the faith and we traveled for miles and miles on horseback, and then we found a precious group of souls that were seeking the spiritual manna. After two or three days I would go back to my home, where plenty of work awaited me, for my father and I were farmers.

I realized that my preparation both secular and theological were not sufficient for the task which was laid upon my heart, that of preaching the gospel. A door having opened for me in the Seminary "The Cedars of Lebanon", where I could acquire the training that I needed, I did not hesitate, but made use of the opportunity.

On April 30, 1944, I went to said seminary, where I was given work for the summer that I might be able to earn something for the expense of my studies, entering the school as a student in September of the same year. The work was very hard and

SANTOS ROMEU

Las Martinas,
Prov. Pinar del Rio, Cuba

on some occasions I almost fainted but almost always I had as companion in the work our director Thomas H. Willey, who before I went to the school was my companion many times journeying on horseback to carry the message of salvation to those of my field.

The faculty and the workers group gave me work from the first summer and there were arduous trials and testings but through them my vision grew as the Cedars in Lebanon. Thus five years passed by which was the length of my training and on the 16th of April, 1949, I graduated.

The fields of labor that were chosen for me were those in which I had worked before going to school. This is not the work of man but of God.

I have been working for two years in these precious and extensive fields. In them the Lord has been very real in my life and labor, for these two years have been a practical experience in my ministerial life. I am very content in my work here, but upon hearing the cry of other places and countries "Whom shall I send and who will go?" my very heart trembles and am awaiting that happy day when I can be able to say "Here am I, Send me."

TO THOSE WHO SAY "CAN'T"

"I can't!" exclaimed John. "I can't do right, even though I want to."

"Tut, tut," said his father. "Did you ever hear of a person with the aphasia?"

"The aphasia! What's that?"

"Aphasia," explained the father, "is a disease that makes it impossible for a person to use words he wants to use. He cannot make his tongue mind him. Have you ever seen a person with the rickets?"

"Rickets! What are they?" asked John.

"That," said his father, "is a disease in which the bones soften and the poor man cannot walk. His limbs won't mind him."

"My, that's awful!" exclaimed John.

"Did you ever see a drunken man?" asked the father.

"Sure, a few of them," answered John.

"Well, did you notice how they tumble around, and say all sorts of things? They cannot make their tongues obey them. And now you, John, say 'I can't.' Have you the aphasia or the rickets, that you can't? There is one Doctor for you who can cure you. Have you gone to Him? He is Jesus. He will make you able to say 'I can, I will do what is right.'—Young People's Service.



Leton Alligood

NEWS FROM DAVIS CHURCH

The above is a picture of Leton Alligood, a member of the Davis Free Will Baptist Church and Sunday School. He is the 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Alligood. For the past four years he has missed only one Sunday school service, which was in May of this year, when he took a trip with the Senior Class of Smyrna High School to Washington, D. C., and other northern cities.

He is also a member of the Free Will Baptist League, and an active member of our Church.

Davis church has a fine group of young boys and girls who are very active in Sunday School and League work.

We ask the prayers of all, that we may continue to grow and glow and go forward in the blessed Lord's service.

Submitted by,
Mrs. Maggie Willis
Junior S. S. Teacher

SUPPORT OF NATIVE WORKERS NEEDED

We have on hand the names, pictures and testimony of three full time native workers in Cuba. Church, Auxiliary, League, Classes or Associations that would like to personalize their gifts and adopt one of the workers for support please write the Foreign Mission Office, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park, Mich.

The minimum amount for the support of a native worker is \$30.00 per month. The following are waiting your adoption.

Maximina Sanchez
Moises Toirac
Santos Romeu

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things. Philippians 4:8.

The Best Companion . . .

Life requires us to make many combinations. There is the combination of work-recreation-rest, of marriage, of church relations, of friendship. There are the more simple combinations of food, furnishings, colors, clothing and the like. Every day we must make decisions about combinations. Some combinations are good, some are better, and some are excellent.

There is but one BEST combination. That combination is Christ Jesus and You.

When one is sure of this BEST combination, all others will be more easily worked. With the help of the Lord Jesus, the Source of all inspiration and wisdom and knowledge, one is able to make the right decisions.

When one is saved, one has the Lord Jesus as a Counsellor and elder Brother, One who understands our every thought, word, and deed much better than we do ourselves.

Through this BEST combination of the Lord Jesus and You, if you seek His guidance and trust Him fully, He will teach you how to make the right friendships, He will help you to find His choice for your life's companion, He will guide you to your work, be with you in your recreation, and give you rest.

Young people of to-day face a future which challenges every bit of faith and courage and strength they possess. The entire problem of peace and life and civilization depends upon our youth. Many faced death on battlefields all over the world. They were brave and courageous, often victorious. But it is easier to face a violent death than it is to face a long life of usefulness which must be lived with opposition, conflict and temptation on every hand.

How can to-day's youth bring peace and happiness and calmness from the unrest, sorrow and chaos in which we are now living? There is but one way. That is through the Best Combination of Christ Jesus and Youth. There is no way of making a mass combination of ten, or a hundred, or a thousand young people and Christ.

This must eternally be an individual combination, Christ Jesus and the individual. But what a combination!

Christ in you the hope of glory.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

For me to live is Christ.

How wonderful tomorrow's world would be if to-day's youth were pressing forward hand in hand with the Lord Jesus! If He were planning with them concerning their lives' occupations, companions, religion, the bringing up of their children, and their relations with their neighbors all over the world—what a different world it would be!

In Christ Jesus there is no selfishness, no greed, no tolerance, no cruelty, no immorality, no murder, no crime. But in Him is life, liberty, peace, tolerance, kindness, mercy, goodness, and love.

For God IS love. And Christ is God. And with Christ in your heart and life, you, too, will have a life of love, love to Him, love to truth, love to your fellow man.

Would you have a happy, victorious, constructive life? Make this Best Combination. Would you have a happy home where love is supreme and there is no jealousy, no selfishness, no littleness? Combine with the Lord Jesus in making such a home. Would you have your nation a Christian nation in deed instead of in name only? Do your part in making this true: For to me to live is Christ.

Form the BEST combination, the Lord Jesus Christ and you!

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to state that I shall be available for pastoral work on fourth Sunday for another year. Any church desiring my service may communicate with me at the address given below. Also I shall be available for revival meetings this fall.

Rev. W. Russell Millard
Mount Olive, North Carolina

What we want in this day more than anything else is a church re-formed to the pattern of Christ.—Rev. G. Campbell Morgan.

NEWS FROM ST. MARY'S, NEW BERN, N. C.

One among the most successful revivals in the history of the church has just closed. Rev. Damon Dodd, Promotional Secretary of the National Association, whose home is in Nashville, Tenn., did the preaching. The Pastor, Rev. J. R. Davidson, was the musical director, with Mrs. W. J. Gaskins at the organ and Miss Beth Davidson at the piano. The gospel messages which rang out in music and song each evening were inspirational, preparing the way for the soul-searching sermons delivered by Rev. Dodd. The church was stirred, a goodly number giving themselves more fully to the cause of the Master by rededicating their lives anew, and by accepting their responsibilities as Christians, who feel the need for "more approved workmen" in the vineyard of the Lord.

There were more than a dozen confessions, thirteen for baptism. There were many who claimed conversion for the first time, after years of church membership. Altogether, the entire meeting was one of victory in the Lord, and we praise Him for sending Brother Dodd to us for this campaign for Christ, and pray that God will bless him and other churches through his efforts and service.

The church is looking forward to a greater building program than we have ever undertaken. The Educational building, costing around \$52,000 is inadequate for our Sunday School needs, while the Church auditorium is usually seated to capacity at the morning service, with the annex full also. Each second Sunday has been dedicated to the building program of the Church. At the close of the morning service, the ushers removed the flowers from the table and placed on open Bible thereon, when all who will, come to the altar and leave their gifts. We are hoping to be able to begin a new church edifice in the near future. Prospects are encouraging in all phases of the work, and we are rejoicing in the Lord for all of His blessings and benefits to us.

Pray for us,
Alice E. Lupton

MEN GOD USES

Nothing in God's Word impresses me more than the fact that God seeks men and women to whom He can say, "I am going to do certain things in you. I am going to prepare you for it, and I'm going to send you forth, and I'm going to expect you to work My works." God sends men out to do His work for Him, and He expects them to do it.

It is God's work, and it must be done by God's power—but it is man who must do it. Early in my Christian experience God showed me that, and the Holy Spirit laid it on my heart to try to find out how a poor sinner saved by grace was to work the works of God. The Lord is looking for men and women who will learn the secret of getting and using the equipment He has given—who know how to bring the Holy Ghost on the scene so that they can go forth and work the works of God. The world can be evangelized when God finds men and women like that.

God is looking for workers who have cast their own burdens upon the Lord and have taken His burdens upon them. He is looking for those who can burn with the passions of God, and break with the breakings of God. The most wonderful verse in the whole Bible, I think, is that one in Isaiah where it says, concerning our Lord Jesus Christ, "It pleased the Lord to bruise Him." Not to bless Him, but to bruise Him. The delight of the Father's heart is to find someone who is willing to be one with his Lord and be bruised unto death, that the life of Christ might flow out through that one. It is still pleasing the Lord to find souls He can burise.

Paul said that not only was he himself saved by the grace of God, but he was willing to be made all things to all men in order that he might save souls. And that is why there is a difference between the way we become saved and the way we become disciples. We are saved by simple reception of Christ. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power (or right) to become the sons of God." But if we are to be His disci-

ples, Jesus tells us to sit down and count the cost; for in order to be His disciples we must undergo training which will fit us for soldiery. For example, He tells us, "He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me." Unless we hate our

NORMAN P. GRUBB

houses, lands, yea and our own life also, we cannot be His disciples. You see, a disciple is one who loves the ways of Jesus and follows in His steps. The ways of Jesus are saving ways—not just getting saved, but saving others also. God wants to fit us to live as Jesus lived on earth. Therefore He asks us to forego certain things which are not wrong themselves, but which hinder one from being occupied with the highest.

A soldier has to be trained. He is taken out of ordinary civilian life, given a special uniform, and put thru rugged training. He must learn how to live anywhere, eat anything, sleep anywhere. He expects the end of his soldiering to be a life laid down for his cause. It is a complete dedication. Therefore Paul said to Timothy, "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please Him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."

While still a young man I had to learn that if I was to be possessed of the Spirit I had to be disentangled from the affairs of this life. I felt I must deny myself of some things which other Christians were permitted to have. God must have first place in my affections. We who are naturally affectionate must bring our affections to the Cross. It is so easy to make more of a girl than God, or more of a boy than God. I don't believe anyone can be a fully released servant of Jesus Christ until nails have gone through his human affec-

tions, and he has been crucified, and then resurrected—so that the center of his affections is Christ Himself, and he is consumed with a passion to be poured out for Him. Christ is the center, and all else is one the circumference. Paul, that holy and mighty man of God, knew what this meant, for he wrote, "I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ." He looked on the things of time in the light of eternity.

The natural desire of all of us is to have better clothes, better food, more gadgets, more things; but when we become a new creature in Christ our desires are reversed. Our passion then is to serve Christ, and to use as little of the things of this world as we can in order that God may have the more. That is when God will be able to evangelize the world—when His people will say, "I don't want to have more furniture, more money, more of this and that; I just want what I need. I'll spend as little as I can even on food, so that I can give as much as I can to God. I have only one life to live—I must give all of it to God for His work."

—Christian Digest

NEWS OF MOUNT BETHEL CAMP

This session of camp began on July 30, 1951, and closed on August 3. A group of boys and girls from Ebenezer and Glennville churches, together with their pastor, Brother Louis H. Moulton, his wife and his son Buck, attended this camp.

Everyone enjoyed the camp very much. Besides the Christian fellowship with other boys and girls of our own age, we had a very nice recreational period each day. The food was excellent at camp, and above everything else the spiritual feast which we had throughout the day and each day of the camp.

Brother Moulton brought the evening messages at 8:00 o'clock P. M. During these services a good number of young people were led to accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

Miss Linda Harrell

The great heart of Jesus beats in pity for every sinner.—Rev. J. H. Flower

Editorial Comments

THE HONOR ROLL FOR THE NEW YEAR

The Baptist Honor Roll of the Baptist paper begins with the new fiscal year the first of September. The change of the old Honor Roll is made this month, and the new records of subscriptions will appear in the first issue of the Baptist paper for the month of October.

There were several persons who sent in this past year only four subscriptions, just one short of getting on the Honor Roll. Since it takes five yearly subscriptions, or the equivalent for one to get on the honor roll, we are urging for this new year that more people do their best to get five or more subscriptions so that they can be listed with others on this roll.

Those who solicit subscriptions should make an early start with the view of getting dozens of people to subscribe to our church paper during the year. They need the paper in their homes, and the Press needs their patronage for loyalty and support to the cause of spreading the work of the denomination everywhere among our church people. No Free Will Baptist family should be without the paper in the home, for it is the means of conveying to them the things that the different churches and church organizations are doing for the cause of Christ.

The Press gives a six months subscription free to each one who sends in five yearly subscriptions. For each ten subscriptions a person sends in, a yearly subscription will be given to these sending in ten, twenty, thirty or a hundred subscriptions. The extra free subscriptions for each ten can be given for one year to anyone in your church or community who is not able to pay

for the paper. Simply inform us how you want your free subscriptions to be used when you have sent in enough to qualify for free subscriptions.

SEPTEMBER IS CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION MONTH

September is Church Finance Association month for North Carolina Free Will Baptists. Special offerings are to be made for this cause among our churches over the state. Funds are needed now to enable the Association to make loans to churches and church organizations for the purpose of making improvements where churches are standing in need of financial help on a short term basis.

This Finance Association has been functioning for several years now, and a great many churches of the state have in the recent past secured loans from this organization to enable them to do the building which they badly needed for the expansion of their local church program in carry forward their church and Sunday School work. In this way these churches were blessed by the Finance Association being able to help them in time of need.

We feel that this Finance Corporation of our church people should become an even greater source of help to the churches and Sunday Schools as time goes on. In order for it to be able to do this, the different churches of the state and interested individuals will do well to take stock in this growing organization, and thereby be a blessing to others in this way. Let us hope that a great many of our churches and church members will make liberal donations to this work.

Have You Renewed Your Subscription?

THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S

E. G. CLARKE

Have you ever thought that all the lovely things we enjoy in the world, the fields, the trees, the birds, the flowers, all belong to God? They are God's good gift to man. "He giveth us richly all things to enjoy." Yes, the soft breeze, the dew drop, the warm sun, the moon and the twinkling stars, the sky and sea—all belong to God. The Bible tells us, "The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land."

How beautiful God must be to have made such lovely things! Everything that He has made is perfect. You look closely at a flower and see how wonderfully it is made. Look at a leaf or a butterfly's wing. Oh, the beauty of God, how many

things He hath given us to enjoy! Have you thanked Him for allowing you to live in His beautiful world? You know:

"The birds upon the tree-tops sing their song
The angels chant the chorus all day long;
The flowers in the garden blend their hue,
Then why shouldn't I, why shouldn't you,
Praise Him too?"

Perhaps you are asking how you can thank Him for all His good gifts to you. Long ago King David asked Himself that question: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits?" What do you think was King David's answer? It was: "I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord." He rendered to God the thing that pleased God most. You see King David remembered the best gift and took it joyfully and thankfully from God's hand.

Although the world is very beautiful, boys and girls, God has given us something far more beautiful, and that is His well-beloved Son. Why? Because sin had entered God's lovely earth, and the wages of sin is death, and there was only one way by which sin's penalty could be paid and that was by the life and death and resurrection of God's Son. This salvation has been purchased by the Son of God and is now offered to you. By accepting it you become a son or daughter of the Lord God Almighty.

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold,
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands,
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand,

Then to be the king of a vast domain
And be held in sin's dread sway;
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.

Cragmont

News and Views

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." There were approximately 100 women who felt as the psalmist, for they came to the hills seeking spiritual upliftings; and, as they lifted up their eyes unto the hills, truly God wonderfully blessed each one present. The walls of Cragmont were bulging and some burst through—to the small cabins. Every available space was used, but they had a joyous time in the Lord. Under the direction of Mrs. L. E. Ballard, they were instructed by Mrs. Paul Ketterman, Mrs. J. K. Rhodes, and Mrs. J. C. Griffin. After their morning classes, they took a sight-seeing trip, then returned for their devotional service each evening. These messages were brought by Rev. Wayne Smith and Rev. W. L. Moretz of Swannanoa. The closing service for the Women's Auxiliary Conference, Sunday night was a candle-light service on the lawn. Mrs. Ballard brought an impressive talk concerning carrying the Light to those in darkness, after which a "good-bye to you" was sung by the laides to all our visitors from surrounding churches. We feel sure that each lady who did not attend will determine now, not to miss next summer.

God has not only blessed during the Ladies conference; but has continued to bless Cragmont throughout the summer. Our final week at Cragmont was attended in large numbers, also. Ninety-five registered during the Family Spiritual Life Conference, under the direction of Mr. Fountain Taylor. They fellowshiped together and enjoyed all the wonderful things that God has given unto us. He certainly has blessed us in the choosing of our helpers. We have had complete co-operation from them and they have been faithful in their tasks. During our final week with ninety-five, the group was fed and out of the dining room within one hour, and this required the setting of tables twice since the dining room will seat only about fifty.

We have faced a few problems to be sure, but we know that if all things work too well, our faith might wane. Our space is limited and our crowds have been large recently, and we do thank the Lord for each one who has come; and now that our people have seen their need, we feel confident that in the future the Free Will Baptist will have a larger and better Cragmont. God has entrusted this property to you, to be used for His glory and our prayer is that as the years go by it will grow and grow.

Now, in our final message to you as manager and hostess of your Cragmont home, we wish to say "thank you" to all, for the

fine co-operation we have received during our time here. It has been a great privilege to serve the Lord in this way. We have received many blessings by fellowshiping with God's children, and we have learned to love those with whom we have been granted the pleasure of meeting. Our plea to you is to use what God has given you, while you have it and make this Home a great soul-saving station for Him. Make your plans now to support Cragmont in attendance, and any other way possible. May God richly bless each of you, and as we depart from here, pray for us that we'll always be humble, and true to Him.

In His service,
"Jimmy" and "Jerry" Hall

A NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to express my appreciation for the many beautiful birthday cards, and the gifts that I have received for my seventy-fifth birthday.

On every card there was a thought that tongue could not express. Some said they were late, but I want to say that none have come too late for me to appreciate, as it always brings a thought of happiness in my soul, and may God bless each Ladies Aid, and the individuals for their kindness and hospitality which were shown to me.

Rev. W. A. Dail,
Winterville, N. C.

REVIVAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WINTERGREENE CHURCH

A series of revival services will be conducted at the Wintergreene F. W. B. Church, Craven County, N. C., the 11th of September, and scheduled for two weeks' services.

Rev. T. P. Ellis will do the preaching, and Rev. Lawrence Tyson of Greenville, N. C., will conduct the song service. Services will be held each night at 7:30 o'clock.

Mildred Civils,
Secretary

Religion is not a doctrine, but a life.—
Rev. Geo. H. Trever, D. D.

CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Greetings:

This is to remind us that "September is Church Finance Association, Inc., Month," in the United Program of our State Convention. During this month we should pay special attention to the needs and opportunities of the Church Finance Association, Inc.

We give you, below, a copy of the Resolution passed at the last Annual Meeting of the Church Finance Association:

RESOLUTION NO. 3—

WHEREAS: the Church Finance Association, Inc., does not have every minister as a member in the Association, and Whereas we need more active members,

Be it resolved that we go on record as authorizing a special campaign to enlist at least 1000 new members during 1951 by the following means.

1—By enlisting every minister in the N. C. State Convention to an active membership.

2—By authorizing each of the present members of this Ass'n., to interest and enlist at least five (5) active members during 1951.

(The above Resolution submitted by the Resolution Committee and passed by the Church Finance Association, Inc.)

(Also the following: Motion, That a copy of Resolution 3 be published in the Free Will Baptist, and a copy be sent to each minister of the State Convention, and a copy to each member of this Association.)

We believe that there is no better time to put on the above mentioned "Special Campaign" than during "Church Finance Ass'n. Month." During this month our efforts in this Campaign will not interfere with any other, authorized, campaign of the state program.

The Church Finance Association, Inc., has already proven itself a very great blessing to our work. However the need for greater service to our Denomination is increasingly apparent, by the many applications which are being received. Many of these applications are being delayed, because we are unable to get the money with which to make the loans asked for.

Can we count on "YOU" to help make this campaign a success, and thereby enable us to serve those churches needing and wanting the service of this Association?

Mail all funds, and other correspondence, to the Church Finance Association, Inc., Sims, N. C.

This article was prepared in, and mailed from, the Promotional Department of the N. C. State Convention.

Very truly yours,
M. L. Johnson,
Secy.-Treas., C. F. A., Inc.

We want a religion that will live and shine in all business circles and in all social walks of life, as well as in church.—
Rev. Hooper Crews, D. D.

Department of Foreign Missions

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
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Taking the Gospel to New Places

The following article covers the second tour, taking in a week of house-to-house visitation and preaching each night, sometimes twice a day.

This trip required the jeep. While it still runs, it sounds like the echo of a hammer mill. The roads were so bad that our motor was completely wet time after time and we had to be towed by passing trucks. The field we went into covers an area of 30 miles of the worst roads in Cuba. One of the reasons it has been unevangelized is due to the difficulty of travel. We have a missionary here, Pepe Romero, and his wife. Also one of our girls.

Our first service was in a place called the Keys. Our group met in a rough temple that had been built during the past year. 150 people gathered in spite of threatening rain. Then we went on to La Grifa on the Carribean Sea with an immense crowd that night packed in a theater building. We have eight preaching points in this part, but one hour by horse there are people who have not been reached.

It was the "other sheep I have" that became the challenge, so again we took off over these horrible roads to a large tobacco farm that has over 1,000 people on it and no messenger of the Word. I met some of the most precious people who begged me to tell them the Gospel and pled with me to return.

Someone must go back. Who it will be we don't know yet. Pray the Lord of the harvest that we might find someone.

We are rejoicing that the central highway is being extended. Excellent roads are being built so that a trip that formerly took us from 4:30 A. M. until 11 A. M. (six and one half hours) now can be made in 2

hours with a good car. But I am sorry to say that our outstanding need is a good car. A bus company has offered to build us a body if we can secure a ton chassis. With such a bus we could take our students on Saturday afternoons and evangelize 50 miles along these new roads, dropping the students off and then getting them again on the return Sunday night. If we as a people are not alert, God will take our candlestick of testimony from us and we shall be swamped with the error of false doctrines and fanaticism.

There is one large town in this same district where, for eight years, I have tried to place missionaries. And while we have been trying, another group has been there which has the greatest conglomeration of doctrines possible. Their teachings are the baptism of the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues as the evidence; baptismal regeneration or salvation by water baptism; observing the seventh day; spiritualism. Sad to say they are making more sacrificial effort than we are and in this they are making us ashamed. So it is that not merely in competition but in shame we must face great odds in presenting the pure Gospel. We could use four cars but we are only pleading for one.

Our return trip was made in the midst of a tropical hurricane of beating rains and wind. We arrived home soaking wet but happy that we had again told the old, old story which to them was the new, new story of His love.

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Free Will Baptist Missionary Conference, to be held at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, on October 2-4, 1951.

TUESDAY NIGHT

- 7:30—Music by College Choral Groups
- Welcome Words, Rev. L. C. Johnson
- Missionary Message, Mrs. Mabel Willey

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 9:00—Devotional, Rev. Rashie Kennedy
- 9:20—Dr. Clyde Taylor
- 10:15—Mrs. Mabel Willey
- 11:10—Dr. Clyde Taylor
- 12:00—Dismissed for lunch

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00—State Directors Clinic, led by Rev. Raymond Riggs
- 3:10—Promoting Missions at Home, Dr. Clyde Taylor
- 4:00—Dismissed

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 7:30—Special Music by College Choral Groups
- Devotional—Rev. Carl Vallance
- 8:00—Showing of the Film of our Cuban Mission Work—"Letter to Melitino" also—"Heathen Rage"—Africa
- Missionary Offering

THURSDAY MORNING

- 9:00—Devotional, Rev. Mark Lewis
- 9:20—Mrs. Mabel Willey
- 10:15—Dr. Clyde Taylor
- 11:15—Mrs. Mabel Willey

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00—State Directors Clinic, led by Rev. Raymond Riggs

FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY ROSTER

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

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- Miss Bessie Yeley

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- Miss Laura Belle Barnard
- Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey
- Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Cronk
- Miss Volena Wilson

MISSIONARIES IN AFRICA

- Mrs. Josephine Stephens

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- Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvary
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- Miss Wanda Edwards

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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THE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE AT CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY

Too much praise and thanksgiving cannot be given to the Lord for the blessings He poured out upon us during the session of our recent Conference at Cragmont. There were 102 registered, while we had visitors coming from Ashville and the surrounding communities daily.

The courses of study, "Exalting Christ through Stewardship," "Child Evangelism," "In the Home," and the Bible filled the morning hours very profitably to each woman who attended these classes.

Mrs. J. R. Rhodes, of Jacksonville, brought messages on Stewardship each morning. Mrs. Paul Kettelman, of Pamplico, S. C., spoke on "Child Evangelism." Mrs. J. C. Griffin taught us how to "Exalt Christ thru the Manual of Methods in our home Churches," and Rev. Wayne Smith, of Swannanoa taught the Bible.

During the afternoons the two busses, the one chartered and the Cragmont Bus, took all who wanted to go, to some place of interest, then back for the evening service.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall, the Managers, were all that we could ask for, as host and hostess, they were really kept very busy preparing for the comfort as well as for the appetites of such a great number of women. They had faithful helpers, which meant much in every way. Our Director, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, really deserves special mention, for surely it takes a wide awake person to maneuver such an undertaking to the success which was ours during the week. We believe much good was accomplished, for the Spirit of the Lord was present in each service, re-dedications were manifest on every hand and many expressed themselves as being better prepared to carry on the work of the Lord, because of their experiences, association and fellowship with a-

nother. We lived, not only on the top of the mountain physically, but in the spirit we were able to discern a greater need for a more united effort on the part of our work as a whole, that we might undertake greater things for the Lord who said, "Greater work shall ye do because I go unto my Father."

On Sunday, August 19th, one bus took a load of us to Horny Heights Church, in Asheville, where we attended Sunday School and the worship service, the other bus took a load to the Swannanoa Free Will Baptist Church to Sunday School and worship. In the afternoon we held a memorial service for two dear ones of our Conference who had passed on during the year, Mrs. Cora Spencer and Miss Mollie Heath. Mrs. Ballard was in charge of the service.

In the evening we went to the Swannanoa Church to the League service, where a group of our young people put on a playlet that had been given at the Assembly earlier in the week. Rev. Wayne Smith, the pastor, was so much impressed with it, he invited them to give it at his church. Mrs. Ethel Whaley was the very effective leading character, while those assisting her showed rare talent in the presentation of their specific parts. After this service we returned to Cragmont, together with a goodly number from the church, where a candle-light service was held on the front lawn. Each person on leaving the bus, or busses, was given a candle. Mrs. Ballard, who was director of the service, had us to form a circle, each one holding the candle in the left hand and with the right hand holding the wrist of our neighbor. In this way a perfect unbroken circle was formed. When the candles were all lighted, the Director called Mrs. C. D. Pigott, of New Bern, to sing "Send the Light." Mrs. Ballard made some very timely remarks regarding the need of "Letting our Light Shine." After prayer by

Rev. Smith, lights went out, when we were in utter darkness, a symbol of the hopeless night that would settle down on the world, if there had been no Christ, who is the Light of the World, and who said to us, "Let your light so shine." Candles were then re-lighted and the service concluded very impressively.

Little Miss Phyllis Ann Denning, of Middlesex, was our Mascot during the week. She could be seen almost constantly, carrying her little Bible, as the older members did. Altogether, we have much for which to praise the Lord.

Alice E. Lupton

NOTICE TO THE AUXILIARIES OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention will hold its annual session with the White Oak Grove Church, near La Grange, Thursday, September 20, 1951. The theme for the day will be, "Exalting Christ by looking Heavenward through the Ministry of Missions."

Report blanks have been mailed to fifty-two auxiliaries in the district, with a request on each one that they be filled and returned to the District Secretary on, or before September 10th. She has to gather up all the activities, as reported, and tabulate the work done by each local Vice-President during the six months period, and sum it up in one report for the district Vice-Presidents. There are six Vice-Presidents in our State work, so one can readily see that the District Secretary has quite a task in the compilation of all local reports. For this reason, we urge all of our Auxiliaries to be as prompt as possible in mailing in their reports on, or before the date designated, September 10th.

If there has been new auxiliaries organized in the district since March, this year, please notify me. If an auxiliary fails to receive a report blank, please write me at once and I will be glad to reply by return mail.

May we pray earnestly that we shall be able to exalt our Lord more perfectly in our prayers, in our Christian activities, and in "Looking unto Him who is the author and finisher of our faith."

Pray for the officers of the Convention and for those who will have a part on the program.

Alice E. Lupton Secy.
E. Dis. Aux. Convention

It does not take great men to do great things; it only takes consecrated men.—Phillips Brooks.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

WITHOUT ANY STRINGS

Zella Lindsey

Becky and Luck were making the round of the dime stores, as they often did Saturday afternoons. New kerchiefs that had just come in were attracting them today. Lucy bought one. Turning away, Becky said, "No, I mustn't. I've got to save my dollar to buy same food for that offering for the poor."

Just then Becky felt for her purse and noticed that she did not have it. Back to the toy counter the girls raced. There it was—open—empty!

"Someone has taken the money," gasped Lucy.

"And I had saved it to give to the poor—no, I mean to Jesus. Miss Creasman said we ought to give what we give to Jesus, instead of to people."

"Maybe your mother will give you some more," suggested Lucy.

But Becky didn't like the idea of her mother giving her the money for her offering. "Perhaps you could find some work I could do that would be worth fifty cents," she suggested when she got home.

"I'm afraid not," her mother said. "However, there are a lot of tomatoes out in the garden. If you would gather and can them you would not only have an offering to make, but would be learning how to 'put up' tomatoes."

"Oh, let me help," begged Lucy. "Then I would be giving, too. Can't we do it together?"

"All right," said Becky, and the girls hurried out to gather tomatoes. When they finished they learned that Becky's father had phoned and her mother had to go to town. "I've written out here on this slip of paper just what to do," she said. "When you do all this, call Nora to fill the cans and seal them. You girls must not handle those boiling tomatoes."

"All right," they promised.

It was great fun dropping the tomatoes in the hot water, then thrusting them into cold water to loosen the skins. When they had quite a few, Becky began peeling and cutting them up. As she filled the kettles, she placed them on a near-by table, for her mother had said to wait until all were peeled before starting any to cook. They peeled and peeled. At last Lucy said, "I'm getting tired. Suppose I do something else."

"All right," said Becky. "Run and get some wood. I've just about let this fire go clear out."

"Becky, we'll never get through," said Lucy when she came back and saw how many were yet to be peeled. "I had no

idea it would take so many to make ten quarts. Do you think there's any use trying to can enough for fifty cents worth apiece?"

"It's a pretty big job," agreed Becky. "But we've picked the tomatoes. And we're doing it to make a gift to Jesus."

"I know," sighed Lucy. "But it takes so long."

After much coaxing the stove finally got hot. They had to go find fruit jars, wash them, and put them in hot water.

"Cheer up," said Becky. "We'll soon be half through. Read those directions again to see if we're doing everything we should."

"Did you get any rubbers and lids?" asked Lucy.

"No," groaned Becky. "I might get some tomatoes peeled if there weren't so many other things to see about."

Finally the last tomato had been peeled and quartered, the first was good and hot, and the tomatoes began to cook. When they had boiled long enough, Becky called Nora. The girls watched her fill the cans, then with a strong grip, screw the lids on tight.

"There," said Lucy, "as the last top went on. 'We're done. And this is the biggest offering I've ever made to anybody. Wouldn't it be fun to find out where it goes?'"

"We'll ask Miss Creasman if she knows," promised Becky.

They did. Miss Creasman checked her list. "I'm sending it to the Hicks family over on Front Street," she told them. The girls looked at each other, saying nothing.

"Hicks family," explored Lucy when they got to themselves. That Tom Hicks is the meanest boy in our room at school and his father drinks. To think we did all that work for them!"

"No, we didn't," said Becky. "We did it for Jesus. Didn't we give our offering to Jesus? I guess if He put it in Miss Creasman's heart to send it on to them, He wants it there. It ought to be all right with us."

"You're right," agreed Lucy. "I'm glad you reminded me. We gave it to Jesus—without any strings."

"Yes, that's it," said Becky. "Without any strings. And I'm glad we did."—O. P. Boys and Girls.

LITTLE WHITE CHIEF OF ANIWA

Cannibals! Cannibals! Cannibals! The whole place was alive with cannibals. For this was a cannibal island, where men killed and ate each other.

Just have a look in your atlas and find a group of islands in the South Pacific Seas, east of Australia and north of New Zealand, known as the New Hebrides. One of the islands is called Erromanga.

Now, on November 30th, 1839, Mr. Williams and Mr. Harris—missionaries of the London Missionary Society—landed on this island. They had given up all to go and preach the Gospel of Christ to these poor heathen people. But, alas! only a few minutes after landing they were both clubbed to death and cooked and eaten by the Savages. Messrs. Turner and Nisbet, followed these martyrs to that dark corner of the earth. They landed on the island nearest to Erromanga, named Tanna. But the savages persecuted them so terribly that they had to escape by night in a boat. They were rescued by a whaling vessel.

But still more missionaries went out to these islands and among them was Mr. John G. Paton from Scotland. He went to Tanna; and was several times almost murdered by the natives. Later he went to Aniwa, the nearest island to Tanna, and measuring only seven miles by two. The first thing to do was to build a house. The only piece of ground the natives would sell "Missi" Paton, however, was where they had buried the bones of the men they had eaten. But here the missionary built his house; and God took care of him, his wife and baby boy.

The first cannibal on Aniwa to come to a knowledge of the Lord Jesus was the old chief Namakei. He took great delight in "Missi" Paton's little boy and liked to call him the Little White Chief of Aniwa. As the child grew he would hold the hand of Chief Namakei and walk about amongst the people, who were greatly interested in the little white boy. In this way he learned to speak their language like a native.

But one day some of the savages decided to murder the white missionaries. With their faces and bodies painted white, red or blue, and armed with tomahawks, spears and muskets, the cannibals surrounded the Mission House. The missionaries could only pray. In the tense excitement of that perilous moment the little child managed in some unknown way to get outside the house. The parents searched everywhere for him. Suddenly they saw him. But not in the mission house. To their horror and astonishment they saw him dancing with glee amongst those bloodthirsty savages! He ran up to them, one after another, put his arms around their necks and kissed them!

The missionaries were terrified, and the warriors were taken by surprise. Then he ran to the leader of them all, climbed on his knee, and there he sat happily chattering away to them all in the most friendly manner.

Then a strange and wonderful thing happened. One by one those cruel savages began to smile. They lowered their weapons. Then they began to grin most broadly at the antics of the little white chief. And finally they all ran away from the Mission House, and forgot that they had resolved to kill the missionaries. In fact, in the years that followed, many of those cannibals became great Christians!

It was the appearance and the love of the little child that worked the miracle.

When the Lord Jesus Christ God's Son, came into this dark world, He came as a little child. And His appearance and love have worked the miracle of changing cruel men and women, and sinful boys and girls, into great Christians.—*Unknown.*

SECOND UNION DISTRICT REPORT

The 2nd Union of the Central Conference of North Carolina met with the Gum Swamp Church, Saturday before the fifth Sunday in July, 1951. Rev. D. W. Alexander, Moderator, opened the meeting. Mrs. D. W. Hansley led in devotions and Rev. David Bryan led in prayer.

Ministers present were: D. W. Alexander, C. L. Patrick, W. B. Nobles, R. H. Mason, Leroy Forlines, Roland Cherry, M. A. Woodard, L. E. Ballard, J. E. Wooten, D. A. Windham, and Rashie Kennedy. Visiting ministers were R. N. Hinnant and N. D. Beaman. Rev. D. W. Hansley and Rev. David Bryan are members of this union, subject to letters of dismission from their past unions. Both were present at the union.

After a short business session, Rev. Ballard spoke on the subject, "Christian Education." Rev. Hinnant spoke on the subject, "The Six Cities of Refuge and Their Antitypes."

An offering was taken for the Middlesex Orphanage amounting to \$42.80. Rev. Kennedy offered a prayer of thanks.

Rev. N. D. Beaman preached the union sermon, using a text taken from Jude.

Rev. R. H. Mason dismissed us for lunch. At 1:00 we reassembled. Roland Cherry led in devotions and prayer.

The treasurer's report is as follows:

Brought forward	3.34
RECEIVED:	
Piney Grove for Needy Ministers	4.40
Collection for Orphanage	42.80
For Union	88.50
For Needy Ministers	68.50
Total Received	207.54
PAID OUT AS FOLLOWS:	
Clerk	10.00
Needy Ministers	72.90
Orphanage (collection)	42.80
Orphanage (appropriation)	31.40
Christian Education	7.85
Missions	7.85
Superannuation	7.85
Church Finance Assn.	7.85
Cragmont Assembly	7.85
State Promotional Work	7.85
Total	204.20
Balance	3.34

The union extended to Gum Swamp Church a rising vote of thanks for their kind hospitality. Rev. Patrick dismissed the Union until it meets again in September with Ayden church.

Rev. D. W. Alexander, Mod.
Mrs. Guy Corbett, Clerk

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Convention of Free Will Baptists for August, 1951.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand August 1, 1951	\$ 593.40
Regular receipts for August	327.88
Interest income from "George P. Best Memorial Fund"	194.09
Int. income from "Reserve Fund"	31.27

Total to account for -----\$1,146.64

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Superannuated ministers	\$225.00
Operating expense	28.50
Paid to National Board	29.95
Transferred to "Reserve Fund"	225.36

Total disbursements -----\$508.81

Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1951 \$637.43

RECEIPTS ITEMIZED

2nd Central Union Meeting	\$ 8.51
2nd Central League Union	1.91
Pine Level	7.00
5th Eastern Union Meeting	15.00
Cartaret County Union	5.00
Piedmont Aux. Conv.	17.34
Wilson S. S.	1.90
5th Eastern S. S. Conv.	5.00
Albemarle Union Meeting	13.25
2nd Central S. S. Conv.	7.50
Marlboro Leagues	3.00
Friendship (Johnston Co.)	1.00
Davis	5.00
Goshen Aux.	16.25
Winterville Sr. League	1.39
Free Union Leagues	3.00
St. Delight S. S.	2.00
LaGrange S. S.	10.08
Cramerton Aux.	5.00
French Broad Association	82.75
Core Creek S. S.	8.00
Fairmount Park	100.00
2nd Western Union Meeting	8.00

Total regular receipts -----\$327.88

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer

DIRECTIONS TO EASTERN AUXILIARY CONVENTION

PLACE: White Oak Grove Church, Lenoir County

DATE: September 20, 1951.

For those expecting to attend the Eastern Auxiliary Convention which convenes Sept. 20, 1951:

Those coming via Kinston would follow highway No. 70 to La Grange, turn left at the stop light and follow this straight highway 4 miles to Jenny Lind store, turn left, keep straight highway for one half mile to the church. Those coming from other directions would come to La Grange, and turn south at the stop light and follow the same route to the church.

Mrs. Ben Herring

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the district Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the South Carolina Conference, convening with Salem Free Will Baptist Church, Coward, South Carolina, on Thursday, September 27, 1951.

THEME: "Now Is the Time to Go Forward"

- 10:00—Registration
—Devotion and Welcome, Salem Aux.
—Response, Bethany Auxiliary
—President's Challenge, Mrs. Miller Melette
—Recognition of Auxiliaries, Ministers, visitors
—Special Music, Lebanon Auxiliary
—Reading of Minutes
10:55—Report of 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Isaac Hardy, Pamplico
11:00—Report of First Vice-President, Mrs. M. L. Hicks, Manning
11:10—Report of Second Vice-President, Mrs. E. D. Coker, Turbeville
11:20—Appointment of Committees
11:30—Convention Message, Mrs. Luther Sanders
LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP
1:15—Devotions, St. John Auxiliary
1:25—Report of Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Paul Kettman, Pamplico
1:35—Our Orphanage Work, Mrs. Julius Vause
1:50—Fifth Vice-President Reports, Mrs. Linwood Matthews, Coward
2:00—Report of Field Worker, Mrs. Mint Hyman
2:10—Business, Report of Committees and Treasurer's Report
3:00—Adjourn

Each local officer (or vice-president) should send in her report to the District Vice-President of her department at least 10 days before this Convention, using the form in the "Manual of Methods." The Convention's statistical report (not a department report) is the responsibility of the president of the local auxiliary, and for this report the recording-secretary uses the form found in the "Year Book of Programs."

Mrs. Paul Kettman,
Pamplico, South Carolina

THE SONGS OF REVELATION

1. The Living Creatures: 4:8
2. The Twenty-four Elders: 4:11
3. The Living Creatures and the Twenty-four Elders: 5:9, 10
4. The Angels, the Living Creatures, and the Elders: 5:12
5. Every Created Thing: 5:13
6. The Victor's Song: 15:3, 4
7. The Voice of the Multitude: 19:1, 2; 19:5; 19:6-8

God washes the eyes by tears until they can behold the invisible land where tears shall come no more.—Rev. H. W. Beecher.



LIVING TOGETHER IN THE WORLD

(Lesson for September 23)

LESSON: Isaiah 65:17-25; Acts 17:24-28.

GOLDEN TEXT: Malachi 2:10.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

I. I create new heavens . . . new earth (Is. 65:17). Our present atmospheric heavens is occupied by Satan and his hosts. He is "the prince of the power of the air" (Eph. 2:2). There are at times great startling thunders and menacing lightnings. The weather is largely uncertain and often contrary to the best interests of mankind; too cold or too hot; too wet or too dry. Then too, infested by insects positively annoying in the lower atmosphere, not to mention the billions of disease germs. And then our earth is reeking with sin, disease and the curse is in evidence almost everywhere. The interior of the earth seems to be a seething mass, and fire belches forth in volcanoes and is probably the cause of the ever more recurring earthquakes. Floods are not the least of our worries and unseasonable weather is becoming more common. Weeds and briars are a source of much extra labor and annoyance, and then there is the ferocity of animals. Things are not as God originally created them, else God could not have said, "It (is) good. . . It (is) very good" (Gen. 1:25, 31). The fingerprints of Satan are in evidence as the "god of this world." This creating of new heavens and a new earth does not mean annihilation of the old, but it does mean destroying in the sense that the earth was destroyed or perished by the flood (II Peter 3:6). This time it will not be by water but by fire (vss. 7, 10, 12). To be free from all these things will be a glorious relief. Former griefs will be things of the past, never even to be brought to mind.—Selected.

2. However much war is to be con-

demned, the idea of one world apart from Christ is an irrational conception from the Christian point of view. Jesus said he came not to bring peace into the world but a sword. "One world" as conceived by unchristian thinkers is a cozy getting together of free-thinkers. For this there is an answer in the form of a question. "What fellowship hath Christ with darkness, what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" "One world" would mean the surrender of Christian ideals and principles to the anti-Christ. To further such an epoch is not the business of a Christian.—Arnold's Commentary

3. This prophecy is presented in poetic form, following the Hebrew style, and is highly figurative. Yet it is filled with illuminating thought and suggestions. God knows the desires of His people, and when they fully trust Him He answers their prayers with such promptness that they seem to realize their wishes before they make the personal request. The language used appears to point to a time and condition in Jerusalem, God's holy mountain, and the emphasis is placed on the fact that there will be nothing to hurt or destroy God's people in that city. Such a condition can prevail only when the rulers submit to God's holy will and when the people with one accord obey His Word. The Edenic, or condition of the ideal Paradise, has not yet returned to the earth. It is pictured here only as a possibility, in the range and scope of man's imagination, but which, in reality, cannot happen until God takes a hand in putting down sin and establishing His rule of righteousness through Christ Jesus the Saviour. (Vss. 24, 25)—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

4. Paul declares that God made, in the beginning, one man and one woman, and from this union sprang all men from one origin. Hence, all races sprang from this origin, according to God's plan and purpose. None other than the supreme God could have originated man, with all his endowments and capabilities, to utilize for his own good the things the heavenly Father prepared in the earth for him. All men are from one common stock, and are dependent upon God for life, breath, and the necessities of human comforts. Imaginary gods were never able to bring man into existence, nor to provide for his happiness. God means for man to live everywhere on the face of the earth; no land or country is debarred from his entrance, dwelling place, or home-building. Man is free to choose his habitation, and to work for his own livelihood, but God is the owner of all things. Paul said that man is free to seek God, and to follow after him in the things which they need for comfort and happiness, from both a temporal and a spiritual point of view. (vss. 26-28, Acts 17).—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

The present-day popular teaching of the universal Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man is without Scriptural foundation. What is more, it is a grave and fatal error. It is unwise and unscriptural to tell unconverted people that God is their Father. Creationhood and Fatherhood are separate and distinct truths; God is the Creator of all in Adam, but the Father only of those who believe on Christ and are born again.

But does not Acts 17:28 and 29 teach the universal Fatherhood of God? By no means. This refers to the original creation of man in Adam, the race of mankind in the federal head of the human race; teaching that man, in common with other creatures, is the offspring of God. There is no reference here to faith in Christ, nor to any spiritual relationship. Fatherhood in Scripture is vastly more than creation.

Israel of old conceived of God as Father in a national and poetical sense, but not in an individual and spiritual sense. Their poetical con-

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Leagues in Action!

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE CONFERENCE PICK-UPS

By L. BEVERLY BALLARD

Part One



ERE you there?

I certainly hope you were. Of course I'm speaking about the Fourth Nationwide Free Will Baptist League Conference, held July 3-5 in Nashville, Tennessee, the beautiful Athens of the South. What else would a leaguer who was there talk about?

We who attended this great conference are now certain that "The Hour Is Come." Evangelism? Sure, and I know that those leaguers who attended will be busy for weeks and months attempting to bring about youth revivals throughout the United States, wherever there are Free Will Baptist Leagues.

I didn't start out to preach a sermon or witness about the eventful days and nights at Nashville. What I want to do is give you some facts about what leagues are doing here and there and everywhere—perhaps your own league. I gathered a few items of information and statistics from leaguers about the campus of the F. W. B. Bible College, during recesses between sessions of the conference, which I want to pass on. I tried to contact at least one or more leaguers from each of the states represented, but I missed some, for time moved fast during these great days. If I do not mention your league, or at least your state, in this and the two articles to follow, please drop me a line for I'm going to continue to "pick up" all the information I can about the greatest organization within our church (apologies if and to whom due!) If you write, please give the following facts: (1) Name of your league, name and location of church. (2) Name of the general director of the league and pastor of the church. (3) Number enrolled and average attendance. (4) The news—plenty of it—about what you are doing, especially in evangelistic effort.

Now, on with the "info" I gathered. I talked with leaguers from Texas, Tennessee, Illinois, Alabama, South Carolina, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Georgia, Mississippi, and of course, my own state, North Carolina. I know that several other states were represented. California was there, and her brilliant young "sword-driller," Coy Priest, carried away second honors Michigan—in which I once worked with "Youth for Christ"—was there, and Virginia leaguers were shining brightly; but I just missed contact. I did learn a lot from the contacts made, though.

Patsy Miller told us about eight leaguers, meeting regularly, in Des Plaines, Ill., in a place where the F. W. B. L. is in its infancy. Rev. Charles Osburn, the pastor, also directs the league. Patsy was most enthusiastic about her league, and we know that even eight leaguers, working earnestly, praying, doing personal work and sacrificing as these do, the league will grow to fifty or more by next conference.

Take the Winfield, Alabama league—No, don't you take it because it belongs to God—but there's a league with an average attendance of fifty, in two departments. Director L. O. Weeks is doing a grand job with the hearty co-operation of the leaguers and the pastor, Rev. H. A. Pitts. Annie Lou Shelnutt was happy to give us this information. She was happy anyway, because she represented this fine league at Nashville.

Leafing through my rather—Uh! Uh!—messy notes (you try taking down mile-a-minute dictation without any knowledge of shorthand!) I find a note about the "baby" in our F. W. B. L. family. It is the Florence, South Carolina, league. In this city of a brand new church seventy young people met on the Sunday before the conference in their third league meeting. My, what a big three weeks old baby! Nellie Turnage, who was gladly "baby-sitting" for the young league at Nashville, told us that Rev. Sanders (didn't get the first name) was doing a splendid job as pastor of the new church and director of the league.

Next we interviewed Mrs. V. R. Vandivort about a much older league at Mountain Grove, Missouri. She told us that this league had been constantly working for twenty-two years. Their average attendance runs around fifty, and each quarter a goodly number of them get on the "Honor Roll" in the league quarterlies as 100% Daily Bible Readers. Ray Hutsell is doing a fine job as general director. Rev. George Scott has been pastor for several years, but I understand they are losing him to a church in Oklahoma, much to their regret. It was a real pleasure to meet Mrs. Vandivort (who wrote some fine programs for the leagues recently), and talk with her about her fine league.

(Continued Next Week)

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS . . .

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ception of God as Father is illustrated in passages as Psalms 68:5, 6; 103:13; Isaiah 1:2. Israel's conception of God as Father in a national sense is revealed in numerous passages as for instance, Exodus 4:22; Deuteronomy 32:6; Isaiah 63:16; 64:8; Jeremiah 31:9. With Israel there was no personal and spiritual consciousness of sonship. The teaching of the individual and spiritual Fatherhood of God is distinctly a New Testament revelation.—Selected.

God is the Father of all men in a physical sense, but in a spiritual sense He is the Father of those who have been born again, and this new birth is a result of saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

WHAT JACK HORNER SENT BACK

Little Jack Horner
Sat in a corner

Eating a Christmas pie;
He saw in a trice
It held everything nice

From the lands where the mission fields
lie.

From Ceylon came the spice,
And from China came the rice,
And bananas from African highlands;
There were nutmegs and cloves,
Sent from Borneo's groves,
And yams from the South Sea Islands.

There were nuts from Brazil
All the corners to fill,
And sugar and sago from Siam;
And from Turkey a fig
That was really as big,
Jack's mouth thought, "It's larger than
I am."

There were pomegranates fair,
Grown in Persia's soft air,
And tortillas from Mexico found there;
And there did appear
Grapes and grains from Korea,
And all the fine things that abound there.

"Now," thought little Jack,
"What shall I send back
To these lands for their presents to me?
The Bible, indeed,
Is what they all need,
So that shall go over the sea."

—Over Sea and Land

The Christian church is God's great agency for saving a lost world.—C. H. Wilcox, Ph. D.

What we do not consecrate to God we must part with, or lose our souls.—Sel.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

PROGRAM

Following is the program for the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists, to convene with Mt. Zion Church, Old Mt. Zion Association, near Springdale, on Wednesday before the first Sunday in October at 8:00 P. M. The introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. Ray Watkins, with Rev. Gilbert Pixley serving as alternate.

THURSDAY MORNING

- 8:30—Devotional
- 9:00—Report of Credentials Committee and reading of letters
—Fellowship period
- 9:30—Welcome Address
- 9:40—Response (Speakers to be appointed)
- 9:50—Election of Officers
- 10:10—Installation of Officers
- 10:30—Appointment of Committees
- 10:50—Recess Period
- 11:00—Devotional
- 11:15—Sermon: Subject, "Why Be a Free Will Baptist?" (Speakers selected by Pulpit Committee)
- 12:00—Noon hour

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotional
- 1:45—Business
- 2:00—Reports of all standing boards and committees from last Association
- 3:00—Talks by young ministers
- 4:00—Adjourned

EVENING SERVICE

- 6:30—Devotional
- 7:45—Sermon: Damon C. Dodd, or his alternate from National Association

FRIDAY MORNING

- 8:30—Devotional
- 9:00—Reports of new committees
- 10:00—Open forum by lay members: Subject, "What Is the Greatest Need of the Free Will Baptists of Arkansas?"
- 10:50—Recess
- 11:00—Devotional
- 11:15—Sermon (Memorial)
Rev. R. E. Pixley; Alternate, Rev. Huey Gowers
- 11:00—Noon hour

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotional
- 1:50—Selection of place for next meeting
- 2:00—Talks by retired ministers
- 2:30—Completing all business
- 4:00—Recess

EVENING SERVICE

- 6:30—Devotional
- 7:45—Evangelistic Sermon, Rev. Othel Dixon
—Benediction

Program approved by State Executive Board.

Joseph D. Coffman, State Mod.
Russellville, Arkansas

THE DAY OF SATISFACTION

When I shall wake on that fair morn
of morns,
After whose dawning never night
returns,
And with whose glory day eternal
burns,
I shall be satisfied!

When I shall see Thy glory face to
face,
When in Thine arms Thou wilt Thy
child embrace,
When Thou shalt open all Thy stores
of grace,
I shall be satisfied!

When I shall meet with those whom
I have loved,
Clasp in my eager arms the long re-
moved,
When I shall find how faithful Thou
hast proved,
I shall be satisfied!

When this vile body shall arise again,
Purged by Thy power from every
taint and stain,
Delivered from all weakness and all
pain
I shall be satisfied!

When I shall gaze upon the face of
Him
Who for me died, with eye no longer
dim,
And praise Him in the everlasting
hymn,
I shall be satisfied!

—Horatius Bonar

DIRECTIONS TO ARKANSAS STATE ASS'N.

The 1951 Session of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists will be at Mt. Zion Church in Old Mt. Zion Association, Washington County, near Springdale.

Go 14 miles East of Springdale and 15 miles West of Huntsville on highway 68 to Max Puryear Store. Take W. P. A. road, go 3 miles north to church.

Meals will be served at church Wednesday evening.

J. D. Coffman, State Mod.
Russellville, Arkansas

I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth. Psalm 34:1.

I am the Bread of Life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst. John 6:35.

DARK LAW ENFORCEMENT PICTURE

The Pentacostal Herald in discussing the present bad conditions in law enforcement in many cities and towns of our Country, says:

"All of this dark picture could be changed. The clouds could be dissipated. The rising tides of crime, unchastity and immorality could be made to recede. J. Edgar Hoover, head of the F. B. I., says that the appalling crime situation in America could be stopped within forty-eight hours by strict law enforcement on the part of federal, state and municipal officials.—Selected.

The Leader

A missionary from Alaska was showing a picture of his dog team to some children. He pointed to one dog and said, "This dog always led, but one day I decided it would be wise to train another dog to lead. Then if anything happened to this one I would not be without a leader. So I put the second best dog ahead of the first.

"Can you imagine what happened? The first one dropped to the ground and would not move. I lifted him to his feet and forced him to go on. He gnawed the harness of the new leader until the dog was freed, and he was again the leader.

"He did this several times, so I had to take him out of the pack until the other dog was trained. The first leader sulked and grieved until he died of a broken heart. He wanted first place or none."

Some boys and girls are like that. They want to be first—or nothing. But they are not following our great Leader, Jesus. He never fought for the first place. Instead, He said, "I am among you as he that serveth."—O. P. Boys and Girls.

Signs of the Times

We are all familiar with the sign: "Drive Slowly, Men Working."

The other day, we called on a young man who has the college hobby of collecting signs. One of them bears the facetious advice: "Men Drinking, Proceed at Your Own Risk."

Men are drinking everywhere, and the world is proceeding at its own risk.

Highly unstable atom bombs litter the highways of diplomacy but the Department of State asks one million dollars of the taxpayers' money to buy "representation" liquor. This will be consumed by our diplomats and those with whom they discuss whether or not you and I are to live or die in a globe-devastating war.

Alcohol is a brain-confusing drug. It is not for diplomats to drink wine or for statesmen to mingle strong drink.

Because thou has kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation. Revelation 3:10.

"LEAVE THE MIRACLE TO HIM"

By Thomas H. Allen

"Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."
 "Whatsoever He bids you—do it!"
 Though you may not understand;
 Yield to Him complete obedience;
 Then you'll see His mighty hand,
 "Fill the water pots with water."
 Fill them to the very brim;
 He will honor all your trusting,—
Leave the Miracle to Him!

Bind you Isaac to the altar,
 Bind him there with many a cord;
 Oh, my brother, do not falter,
 Can't you fully trust your Lord?
 He it is who watches o'er you,
 Though your faith may oft be dim;
 He will give new life to Isaac—
Leave the Miracle to Him!

See them march around the city,
 Scarce a sound from day to day;
 Scoffers from the walls deride them:
 "Jericho can stand such play!"
 But the Lord's time cometh swiftly,
 Then they shout out with a vim;
 Look! the walls are tottering, falling,—
Leave the Miracle to Him!

Face to face with hosts of Midian,
 Gideon's men are sifted out;
 Forth they go, these chosen heroes,
 With no sword, the foe to rout.
 Do you wonder if the vict'ry
 Can be gained by hand so slim?
 See! Jehovah's sword is gleaming—
Leave the Miracle to Him!

Watch that scene on plains of Dura;
 See that Hebrew martyr band
 Firmly standing for Jehovah,
 Trusting in His hidden hand.
 "He is mighty to deliver"
 From the power of death so grim;
 Fiery furnace cannot harm them,—
Leave the Miracle to Him!

Bring to Christ your loaves and fishes,
 Though they be both few and small;
 He will use the weakest vessels—
 Give to Him your little all.
 Do you ask how many thousands
 Can be fed with food so slim?
 Listen to the Master's blessing,—
Leave the Miracle to Him!

O ye Christians, learn the lesson!
 Are you struggling, all the way?
 Cease your trying, change to trusting,
 Then you'll triumph every day!
 "Whatsoever He bids you—do it!"
 Fill the water pots to brim;
 But remember! tis His battle;
Leave the Miracle to Him!

Christian worker, looking forward
 To the ripened harvest field,
 Does the task seem hard before you?
 Think how rich will be the yield.
 Bravely enter with your Master,
 Though the prospect may seem dim,
 Preach the Word with holy fervor—
Leave the Miracle to Him!

HOBO'S DIRTY COAT

A neighbor boy whose name is Jasper has a very smart dog, and the dog's name is Hobo. Where he came from no one knows. He came one day to our neighbor's house and has been there every since. He is a pretty dog, if he was once a tramp. He has a thick coat of brown and white, and a short tail. He and Jasper are devoted pals. They have great times together.

Jasper and his older brother have an old striped Ford car, and Hobo delights to go riding in that car. He runs and jumps upon the running board when the engine starts, and barks and barks. Sometimes, when the car turns a sharp corner, it looks as if he is going to fall off, but he has learned to lean against the side of the car and doesn't fall.

But there is one thing Hobo doesn't like, and that is to be bathed. When his pretty woolly coat gets black and dirty, as it often does, and Jasper starts to give him a bath, he runs and hides under the house. He stays there until he thinks his master has forgotten about bathing him and then he comes out.

One day, when Hobo had run under the house and would not come out to be bathed, the boys cranked up the old Ford. When the engine started, Hobo ran out from under the house and jumped upon the running board, barking loudly to show how happy he was to get a ride.

But a dog that wouldn't take his bath couldn't ride. So Jasper stopped the car, caught Hobo by the collar and gave him such a bath that his woolly coat was clean and shiny. Then he took him to the car and gave him a ride. Now when Hobo hears the engine of the Ford car start, he runs and jumps into his tub to take his bath, for he has learned that he can't go away from home when his woolly coat is black and grimy.

If a dumb animal can learn that he must have a clean coat if he would win the approval and favor and companionship of his earthly master, should not boys and girls be just as wise? Boys and girls are made in God's image, and they must learn that in order to have His favor they must have clean hearts.—Sel.

ROBERT'S GROVE G. T. A. MEETS

Robert's Grove G. T. A. met Thursday night, August 30th, with Miss Martha Sue Tew, with fifteen members present.

The meeting was called to order by the Sponsor, Mrs. Eunice Honeycutt. The purpose of the program: To help the girls to have a better understanding of India, as one of our mission fields, and to impress upon them the needs of the field and of our faithfulness in helping supply these needs.

Those that took part on Programs were as follows:

Introduction Mary Sue Peters
 Topic I Betty West
 Topic II Maire Starling
 Topic III Sylvia West

Some helpful information was given by Mary Ann Tew. The lesson was thoroughly discussed and enjoyed by every one. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Oscar Tew.

Mrs. Eunice Honeycutt, Sponsor
 Miss Martha Lou West, President

WADE CALVERT TO HOLD REVIVAL AT LONG RIDGE

A Revival Meeting will begin at Long Ridge F. W. B. Church, Sept. 16 at 7:30 P. M. Evangelist Wade Calvert of North Belmont will be guest speaker. Rev. Wesley Price is pastor of the church.

The church is in Duplin County 10 miles East of Mt. Olive, right beside the hard surface road. It is a large church and will accommodate between 3 and 4 hundred people. We hope to have a full house each night.

All neighboring churches are invited, also the entire community.

We ask that all Christians breath a prayer that the church may have the best revival ever.

Yours in happy service,
 Mrs. Ben Sutton

For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. Psalm 91:11.

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REPORT OF SECOND UNION MEETING OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE

The Second Union of the Western Conference of N. C. convened July 28th at Friendship church in Johnston County. The union opened at 10:00 o'clock with singing by the congregation. Devotions were conducted by Rev. T. Renfrow. Committees were appointed excepting those standing. Welcome address given by Mrs. D. O. Wilder, and response by Mr. W. P. Bunn.

Rev. R. E. Clegg was recognized as a visiting minister and was given a seat in the union.

List of ministers called with five present. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Motion carried that Rev. R. E. Clegg deliver the union message at the 11:00 o'clock hour.

An offering of \$19.16 was taken for the orphanage.

Lunch was spread on the church grounds and enjoyed by all.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song by congregation, devotions by Rev. J. B. Ferrell. List of churches

called with twelve representing.

All committees made their reports and were accepted.

Finance committees made their report as follows: :

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Mr. J. F. Parish	3.00
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Orphanage	8.00

Motion carried that the union will meet at Rose Bud church, Wilson Co. in September.

A rising vote of thanks was extended Friendship church for the kind hospitality shown this union.

Closed with praise and prayer.

Z. C. Bissette, Mod.

L. Bissette, Secy.-Treas.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to state that I will be available for pastoral or evangelistic services, any church or churches that are interested in securing me as pastor for evangelistic work may write me at the following address.

Rev. Ernest Strickland,
East Rockingham, N. C.

DR. A. T. PIERSON'S RULES FOR READING

1. Never lose a valuable fact or a good thought. Make a note of it, preserve it, and put it into shape for future use.

2. Never read a vile, coarse, worthless book. Time is too short; character too priceless.

3. Never pass by a word, a reference to historical or scientific fact, or anything else worth knowing, until it is understood.

4. Mark your books. In margins by single, double, or triple lines according to importance. Underline phrases or sentences. On fly leaves, make a brief index of valuable parts.

5. Read some books that tax all your powers; and some unattractive ones to call forth concentration of mental powers.

6. Let reading be varied. Turn from philosophy to romance or biography. This gives rest to the mental powers.

7. Buy only those books which you wish to keep as a permanent possession.—The Church Herald

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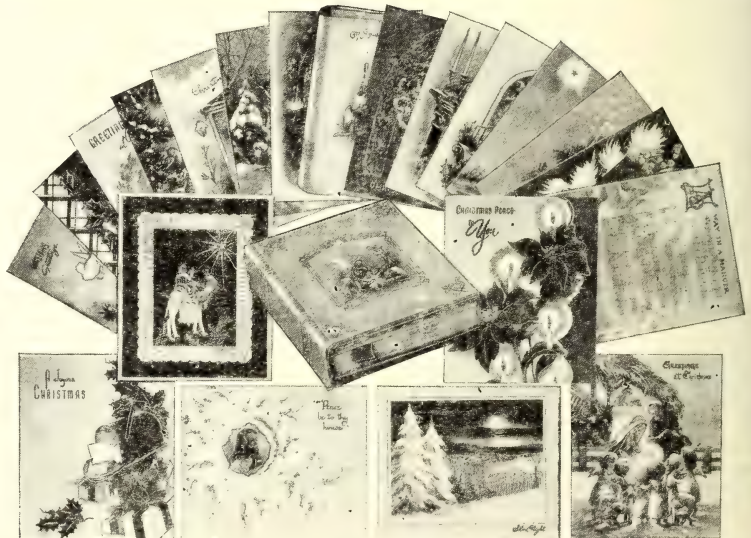
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Cast Thy Burden on the LORD

Thou who art touched with feeling of our woes,
Let me on thee my heavy burden cast!
My aching, anguished heart on thee repose.
Leaving with thee the sad mysterious past;
Let me submissive bow and kiss the rod;
Let me "be still and know that thou art God."

Why should my harrassed agitated mind
Go round and round this terrible event?
Striving in vain some brighter side to find.
Some cause why all this anguish has been sent?
Do I indeed that sacred truth believe—
Thou dost not willingly afflict and grieve?

My lovely gourd is withered in an hour!
I droop, I faint beneath the scorching sun;
My Shepherd, lead me to some sheltering bower;
There where thy little flock "lie down at noon";
Though of my dearest earthly joy bereft
Thou art my portion still; thou, thou, my God, art
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—Charlotte Elliott

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Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

We paid \$15,000,000,000 last year for crime. This equals \$120 for every man, woman and child in the United States. There are listed now in Washington 3,500,000 criminals. And Mr. Edgar Hoover, of the Department of Justice, says that we have 5,000,000 criminals in the making. Our young criminals committed 1,500,000 major crimes last year. Better start a few more Sunday schools!

Would'st thou be wretched?

'Tis an easy way;

Think of thyself

—Thyself alone all day.

Think of thy pain

Thy grief, thy loss, thy care,

All that thou hast to feel or bear.

Think of thyself, thy pleasure and thy pain,

Think only of self—'twill not be in vain.

Love puts us in fellowship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.—*Rev. R. T. Cooney.*

However weary you may be, the promises of God will, like the stars of night, never cease to shine, to cheer and to strengthen.—*Christian Witness.*

God will never leave us so long as we follow Him.—*Rev. J. F. Lockwood.*

THE STEWARDSHIP OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

While the nation was at war we heard a great deal about the matter of the four freedoms, with special emphasis on religious freedom, and in that fact all godly men rejoiced. But there was one aspect of the question which received comparatively little attention. Only rarely did anyone point out the fact that there is a very great deal of difference between freedom of worship and freedom from worship.

It has been wisely said that "the most expensive thing about any church is an empty pew."

The truth is that an empty pew in the house of God on the Sabbath day is a breach in the walls.

The terrible struggles through which our fathers went in their efforts to win the right to worship God according to the dictates of one's own conscience, were not waged for the purpose of freeing man from the convictions and the disciples that are a part of worship. They were, rather, an effort to open up for the individual the right to seek God in his own way.

Only on very rare occasions can it be said that the stay-away church member is absent from his pew because of any fixed conviction. Instead, the absentee is actually absent because of the lack of any fixed conviction.

The world can never be redeemed on the basis of spiritual laziness or indifference. Its hope lies with men who believe something so profoundly that they are willing

to sacrifice a leisurely Sunday morning in dishabille in order to take their place in the sanctuary.

The fractional attendance of the membership of Protestant churches to their worship services is the modern scandal of Christianity. Every absentee is one who votes against the church and in favor of a permanent closing.

Upon every man there rests a certain sober responsibility for keeping the doors of our sanctuary open. This cannot be accomplished by money, but by personal interest and attendance. There is a vast insistence all over the nation that there must be a revival of religion, but there can be nothing of that sort which does not include attendance upon the services of worship.

Of course it takes money to operate the institutions which are a part of the kingdom of God, and every person whose name is on a church roll is under a sacred obligation to furnish his share of the necessary expense. But the stewardship of money which produces the church's income is only a fraction of the Christian's obligation. To be present in one's pew and furnish the audience for the message is as important as to support the preacher.

No nation in all history of mankind has ever been able to endure the loss of its religious faith. When a people desert their altars, they have written "Finis" on the last page of their history books.

—United Evangelical Action

TOO SMALL TO DIVIDE

The bright-faced little lad who had applied for the position of office boy stood anxiously waiting while the proprietor pondered. The latter surveyed the young applicant with a gaze half humorous, half doubtful; he had had much experience, and was not very hopeful of really valuable service.

"I wonder whether you expect to engage as a whole boy or half a boy—half a boy, 'most likely," he said, musingly. The gray eyes in the freckled face flashed inquiringly wide, and he explained: "Oh, I don't mean to question your having the requisite number of arms and legs; your body is all right; it is your mind I am talking about—your thoughts, wit, memory. I suppose you have a host of schemes and employments of your own that will be a great deal more important than anything here. You are interested in ball games and—"

"Oh!" the boy suddenly comprehended, and drew himself like one on duty. "Yes, I like ball first-rate; but when I'm here I'll be all here, and when I'm through here I'll be all there. I'll play for all I'm worth both places, but I ain't big enough to divide."

He gained his place, and he is true to

his word, but his opinion of himself is one that other boys should adopt for themselves. Few of us are big enough to divide in the sense of giving only half our mind to the duty on hand. It takes a whole boy to do the work God wants him to do. And what applies to boys applies equally well to girls. If this story is not quite easy enough for our youngsters, the editor feels sure that either Papa or Mamma will make it very plain to you.—Unknown.

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» SHIPS TO TARSHISH «

Probably the most exciting moment in Jonah's life was when the whale swallowed him. But perhaps the most significant moment in his experience was when he crossed the gangplank at Joppa and boarded the ship headed for Tarshish. But let's begin at the beginning.

Jonah is running away. He is trying to escape God and duty and Nineveh.

"If I can only get to Joppa," he says to himself as he scurries thru the enveloping night. "Perhaps I'll find a ship that will carry me far away from this unwelcome assignment."

He arrives at Joppa just at dawn. Through the empty streets he hastens toward the wharves. And sure enough, there is a boat casting her moorings, ready to put to sea.

"Where are you going?" Jonah calls to the men on deck.

"Tarshish," comes the blunt reply. Tarshish, two thousand miles away. How perfect a refuge for this fugitive from God.

"Have you room for a passenger?" cries Jonah. "I'll pay well."

There is a hurried conference of the men on deck. A man, probably the captain, approaches the rail.

"Twenty pieces of silver," he demands in a tone which puts bargaining out of the question.

"Done," exclaims Jonah; "I'm coming aboard." And he hurries across the gangplank.

Deep in the hold, resting on a bag of straw, Jonah shakes hands with himself as the gentle swaying of the ship soothes his weary body. What a perfect dovetailing of circumstances! What good timing—Joppa and the wharf and the boat, all ready and waiting for him to step aboard. Ah, how wonderfully things have worked out this night for Jonah!

Things always seem to work out perfectly for the person seeking to escape duty. There at the wharf, ready to loose moorings and sail away, is a ship to Tarshish. One never has to wait for the boat. It waits

for you. At a moment's notice it is ready to sail, leaving unpleasant tasks behind.

Even in Jesus' day, men were quick to scuttle up the gangplank and take a ship to Tarshish.

"Follow me and help with the work," said Jesus to one.

"I've bought a piece of ground and must see to it," said the man. And he waved good-bye to Jesus and duty from the deck of a ship bound for Tarshish.

The man who had married a wife and the one who needed to bury his father quickly stepped aboard ships for Tarshish.

Amazing, isn't it? The ship is always there, ready to sail.

GEORGE L. KRESS

Ask a man or a woman to do something in the church. With incredible swiftness excuses come tumbling from their lips.

Ships have names. These ships of ours, Tarshish bound, are no exception.

The name of one is Aonther Time. Oh, yes, I'll do the thing, whatever it may be; but not just now. Another time.

The book the minister was reading that cold, dismal day in his study was most engrossing—rich, satisfying food for the mind. So he rather resented the knock that came from a caller.

At the door he discovered one of the villagers, anxious and eager.

"Oh, pastor—I think now is the time to speak to Sheldon. I was talking with him last night and for the first time I heard him mention God. Something seems at work within him. If you could see him now, when the sparks are ready to catch . . ."

Sheldon was the village problem. He was a cold, hard man, stubbornly rebuffing every effort the minister

had made to set alight a spiritual fire.

"Yes, yes, I'll go," said the pastor. And he shut the door against the cold as the glad messenger hurried away.

Within, the warm fire burned cheerily. The book lay open at a provocative chapter. The rain had turned to sleet and tapped at the panes with ghostly fingers.

The ship to Tarshish was casting off, heading out to sea. Painted on its bow was the name Another Time. "Tomorrow," said the pastor. "It will do as well." So he hastened up the gangplank of his ship to Tarshish, the book tucked comfortably under his arm.

That night in the storm, Sheldon's little fishing launch capsized. It was almost a week before Sheldon's body was found, his clothing entangled in one of the oyster bed markers. Here was tragedy—the bitter-bitter tragedy of a soul lost forever because the ship to Tarshish was ready and waiting.

A second ship is named Another Person.

It was a familiar sight. The Sunday-school superintendent was going from class to class hunting a substitute teacher.

"It's Charlie's class of boys," he whispered in the ear of the man with iron gray hair and eye-glasses. "Charlie's sick and can't be here. Will you take them?"

The iron-gray man squirmed in his seat. "Oh, not today, Sam. I'm not as well prepared as I might be. See if you can't get somebody else."

That seemed to be more or less the story all over the Sunday school that morning. Doggedly, the superintendent kept trying. But ships were weighing anchor for Tarshish—ships with the name Another Person on the bows.

After while the boys in Charlie's class became restless. Finally their heads went down in a huddle and then, as a group, they eased out of the door.

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LIVING IN THE LIVING WORD

There is nothing more remarkable in the life of Christ than the respect and emphasis He always gave to the Word of God. It might have been expected that the One who was Himself the original Word, and who had authority to reveal the Father's will anew, would have ignored the older messages from heaven contained in the Scriptures of the Old Testament. On the contrary, Christ based everything upon the Holy Scriptures. In His early boyhood we find Him studying the sacred writings with the doctors of the law in the Temple, busy about His Father's business. His very first sermon at Nazareth was founded upon a text from the book of Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me"; and as He finished the verse, He added, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." When He healed the people, it was because it was written by the Prophet Isaiah, "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." He was simply conforming to something He found in the Word of God.

His answers to the assaults and criticisms of the scribes and Pharisees were a constant appeal to their own Scriptures. "Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." On the Cross we find Him constantly appealing to Scripture, the evangelist calling attention from hour to hour to the literal fulfillment of some word that had been written before concerning these very things, that tragedy which was simply filling in the program that the Holy Ghost had published centuries before. Christ could not die until He had accomplished everything that was written concerning Him in the Scriptures. He died according to the Scriptures; He arose again according to the Scriptures. When He was giving His last messages to the disciples before His ascension, He opened their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures, and "beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in

all the scriptures the things concerning himself."

In Matthew 4 we find Him in conflict with Satan in His first great temptation. He might have directly assaulted and defeated the prince of hell by His own superior deity. He did nothing of the kind. He came down to the plane of an ordinary soldier and fought the battle on the same field and with the same weapons that you and I must use. And His instrument of attack was "It is written." When the devil tried to make His stoop to earthly and forbidden means to obtain bread, He said, "It is written." When he tried to seduce Him by a vision of the world and all its glory, again He an-

A. B. SIMPSON

swered, "It is written." And when the devil, attracted by this wonderful power, tried to use it himself by saying, "It is written," Christ made a sword thrust with another scripture, and He said, "It is written again." "Yes, it is written as you say, but there is another scripture that answers even that scripture, 'It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.'"

It is very remarkable that Jesus takes common cause with every one of us in the words "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." He does not say, "Christ must not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," but "man, humanity, redeemed humanity, My disciples as well as I, must find the sources of their life in the Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." And so, like Christ, we must be Bible Christians. No matter what our deepest spiritual consciousness may teach us, no matter how our personal experience may stir us and comfort us, the final appeal is to God's Word. It must be the "man of our counsel,"

the guide of our life, the lamp of our feet, and the light of our path.

I get my life from the Word of God. It is the seed by which I am "born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." Just as the flower and the fruit burst from a living germ, so your faith, your joy, your love and your holiness all began in some little dry seed of Scripture that had lain in the shell of the Bible and in the shell of your brain unquicken, perhaps half a lifetime. One day the Holy Ghost quickened it, and you were born again. It burst from its shell, and a beautiful plant of joy, faith, hope and heaven burst into blossom and fruit. "Born again . . . by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

If your salvation has not come through the Holy Scriptures, it is very flimsy. If you got it merely at an altar, or from a dream or a feeling, it may be just as evanescent as a dream; but if it rests upon some writing that came from the finger of God, it will be as eternal as God Himself. "This is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life." "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life." It is because of the things that are written that ye know it, because it rests upon God's covenant which cannot change.

A scotch lad came home with his mother from one of Major Whittle's revival meetings radiantly happy because they had been saved. According to his custom, the Major had given them a verse written on a card: "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." In the morning, however, it was apparent the devil had been putting in some of his work. The mother's face was worn and her joy had vanished. She sat down to breakfast deeply disappointed and despairing.

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THE CROSS OF CHRIST

"If any man will come after me," said the Lord Jesus, "let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." This is the demand of Christ, applicable to all who purport to be followers of him. It is explicit in its demand and provides no loophole of exception. To the unregenerated mind it seems to embrace a great deal of difficulty, probably due to the fact that they fail to understand the true nature of what is implied by the symbol of the Cross.

The Cross within itself is nothing save two sticks joined together; yet as a symbol of the vicarious death of the only begotten Son of God, its significance is immeasurable; for to the Christian it then becomes his all in all.

We think of the Cross as a symbol of the death of Christ, and in this we are not mistaken; but it is far more than a symbol of death. In a larger sense it is the symbol of the victory of life over death. Even the shape of the Cross is not without significance. It stretches in its width from the past to the future, offering to all men of all ages a common plan of redemption. In its height it reaches from the earth below toward the throne of God above, uniting the mortality of this earth to the immortality of the eternal heavens.

Some people regard the Cross as a burden and shrink from placing such a great obligation upon their

stitute a burden when not applied to the purpose for which they were designed. The Cross of the Lord Jesus is the sweetest burden ever borne by man; and, like the wings of a bird or the sails of a ship when mingled with faith to utilize its possibilities, it will carry us through the trials and shoulders; but even the wings of a bird or the sails of a ship may con-

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anxieties of this life and deposit us safely and securely in the mansions of eternity.

The Cross of the Lord Jesus is the only ladder reaching from the earth to heaven, the only pathway across the Valley of Shadows, the only bridge spanning the dark and turbid stream of death itself. The Cross of Christ is the only means of re-weaving the tattered shreds of youth's young dream, the only means of bringing solace to a broken and be-reaved heart, the only means of bringing fellowship to a lonely soul, the only means of re-uniting our souls with God, the only means of ridding our carnal bodies of the Adamic Curse, and the only means of ob-

taining eternal life—the Lord Jesus, suspended from the Cross of Calvary, is the Author and Finisher of our Faith and our only hope of Salvation.

A walk with Christ by the way of the Cross is more beautiful than the flowers which grow by the wayside, fairer than the lilies of the field or the roses of Sharron which shed their fragrance upon the morning air. A life with Christ is more pure than the dew of Hermon or that which hangs like diamond crystals from the foliage of the mountains of Zion. A life with Christ is more self-sacrificing, more concerned over the welfare of others, and has sounded deeper depths in the channels of love than those experienced by a mother for her only begotten child. A life with Christ is more stately than the Cedars of Lebanon, more serene than Alpine peaks crowned with a perpetual diadem of snow. Yes, a life with Christ, though the world may laugh and sneer and continue to live in doubt, will yet manifest itself to be more powerful in its influence upon humanity than atomic energy or the cosmic ray. All power in heaven and earth has been delivered into his hands, and we, through that mystic union accomplished by the regenerating power of the Spirit of God, become recipients of that power and co-heirs with him to the manifold promises of God.

N. C. STATE CONVENTION MEETS AT BLADENBORO

(L. E. BALLARD)

Bladenboro, N. C., September 13—The annual meeting of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists, meeting with White Oak Church here, have been well attended. Representatives have been present from all but one of the conferences and associations of the state, including the lone Indian Association in the state.

Reports from the various agencies of the denomination in the state were gratifying, showing in most cases growth in financial resources over the past year, and progress in activities.

The convention sessions were enlivened by sermons and addresses on subjects rela-

tive to the advancement of the cause of Christ, and by special musical features, under the direction of Rev. R. P. Harris.

The matter of extending the work of the promotional secretary came up for considerable discussion during the convention. A special committee considered plans submitted by the promotional secretary, Rev. M. L. Johnson, for the incoming year and made recommendations to the convention. The report of Rev. Mr. Johnson showed considerable progress made in the setting up of

the office during the past months. The boards of the convention in general have cooperated with the field work in a fine way, according to Mr. Johnson.

Rev. L. B. Manning presided over the meetings as president, assisted by Rev. Stephen Smith, vice-president. Rev. R. N. Hinnant is secretary of the convention. The executive officers were not up for election this year, but a number of changes were made in the membership of the various boards of the convention.

By a hearty vote on the floor the convention decided to hold the 1952 session with the church at Belmont in the Piedmont Association.

Editorial Comments . . .

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE BAPTIST AND THE BANNER

In this editorial note, we are stressing the fact that the subscriptions to the Baptist paper and to the Youth's Banner are by far to few in number. This means that only a small percentage of the Free Will Baptist homes in the United States is taking these church papers. As a result, the large majority of our church people never see or read the messages they contain week after week. Too many churches and League groups, as a whole, rarely ever see copies of these religious papers which are published each week for the good of all the church people wherever Free Will Baptists live.

This condition should not be as it is today, because every church family should seek to keep up with the work of the denomination, and study the news as published in these church papers from time to time. This is an age of reading and intelligence, and church people must keep themselves well informed as to what is being done in their churches over the country. The best way for them to do this is to subscribe year after year to these papers. Greater interests will develop among the people whenever more of them will take the Baptist paper and the Youth's Banner than are taking them now. They are well worth the price paid for them, because the editors seek to furnish good messages each week for the people to read and profit therefrom.

We are making this appeal to our pastors, our League directors, Sunday School leaders, and also to our Woman's Auxiliary workers to start campaigns for subscriptions among the people in their churches and surrounding communities. Will you put on drives for subscriptions? Tell the people that they should have these papers going into their homes every week in the year. Let them know what they are missing by not having these papers to read in their homes. Insist upon them to form the habit of reading each week these papers, and learn what our church people are doing throughout the denomination for missions, education, orphanage work in the different states, for superannuation, benevolences and the like. Let them know that the leaders of the denomination are expecting them to be loyal to the cause of Christ.

If pastors and church leaders will do this in their churches and local communities this fall, we do believe quite a large number of church people will subscribe to our papers. We believe they will be glad that they did subscribe when they once become readers of the Baptist paper and the Youth's Banner. Moreover, if these pastors and church workers will put forth efforts this fall

toward this worthy project, we feel certain that they will be successful, and in addition thereto will receive great joy for having put on campaigns in their churches for this worthy cause. We thank each one who will seek to help us to raise our subscription lists far beyond what they are at the present time. Will you work hard, and thereby help us to place more copies in Free Will Baptist homes than we have ever done before?

CONSECRATED MINISTRY

It has been said by a noted churchman that the greatest need of the church today is a consecrated ministry. This writer and spokesman went on to state that the ministry, as a whole, is showing too much concern about material things and social affairs of the church. He thinks that too many pastors are failing to manifest a deep spiritual and consecrated attitude in their work, and relationships among their church people.

Moreover, he feels that the congregations, as a whole, would become more deeply spiritual, and would manifest a greater concern for the salvation of the lost in their communities of their pastors would be more consecrated, and show a greater concern for the salvation of the lost round about them. He stated that he feels that too many ministers are taking up too much time with the shows, the bathing beaches, carnivals, ball games, and the like. Things of the world, this man things, should be secondary with the ministry, and that the spiritual life of the church and the community should be the first thought of every pastor. It is his opinion that preachers should hold themselves above mingling with the crowd at such worldly places as mentioned above for sport, recreation and pastime. His social relations, and fellowshiping with people in general, this churchman feels, should be at occasions of social-civic, educational, and religious gatherings where helpful relations and friendship build for greater interests in the well-being of community life.

It is true, or it should be, that the preacher of the community is the example of the individual of piety, purity, noble character, and deep religious convictions. He is to be a man of humility, sympathy, possessing great reverence for spiritual truth, and a direct concern for the religious standing of his church and community. The manner of his walk among the people is proof of his concern about the business of the Kingdom of God in his church. If we had more deeply consecrated ministers in this country, we would have, it is believed, more people to follow Christ and His teachings of the gospel.

Now Is a Splendid Time to Renew Your Subscription

SHIPS TO TARSHISH

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Folk say there was another group of boys standing in front of the drug store on the corner. They say Charlie's boys stopped for a word or two. They say there was a bottle. We know there was a car and a wreck. And we know, more poignantly than we've ever known anything, that in the wreck one of Charlie's boys died.

Yes, because, being conveniently untied that day at the wharf, was the ship to Tarshish named Another Person.

At least one more ship plies the Joppa-Tarshish route, its name, Another Thing.

Above all other men in the community, the minister desired to win Russell. Russell was one of the community's outstanding men; successful in business, active in all the worthwhile enterprises of the town. But each time the minister talked to Russell about church, Russell got on his ship to Tarshish and sailed away. His ship was Another Thing.

"Sunday mornings it's golf for me, preacher," he said. "Shut up in an office all week, you know how it is. Sunday's my only day to be out. As a matter of fact—"

Then Russell launched into the story heard so often, about a man being able to worship God in the outdoors, under the blue sky, walking on green grass, hitting a little white ball. Each time the minister tried to talk with him about his soul, it was the same, Russell would board the Joppa-Tarshish liner Another Thing, and leave for distant shores.

The minister was greeting people at the door after the morning service, one fine June day, when the word was brought to him: Russell had teed off for the country club's fourth hole. There had been a sudden seizure, heart, probably, and he was gone before they could get a doctor.

There would be one less name on the passenger list of the ship Another Thing. But not for long. That particular boat does a brisk business.

Ships for Tarshish: Another Time, Another Person, Another Thing, always at the wharf, always just ready

to sail, always with room for another passenger.

A thrilling company marches thru Hebrews 11: Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah—the heroes and heroines of faith. Near the end of the chapter is a phrase we sometimes overlook. The narrative states that all these faithful men and women did what they did, faced dangers, endured persecution, withstood even torture, "not accepting deliverance."

To me those three words suggest that waiting patiently for each one of these people was a ship for Tarshish, ready to cast off and sail out of difficulty and out of danger. But, in the courage of faith, each of them spurned the waiting ship and faced God's call to heroic conquest.

Nineveh waits. It is your call to duty, and mine. It is perhaps an unpleasant duty, or possibly, dangerous.

The ship to Tarshish waits. It represents escape from duty.

Which way will you go?—Moody Monthly

CAPE FEAR UNION MEETING TO CONVENE WITH RALEIGH CHURCH

The Cape Fear Union, of the Cape Fear Conference of North Carolina, will convene on September 29, 1951, with the First Free Will Baptist church of Raleigh, North Carolina. The church delegates, ministers, and visiting friends are expected to attend this union meeting in large numbers.

The members of the Raleigh church, and friends in the city, extend a hearty welcome to visitors, delegates, pastors, and others to attend this session of the union. Every courtesy possible will be extended to everyone who comes to our church for the sitting of this union meeting. Come and enjoy the day with us in our capital city.

Rev. Herman Wooten, Pastor

Seven Hints

Live as in the sight of God. This is what Abraham did: he walked before Him (Gen. 24:40). This is what Enoch did: he walked with Him (Gen. 5:24).

Do nothing you would not like God to see (I Cor. 10:31).

Say nothing you would not like God to hear (Psalm 141:3).

Sing nothing you would not like to be melodious in God's ear (Eph. 5:19).

Write nothing you would not like God to read (Ps. 139:2).

Read no book of which you would not like God to say, "Show it to Me" (Ps. 119:37).

—A. T. Pierson

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CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Sunday, September 16, 1951—2:00 p. m.—Prospect Church (Rept. and Class)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, September 23, 11:00 a. m.—Reunion Chapel, Craven Co.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 7, 11:00 a. m.—Spring Branch (Rept. and Class)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 14, 11:00 a. m.—Oak Grove (near Elm City)

ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 27, 8:00 p. m.—Mt. Taber (Creswell, N. C.)

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 28, 11:00 a. m.—St. Paul (Elizabeth City, N. C.)

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CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, September 23, 11:00 a. m.—Piney Grove (Pitt County)

Sunday, October 7, 11:00 a. m.—Little Creek

Sunday, October 14, 11:00 a. m.—Raleigh City Church

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 14, 2:00 p. m.—Pleasant Plain, Johnson Co.

Sunday, October 21, 11:00 a. m.—Union Chapel

Sunday, November 4, 8:00 p. m.—White Oak Hill (Bailey, N. C.)

PROGRAM

Following is the program for the League Union, Third District, Eastern Conference, North Carolina, to convene with **Whaley's Chapel** on September 29, 1951.

EVENING SESSION

7:30—Devotional, led by George Branning

—Welcome, Adelle Taylor

—Response, Anna Bryan

—President's Message

—Appointment of Committees

—Call list of Leagues

—Sword Drill

—Business

—Treasurer's Report

—Program, Whaley's Chapel Leagues

—Benediction

Lemmie Taylor, Pres.

Mrs. J. K. Bryan, Sr., Secy.

Of all the precious truths of Christianity, this is most rich: that God craves and has ever been craving, the recovery of His creature, man, to loving confidence and fellowship with Him.—*John Lindsey Withrow.*

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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PROGRAM

EASTERN AUXILIARY CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 20, 1951

White Oak Church—Near La Grange

THEME: *Exalting Christ, by Looking Heavenward through the Ministry of Missions*

TEXT FOR THE DAY: . . . "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00 A. M.—Devotional Service Mrs. W. F. Thigpen
10:15—Reading of Minutes of Executive session
—Reading Minutes of last Convention, for information
—Roll call of Officers
10:30—Greetings from the local Church Mrs. Ben D. Herring
—Response Mrs. Johnny Jones, of Chinquapin
—Recognition of ministers, delegates and visitors President
—Appointment of Committees: Nominating, Finance, Resolution, Petition
10:50—Musical selection Mrs. Walter Rhodes, Music Director
—Prayer for our missionaries, and that there may be a spiritual growth among our auxiliary women everywhere
11:00—Reports of Second and Fourth Vice-Presidents
—News from the Orphanage
—Report of Fifth Vice-President
—Offering for Orphanage
11:20—A Missionary Playlet By a group from the Jacksonville Church
—Report of Third Vice-President
—Noon—Recess

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:15—Devotions Mrs. J. K. Bryan, Jr.
—Minutes of the A. M. session read and approved
—Reports of First and Sixth Vice-Presidents
—Report of Secretary (annual)
—Echoes from the Woman's Conference at Cragmont Mrs. L. E. Ballard
—News from the field Mrs. J. C. Griffin, State Worker
2:15—Special musical selection Mrs. Walter Rhodes, Director of Music
—Reports of Committees
—Report of Finance Committee
—Report of Treasurer
—Miscellaneous business
3:30—Benediction

PROGRAM

Following is the Program of the Fourth Union District Auxiliary of the Central N. C. Conference, convening with Daniel's Chapel, September 30, 1951.

- 10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Devotions, Mrs. Paul Thigpen
11:15—Welcome address, Mrs. Cornell Lucas

—Response, Mrs. Johnnie Wooten

- 11:25—Special music, Free Union
11:30—Recognition of ministers and delegates
11:35—Sermon, Rev. R. W. Allman
12:10—Announcements
12:15—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:15—Devotional, Mrs. Albert Summerel
1:30—Special music, Otter's Creek
1:45—Business

- 2:30—Program by local church
—Benediction

Program Committee:

- Mrs. E. E. Howell,
Mrs. J. C. Cobb,
Mrs. Jack Griffin

PROGRAM

of the
CENTRAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

to convene with

Howell Swamp Church

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26, 1951

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THEME: "Watch ye and pray; lest ye enter into temptation." Mark 14:38.

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- 10:00—Registration
—Devotions, Mrs. Ida L. Drake
—Greetings, Mrs. Richard Holloman
—Response, Mrs. Bertha Harris
—President's Message
10:30—Watch and Pray through Enlistment, Mrs. C. L. Patrick
—Duet, Mrs. Levi Worthington and Mrs. J. L. Beddard, Jr.
—Visiting ministers and delegates recognized
11:00—Orphanage News, W. A. Hansley
—Watch and Pray through Orphanage Work, Mrs. J. C. Moye
—Congregational singing
11:30—Convention message, Rev. R. W. Allman
12:00—Appointment of committees
—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions, Mrs. T. E. Tyndall
1:15—Cragmont, Mrs. L. E. Ballard
—Watch and Pray through Christian Education, Mrs. Carl Barrow
—Watch and Pray through Missions, Mrs. R. S. Pollard
—Special music, Mrs. L. E. Ballard
1:30—Watch and Pray through Christian Stewardship, Mrs. C. A. Eubanks
—Watch and Pray through Supernatuation, Mrs. Frank Walston
—Watch and Pray through the Field Work, Mrs. J. C. Edmondson
—Special Music, Mrs. Marvin Moore
2:00—Business Period
—Reading of minutes
—Reports of committees
—Report of treasurer
—Appointment of delegates to other conventions
Pianist, Mrs. Carl Barrow
Choirster, Rev. N. D. Beaman

The Sunday school takes the child at the plastic period of life. It was said by Billy Sunday that only one person out of every 1,000 is ever converted after the age of 20. Only one person out of 40,000 is converted after the age of 40.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

THE TRADE

Norma O. Paro

"Nursie, may I please play with the little boy under that big tree? I want to show him my new airplane." These words came from a small boy playing on the park lawn near where a young woman was seated.

In the well-kept park under a large elm tree the child's nurse saw a patched but clean pair of blue jeans on a dusky little, blackeyed boy.

"But, Peter, he's a little chinese," the nurse spoke softly to the golden-haired, five-year-old boy who was her charge.

"What's a Chinese? I want to show the boy my airplane. Please, Nursie?" begged Peter.

The nurse dearly loved little Peter and knew he longed for play with other children. But Mrs. Simpson, Peter's mother, had specifically given instructions that her son was not to associate with any children unless she had given her permission. Nurse knew without asking that the little boy under the tree would be one that would meet with her approval.

Hesitantly the nurse said, "You may go and show him your airplane and then you must come right back. Now hurry! Remember, just show it to him and come right back." The nurse gave him a loving little pat as he ran with his airplane tightly clutched in his chubby hand.

With the complete frankness of childhood, Peter held out his airplane to the little boy and said, "See my airplane?"

The overalled boy with eyes shining, carefully touched the gay, red wings and shiny propeller with his fingertips.

"Hold it," bade Peter as he thrust it into the little Chinese boy's hand.

"What's your name? Mine is Peter."

"My name is Luke Lin," replied the boy. Peter was about to laugh and exclaim, "Oh, what a funny name," when he remembered Luke had said it wasn't polite to laugh at anyone. So instead he said, "Do you have an airplane?"

Luke Lin shook his head, "No."

"I have lots and lots of airplanes," boasted Peter.

Luke Lin just stared at the airplane with his bright black eyes.

"You can have this one," exclaimed Peter, feeling very generous.

Little Luke Lin slowly shook his head and then it was that a bright idea developed. He dug deeply into his pocket and brought out his prized possession. It was a little picture showing a Man with children sitting on His knee and clinging to His robes. He gravely presented the pic-

ture to Peter. "Mission lady will give me another," he said.

Peter grasped the picture, looked at it and said, "Who is the Man?"

"That Man is Jesus. The lady at the mission tells us about Him. See all the different little boys and girls and He loves us all."

"Time to go home, Peter," the nurse was calling. So Peter with the picture and Luke Lin happy with the airplane, waved goodbys as Peter ran back to his nurse.

"See what I have," cried Peter as the nurse and he started for the big house.

"What do you have there, and where is your airplane?"

Peter very simply told nurse that he had given Luke Lin his airplane and Luke Lin had given him this picture.

"Who is Jesus? You read me lots of stories but never about Him. Luke Lin knows about Him. Please, nurse, read to me about Jesus tonight," pleaded the little boy.

That was the beginning of something new and wonderful for little Peter and also for his nurse. For night after night as she read from the Bible to little Peter, she learned to love Jesus, who had died for her sins; and best of all she also taught Peter to love Jesus and to try to live the way Jesus had lived when He was a little boy.

Peter never saw the little boy again, but when he grew to be a man, he prepared to be a missionary and sailed across the ocean to China. There he is telling little Chinese boys and girls about a Man named Jesus who loves them and died on the Cross that they might live free from their sins. And he always remembers to give the little boys and girls a picture showing Jesus with the children He loves so well.

HOME-COMING AT DAWSON'S GROVE

We are having a Home-coming Day at Dawson's Grove Church near Scotland Neck, N. C., on the fifth Sunday, Sept., 30, beginning at ten-thirty o'clock. All former pastors, evangelists, and members are urged to come, and as many others as will. We are looking forward to having a great crowd and a grand time together. Every body come that can, and bring a lunch if you can, but if you can't, come anyway. We will have morning and afternoon services with dinner at the church. Rev. L. B. Manning, one of the founders of the church, will speak.

W. D. Harris, member
Program Committee

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16.

'HIS NAME SHALL BE IN THEIR FOREHEADS'

"How will God write it, Papa?" asked little Eve.

"Write what?" asked her father, looking up from his reading.

Eve got up from the low stool where she had been sitting with her book and came across to him.

It was Sunday evening, and these two were keeping house while Mother was at church.

"See what it says," said she, resting the book on his knee and pointing. Then she read it out: "And His Name shall be in their foreheads." "You see, it's out of the Bible," added she, "and I know it means God, because of that big H. How will God write it, Papa?"

Her father put down his book and took her on his knee. "God will not write at all," said he.

"Not write it!" exclaimed Eve in astonishment. "Then how will it come there?"

"Some things write themselves," said her father.

Eve looked as if she did not understand. But, of course, it must be true, since her father said it; so she waited for him to explain.

"When you look at Grandfather's silver hair," began her father, "what do you see written there? That he is an old, old gentleman, don't you?" continued he, as Eve hesitated. "Who wrote it there?"

"It wrote itself," said Eve.

Father nodded.

"Right," said he. "Day by day and year by year the white hairs came, until at last it was written quite as plainly as if somebody had taken pen and ink and put it down on paper for you to read. Now, when I look in your mouth, what do I see written there? I see, 'This little girl is not a baby now, for she has all her teeth and can eat crusts.' That has been writing itself ever since the first tooth that you cut, when Mother had to carry you about all night because it pained you so."

Eve laughed.

"What a funny sort of writing!" said she.

"When little girls are cross and disobedient," her father went on, "where does it write itself? Look in the glass next time you are naughty and see."

"I know," said Eve. "In their faces, doesn't it?"

"And if they are good?"

"In their faces, too. Is that what the text means?"

"That is what it means," said Father, "Because if we go on being naughty all our lives, it writes itself upon our faces so that nothing can rub it out. But if we are good the angels will read upon our foreheads that we are God's. So you must try, day by day, to go on writing it."—Sel.

SEVENTY-THIRD MILESTONE

On September 6, 1951, I passed my seventy-third milestone on life's rugged highway. As I reached it, I paused long enough to read the sign that points to the end of the trail. At this time I am feeling fine, and this has been a very happy year with me. I have been able to fill a few appointments for my brother preachers. I have been able to attend church and Sunday School regularly. My family has enjoyed the best of health. Our home has been supplied with many good things to eat, which were furnished by loved ones, and mostly by members of churches that I once served.

I am thinking at this time of the many lovely hours of the past that I have spent on life's uneven journey, going to and from my churches I was trying to serve. Very few people realize what a preacher has to sacrifice, as he travels this highway of life. I will remember how I used to have to pull away from wife, and babies, as they would reach out their little hands, crying and calling "Dad, Dad, don't go." Many times

they would run down the road for a distance after me.

I have travelled long roads at all hours of the night, and many times through thunder storms. At other times I travelled with sleet, ice, and snow falling all around me. But all that God has been to me is worth ten thousand times more than what I had to sacrifice. I have seen many strange things happen along life's journey, but at this point the strangest of all things to me is that I am living today. Nothing but the guiding hand of a loving heavenly Father could have brought me safe thus far. To Him I ascribe all honor, majesty, and praise for what He had done for me.

For the last few days, I have received a good many birthday cards from friends, and Ladies Aids. Some of them contained small gifts for which I wish to express thanks to all of you, and may the Lord richly bless you in the good work. When it is well with you, pray for my soul.

A servant of the Lord,
Rev. M. A. Woodard,
Winterville, N. C.

GEORGE THURMAN WINDLEY

It is with sad hearts that we write of the death of our beloved friend, George Thurman Windley, who departed this life August 6, 1951. He was born September 19, 1931, making his stay on earth 19 years, 11 months.

He was a member of Free Union Church, Beaufort County. He attended church, Bible school and League Services. Although he endured an illness of two years, he never lost faith in God. He still read his Bible daily. All was done for him that physicians, parents and friends could do. Neighbors were always trying to comfort and console him when he was so despondent.

His funeral was conducted at the home by Rev. Clinton Lupton, pastor of his church.

He was laid to rest in the Windley Cemetery beneath a mound of beautiful flowers.

He left to mourn his loss an aged grandfather, W. H. Radcliff, father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Windley; one brother, Nathan T.; three sisters, Miss Erma Dean of the home, and Mrs. Cornelius Tetterton of Jonesboro, N. C., and Mrs. Lee Fyle of Baltimore, Md.

We, the Committee wish to point the family and friends of George to the giver of all good gifts. He never forgets us, though we neglect him. He is always willing to help bear our burdens, comfort and console in times of our bereavement.

Condolence Committee:

Oscar Webster,
Mrs. William Webster
Mrs. Cecil J. Waters

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TEACHER TRAINING
FOUNDER'S AWARD PRESENTATION

For the Year Sept. 1950—Aug. 1951

Chicago—For the fourth year the Evangelical Teacher Training Association has distributed a Founder's Award of \$250 among teachers who have issued the largest number of "Certificates of Credit" to students in their training classes. A "Certificate of Credit" is issued to each student in a training class who satisfactorily meets the requirements of ET TA.

The first award this year was presented to Rev. Alvin M. Bray, Chicago, a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute; second to Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Flat River, Missouri, graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College; third to Mrs. Isabelle Hall, Los Angeles, California, graduate Northwestern Schools; fourth to Mrs. Madelle T. Brown, Youngstown, Ohio, graduate of the Moody Bible Institute.—C. H. B.

NOTICE

The Sunday School Convention of the Third District of the Eastern Conference of North Carolina will meet with Pearsall's Chapel, Duplin Co., on Friday before the first Sunday in October. Report blanks will be mailed to the different churches soon. Trusting that each S. S. will represent at this convention with a delegate if possible, if not by letter. Trusting, we will have a good convention.

Mr. Fountain Taylor, Pres.
Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Secy.

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the First District Union Meeting of the Western Conference of North Carolina will convene with Spring Hill Church in Wayne County on September 29, 1951.

- 9:30—Congregational singing, Rev. G. C. Joyner
—Devotions, Rev. Joe Morris
—Moderator's Remarks
—Appointment of committees
—Welcome address by past pastor
—Response, Rev. Milford Hales
—Seating of visitors and ministers
—Roll call and reading of minutes by Clerk
—Orphanage news by Superintendent
—Special music
11:00—Congregational singing
—Sermon, Rev. M. L. Johnson
12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Singing
—Devotions, Rev. Milton Davis
—Business Period
—Officers and committees' reports
—Petition for next Union
—Song
—Benediction
Rev. Willie Renfrow, Mod.
C. S. Hinnant, Clerk

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Second Union of the Western Conference of North Carolina, convening with Rosebud Church, Wilson County, on Saturday, September 29, 1951.

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Congregational Singing
10:10—Devotions, J. C. Varnell
10:20—Moderator in charge
—Appointment of committees
—Welcome, Frank Sowrey
—Response, Hoover Lamm
—Seating visitors and roll call of ministers.
11:00—Song by Congregation
11:15—Sermon by Rev. W. A. Hansley
12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Congregational singing
—Devotions, Rev. L. H. Boykin
—Roll call and business period
—Officers and Committee's report
—Petitions for next union
—Closing song and benediction
Program Committee,
Mrs. W. P. Bunn

Sixty thousand churches last year in our country that did not have a convert or an addition. Nine thousand churches had to close their doors. (No Sunday school material to work on.)—Prof. A. S. Landon

THE SPIRIT OF MARTIN LUTHER IS NOT DEAD

(Know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.)

Sunday morning, July 1, 1951, dawned as "just another Sunday" for the parishioners of St. Ann's Church, Brentwood, L. I. But those who attended the two masses that morning at which Father Florez officiated heard a soul-shaking farewell sermon on the futility of priestly works and the all-sufficiency of the sacrifice offered "once for all" by the Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary. Telling them that simple faith in the Christ who died for them was the only requirement for eternal salvation, Father Florez stepped down from the altar and out of the priesthood.

That afternoon he was met by a representative of Christ's Mission, Inc., of New York, an organization which for more than 70 years has extended practical counsel and assistance to hundreds of priests who have left the Roman Catholic Church. He had heard of Christ's Mission through a subscriber to the Mission's publication, *The Converted Catholic Magazine*. From the Mission he had obtained a copy of the book "The Infallibility of the Church," which dissipated his last illusion regarding the infallibility of the Pope.

Through the Mission's assistance, Rev. Florez is now studying in seminary for the Protestant ministry. His story is told in the November issue of *The Converted Catholic Magazine*. The Mission's office is located at 160 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.—Selected.

NEW AUXILIARY AT LITTLE BETHEL CHURCH DUDLEY, GEORGIA

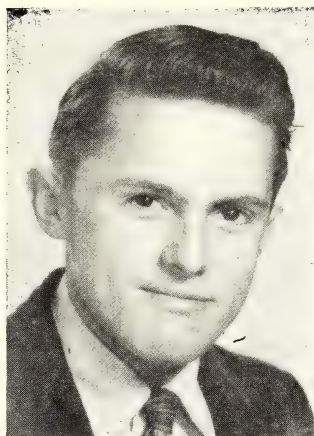
Our auxiliary has been organized only a short while. We only have a small number now, but hope in the near future we will, by the help of our Lord, have more. We know it does not take the large crowds every time, for the Lord said where two or three are gathered together he would be there to bless. We, as a small number, are trying by the help of the Lord to carry on our meetings that we can help people who are in need. We send donations to help the sick and needy as far as we can. We also sent Sister Barnard a donation for her return to the Mission Field.

We plan in the near future to start prayer meetings in the homes.

Pray for our auxiliary that our women will continue to see the need of supporting this worthy cause.

Respectfully,
Mamie Davis,
R-1, Dudley, Ga.

As the lessons of life are learned and sins are forsaken, and higher ground is taken, one comes to be a truer and purer Christian.—*Herald and Presbyter*.



Leton Alligood

NEWS FROM DAVIS CHURCH

Note: We regret that a mistake was made in last week's Baptist, when the picture of an Orphanage boy, Foy Watson, Jr., was run with the "News from Davis Church." The picture of Leton Alligood should have been run with the article. We apologize for this error.—Ed.

The above is a picture of Leton Alligood, a member of the Davis Free Will Baptist Church and Sunday School. He is the 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Alligood. For the past four years he has missed only one Sunday School service, which was in May of this year, when he took a trip with the Senior Class of Smyrna High School to Washington, D. C., and other northern cities.

He is also a member of the Free Will Baptist League, and an active member of our Church.

Davis church has a fine group of young boys and girls who are very active in Sunday School and League work.

We ask the prayers of all, that we may continue to grow and glow and go forward in the blessed Lord's service.

Submitted by,
Mrs. Maggie Willis
Junior S. S. Teacher

ANNUAL HOMECOMING

Annual Home-coming at White Hill F. W. B. Church, Aurora, Route 1, is scheduled Sunday, September 30. This change of time has been made for our beloved pastor's convenience. The program has been arranged for morning and afternoon. Dinner will be spread on the grounds. All former pastors and members, neighbors and friends are cordially invited.

Mrs. R. M. Baker
Church Reporter

HEAD'S CHURCH NEWS—TENNESSEE

Head's Church had a wonderful Vacation Bible School this time. There were enrolled in all 51, with an average attendance of about 45. We were very fortunate again this year in having Miss Myrtle Pembroke from Bendavis, Missouri, as teacher of the Juniors. Mrs. Bertie Mishler taught the Beginner's Class, and Miss Esterlene Ellis taught the Primaries. Rev. William Mishler, director of our school, taught a Bible course for the Seniors.

Head's Church experienced a wonderful revival this year with the Rev. Johnny Postlewaite from Missouri as the evangelist. He brought some soul-stirring messages to the saved, as well as the unsaved. There were 11 conversions and 14 united with the church. Many rededicated their lives to the Lord.

We are happy to report that Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery have accepted the pastoral care of the church to succeed Rev. William Mishler who has accepted pastoral work in Detroit. Bro. Mishler has done a wonderful work with the help of the Lord. While he served us, there have been 6 new Sunday School rooms built, a F. W. B. League and Women's Auxiliary organized. We truly wish him great success as he leaves.

Although we believe that we were very fortunate indeed in getting Bro. Calvery this year who is a graduate with a B. A. degree at our own Free Will Baptist Bible College, and we believe this will be a great year in the Lord as we go forward for the cause of Christ.

Yours in His service,
Esterlene Ellis,
Church Reporter

The Sunday school sows the seed. The reason that average church does so little in revival effort is that but little seed has been sown in fertile soil. In other words, the Sunday school provides revival material. The average revival does not reach beyond the Sunday school boundary line. Do you see?

ANNOUNCEMENT

If the parents and church people who have students in East Carolina College or know of them being there, and will send their name, college and home address to me at once, I'll do my best to help them and encourage them. I have some names and addresses, but not near all. The State Convention of North Carolina is working on plans for a Student Center. We will need this information to work out plans.

Sincerely,
Rashie Kennedy
303 Meade Street,
Greenville, N. C.



ENLARGING THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

(Lesson for September 30)

LESSON: Romans 15:14-29.

GOLDEN TEXT: Romans 1:6.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

It was Paul's burning zeal to take the gospel among the Gentiles and others, in the places where the blessed Word of God had not been previously preached. He was, indeed, a pioneer preacher, a missionary of the first kind who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, was able to win many vile sinners to Christ. His heart and life was set upon doing all the good possible for as many as possible. He went therefore, under both favorable and unfavorable circumstances, into different lands for the cause of Christ.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. The grace of God enables us to recognize the spiritual qualities he has put within other Christians as well as ourselves (Rom. 15:14).

2. The grace of God emboldened the Apostle Paul to speak and write as he did of salvation and the Christian life (vs. 15).

3. The grace of God was sufficient to reach even to the Gentiles and make them acceptable as an offering unto God (vs. 16).

4. The grace of God enables us to glory through Jesus Christ in the things that pertain to God (vs. 17).

5. The grace of God wrought spiritual and also physical miracles thru the ministry of the Apostle Paul, and still does so through others (vss. 18, 19).

6. The grace of God we have experienced ever desires to drive us on to those who have not yet heard of it (vss. 20, 21).

7. Satan is ever busy seeking to hinder the proclamation of the grace of God to men (vs. 22).

8. It is God's grace in our hearts that gives us a longing to have fellow-

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ship with other believers (vs. 23).

9. The grace of God in our hearts makes us willing to help our brethren who are in need (vs. 27).

10. He who comes to proclaim the grace of God may come in the full blessing of the Gospel of Christ (vs. 29).

11. Paul ministered the Gospel of God to the end, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. This is a very interesting utterance. The Apostle takes the place of a priest. Observe how the conversion of the Gentiles is expressed: it is the offering up the oblation of the Gentiles; as themselves the sacrifice offered up to God by Paul, in the Name of Christ. In the words of another: "It means to preach the Gospel as a priest of the New Testament, that Gospel by which men are consecrated unto God and made living sacrifices, holy, well pleasing to God (Rom. 12:1; Phil. 2:17)."—Matthew Henry—Selected.

12. Sanctification is the work of God the Father (Jude 1:1;) of our Lord Jesus Christ, Ephesians 5:26; Hebrews 13:12; 9:14; 10:10; of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:16; I Peter 1:2). It is very interesting to study the Scriptures and discover the work each person of the Trinity performs in the development of the life of a Christian.

13. The closer we draw to the Lord Jesus Christ, the more we sense the desperate condition of men without Christ and our deep responsibility to reach them for Him, even to the ends of the earth. A Christian who is not missionary minded is a contradiction in terms.—Moody Monthly.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

A Remarkable Conversion and Its Sequel. One of the outstanding recent conversions among the Greeks of America was the conversion of Constantine George. We were conducting meetings in Boston when a young man came in and sat down to listen to the Word of God. As the gospel was preached, Constantine became more and more attentive. Every word seemed to bring a change in his expression—so much so that the speaker stopped in the middle of

his talk and asked if any one present would like to accept Christ as his Saviour. Instantly Constantine stood up. It was the first time in his life he had ever heard the gospel preached in plain terms. He left the meeting a changed man with a burning desire to share this new-found faith with his fellow-men.

Soon his heart was burdened for his village folk and his fellow countrymen in the district of Greece from which he came. When he had earned enough money to travel, he secured 2,500 New Testaments and set out for his native country. His heart burned with the love of God. He spent long hours in prayer before he left America, also on the boat and when he arrived at his village. The result of such a testimony, so earnest and firm, won his immediate family to God. His wife and little daughter were brought to Christ.

Filled with joy, he proceeded at once to evangelize his village. Being an athlete, he gained the confidence of the children of the village school. The teacher was an earnest man and was soon won over to Christ. He too, began to instruct the children in the truths of the gospel. Constantine went from village to village giving his testimony to the saving and keeping power of Christ.—The Greek Evangel, 1949.—Arnold's Commentary.

REVIVAL AT WATERY BRANCH

On Sunday, September 30, at 7:45 P. M., the Rev. T. P. Ellis of Fountain, N. C., will begin a revival meeting at Watery Branch F. W. B. church, Wayne County, N. C.

Special music will be rendered each evening. Good preaching will be the main feature of the meeting.

We are asking our readers to remember us in prayer, that God will bless us with a great revival.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend these services.

By the reporter

I found that I had not to bear my expenses, and I should have fainted if want and penury had not chased me to the "storehouse" of "AII."—Samuel Rutherford.

Leagues in Action!

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE CONFERENCE PICK-UPS

By L. BEVERLY BALLARD

Part Two



I There Again Leaguers:

You Know What? It seems like we may go months and months before we can recount in our minds all that took place in Nashville. Only today, one boy here in my league at New Bern who attended the convention was raving still over how Christ seemed so near while at Nashville. It is this young man's desire to return to our Bible College for schooling amid such prayer-minded students and faculty.

Well, it looks like I'm trying to get off on another subject but I desire here in this second article of a series to pass on to you some more about the work in our leagues throughout America.

Last week, we mentioned leagues from DesPlaines, Ill., Winfield, Ala., Florence, S. C., and Mountain Grove, Mo. That was hardly a "dip in the barrel" of those we interviewed at the conference.

Getting a little closer to the "old North State" and back home, we will mention the progress of Hopewell F. W. B. L. near Smithfield, N. C. We were privileged to make the trip to and from Nashville in company with Billy Adams and Jacob Jones, Jr. These boys are "on fire" in league work and Billy attended the last two league conferences.

At Hopewell there is an approximate attendance of 30 leaguers every Sunday. These are divided into four departments under the general direction of Milton Jones. Rev. Wiley Ferrell is pastor of the church.

Now to journey deep into the far South west, at Mount Olive church at Laneville, Texas, we find each Sunday evening in the neighborhood of 60 leaguers gathering to put the Kingdom of God first. Jane Perry planned to return to Laneville and spread "the good tidings" of the fourth Nationwide League conference. Bill Berry is general director and Rev. A. A. Williams pastor.

The Tulsa, Oklahoma First F. W. B. league will be remembered for years for their generous and heartwarming hospitality during the Second Nationwide League conference. Barbara Hancock seemed justly proud that Tulsa was one of the three sites thus far used by the conferences. (You know that this year's conference was the second at Nashville, the first meeting having been held at East Nashville, church.) An average attendance of 50 brave the hot weather during these summer months to enjoy good league fellowship in four departments of the First

Church league. Ivan Burdick is general director and Rev. John H. West is pastor.

East Nashville's leaguer Jo Simpson certainly brought credit to her league and to her church in the splendid service rendered as one of the accompanists during the nationwide conference this year. She is just one among many fine leaguers who are helping pastor C. F. Bowen keep East Nashville high on the list of progressive leagues. Congratulations you Tennesseans. By the way, another Nashville leaguer who has just cause for pride is Trinity, who contributed the winner of the National Sword drill contest. She is Shirley Wofford. Nashville is rich in the history of our league having credit for holding within its boundaries the Cofer's Chapel league who first went under the name of "Free Will Baptist League."

Alice Webster, who has long been an active worker in North Carolina league conventions, was sure her league at Pinetown, N. C., should receive a special place among the leagues mentioned in these articles. General Director Oscar Webster is proud of the attendance of about 65 who gather in the league's five departments. Rev. Clinton Lupton is Free Union's pastor.

Jumping all the way back to Oklahoma, where we will go to Shawnee for next year's conference, we would mention briefly having talked to Rosa Lee Florence, an active young lady in league work at the Broken Arrow, Okla., church. This league, which dates its organization only a couple or three months back, has an average attendance of twenty.

Frances Paramore and Betty Lou Barker represented Christian Hill F. W. B. L. at Rochelle, Ga. They are two of 25 members of this active little league which is under the direction of Ernest J. Barker. Pastor J. D. Payne backs his league as all pastors should.

(Continued Next Week)

"I Won't Be Unhappy"

Visiting one day an aged and poor old woman, I found her very happy notwithstanding her many infirmities. I asked her, "Are you always happy?" She replied, "Yes always happy." "But are you never unhappy?" "No, I won't be unhappy!"

I suppose I have thought of this visit a thousand times. I am persuaded the will has much to do with our happiness. We may be determined to rejoice in the Lord always, and by grace be able to keep the purpose of our heart, our peace being as a river and our righteousness abounding as the waves of the sea.—Bishop James.

POCAHONTAS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Rev. Huey Gower delivered his farewell message to the Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday, August 26. His theme for this service was letting God mold and shape our lives so that we will be fitted for service to Him. The church gave a vote of thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Gower for their untiring efforts and spiritual guidance while serving as pastors of the church.

Rev. J. Reford Wilson is the new pastor of the Pocahontas Church. He comes from Oklahoma City where he has pastored the Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church for two and one-half years. He was given a warm welcome at the acceptance service on Wednesday evening, August 29. On Sunday, September 2, he delivered his first message to the church wherein he presented a charge as to how the church can grow and truly be a light to the world. His evening message centered around the need of spiritual investment. The Church is very happy to have Bro. and Mrs. Wilson, and with their leadership we are looking forward to a great year in the work of the Lord.

Ladies Auxiliary Met

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church met Monday night, August 21, at the home of Mrs. Luther Crays with Mrs. Susie Poe as co-hostess.

The program, "Working together with Him in India," was given. Mrs. Wesley Miller was in charge of the Bible study and Mrs. Robert Counts led in prayer. "With Christ in the missionary Home," was discussed by Mrs. Sherman Fowler; "With Christ in the Zenana," by Mrs. Pauline Starr.

We had a very interesting special feature—a radio broadcast from India, Mrs. Earl Smith, Mrs. Luther Crays and Mrs. Hughie Gower, were the speakers that brought us up to date on missionary work in India. "With Christ Among the Children," was given by Mrs. Ruth Swan; "With Christ in Community Activities," by Mrs. Cordie Cagle. Benediction by Mrs. George Broadway.

This program was especially interesting as we all remembered Mrs. Trula Cronk, the author of this month's program.

Mrs. George Broadway gave the reading, "The Pastor's Wife," after which we presented our pastor's wife, Mrs. Hughie Gower, two pieces of luggage and a table lamp, as a going-away gift and also in appreciation for her work with us. She organized our auxiliary two years ago.

Delicious refreshments were served to the twenty-six members and three visitors present.

Mrs. Chesser Phillips, Reporter
Pocahontas, Arkansas

We are so precious to God that not one thing about us escapes His eye.—L. L. K.

Good Revival at Ruth's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

The youth's revival started at Ruth's Chapel F. W. B. Church, Sept. 3, and closed September 9. Rev. L. E. Styron of Morehead City, N. C., did the preaching. He ended his part Saturday night, and Rev. J. C. Griffin filled his regular appointment Sunday, closing the revival Sunday night.

Rev. J. C. Griffin and Mrs. Griffin were in charge of the song service. The song service was good and the Holy Spirit was in the singing. One night the Craven Quartet was with us and rendered four selections. The Antioch Trio was with us another night and rendered four selections. Both the Quartet and the Trio were good. A warm welcome is extended to them to be with us again.

Many choruses and hymns were sung by the choirs and congregation.

Each evening at 7:40 P. M., all who wanted to go in the Sunday School rooms to pray for lost souls and the revival, did so. Rev. J. C. Griffin said, "It was wonderful to see and hear the children and the young folks in the prayer room praying for lost souls and the revival."

Testimonies were given every night by the young people and the adults also. It was wonderful to hear the young people and adults give their testimonies of the saving power of God. Many said, "Sinner, if you don't have the new birth, you don't know what you are missing. Accept my Lord before this revival closes."

I think this was the best revival we have had since the church was

reorganized. The Holy Spirit was present and felt every night.

Rev. Styron said that he had never seen in any church the young people praying and giving testimonies as they did here. He brought soul stirring messages every night and they were enjoyed by everyone. Brother Styron acted like he really enjoyed the meeting. He will also find a warm welcome to come back any time.

The results of the meeting were ten rededications, four for baptism, and one to move her membership. The baptism was held Monday evening, September 10, at 4:00 P. M., at Bridgeton, N. C., back of the home of Will Williams.

William B. Glover,
Church reporter

GOD CANNOT BE DESTROYED

The times demand candid and forthright words. Communists have been and are today within the very gates of America. There are few walks in American life which they do not traverse. Their allegiance is whetted by expediency and deceit, not tolerance and brotherhood. Atheistic materialism is their idol; the destruction of the God of our fathers their goal.

Wherever they may be, they have in common one diabolical ambition; to weaken and eventually destroy American democracy by stealth and cunning. There is an organization built and supported by dishonor, deceit and tyranny and a deliberate policy of falsehood. They know that as long as the ideals of common endeavor, mutual respect and tolerance remain alive they can never bring to

fruition the Communist World Revolution.

That is why Communists consider America their Number One Enemy. A strong America, materially and Spiritually, is a constant beacon of light, buoying the hopes and aspirations of millions of men, women and children crushed under the yoke of Communist tyranny which today controls the destinies of one-third of the world.

The thought of a Soviet United States is at once revolting to every right-thinking American. We have seen the Communists at work and

have observed the application of their principles sufficiently to know what would happen here if they succeeded in the attainment of their objectives. If every American faced the reality of what the fulfillment of the Communist objective would mean to him he would be inspired to work harder to protect and preserve the individual liberty and freedom which is part and parcel of our American way of life.

The struggle for the preservation of our freedoms places a duty on every man, woman and child in the nation to do his bit. If each of us does his duty, the outcome is certain. Almighty God, the Supreme Architect, will give us the strength, wisdom and guidance to triumph against the inrush of Red Communism.—Christian Victory

GORDON'S CHALLENGE

Shortly before his tragic death, General Gordon, writing from Khartoum said: "There is not the least doubt that there is an immense virgin field for an apostle to these countries among the black tribes. But where will you find an apostle? A man must give up everything, understand everything, everything! No half or three-quar-

ter measures will do. He must be dead to the world, have no ties of any sort, and long for death when it may please God to take him. There are few, very few such, and yet what a field."

These reflections of this great Christian soldier are just as true today as they were when he uttered them. It is true that something has been done to reap the harvest, but there are still as many in the darkness of heathendom now as there were then,

the need desperate and the call insistent to hazard all for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Gospel.

The soil of the material heart will not produce the Christian graces.—Henry Wilson.

A Christianity that does not begin with the proclamation of forgiveness is impotent.—Dr. Alexander McLaren.

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Do They All Have the Same?

"Communism" implies that all the subjects of the state have all things in common. Those that have riches have to share with others. Rich people who have striven hard to accumulate are shot down by the bloody "Commies" and what they have is distributed to others.

Recently I saw where the daughter of old bloody Joe, was married and that Stalin spent \$900,000 on her wedding. I wonder how many other people in Russia could spend \$900,000 on the wedding of one of their daughters? It looks like that old Joe is mopping up as the god of Russia. It looks to me that the "big-wigs" in Communism live in splendor while the average laborer feeds their earnings to their gods.

Do You Know?

First, that all men are sinners?

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every man to his own way" (Isa. 53:6).

"There is not a just man on earth, that doeth good and sinneth not" (Eccl. 7:20).

Second, that you must die? Then to Judgment go?

"And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27).

"But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (Rom. 14:10).

"Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17:31).

Third, to reach heaven you must be born again!

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old . . . Jesus answered, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:3-5).

Fourth, that faith in Christ produces the new birth?

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God

and keep his commandments" (1 John 5:12).

Fifth, that the believer hath the witness in himself?

"If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself; he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son" (1 John 5:10).

My dear Modernist! Do you know that when you deny the Virgin Birth of the Lord Jesus, that you are calling God a liar, and that you come very near blaspheming the Holy Spirit? Let us reason some. The angel of the Lord said, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a Son and thou shalt call his name Jesus: For he shall save his people from their sins. Now this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord, by the prophet. Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matt. 20:23). If you deny that Jesus was God—the Son of God—you make God a liar. You literally accuse Jesus Christ of being a bastard and Mary a harlot. Is this not blasphemy? Watch out Mr. Modernist. Watch out, you Edyites and others who deny that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. See First John 5:1-4.

Sixth, that the believer has an Advocate?

"My little children, these things I write unto you that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:1, 2). Notice that Christ is our Advocate—not Mary the mother of Jesus Christ. Mary did not die for our sins. Mary has never been resurrected for our justification. The Bible does not say that "Every knee should bow to Mary." But it does say that "every knee should bow to Christ, of things in earth and things in heaven."

NOTICE

Homecoming day will be observed at Christian Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on first Sunday in October. All former pastors and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend. There will be dinner spread at the noon hour. Come and let us enjoy the day together in Christian fellowship.

Mrs. Ralph Taylor

Let us, like Joshua and Caleb, show the fruits as a token of the good land. Ours will be the fruit of the Spirit—love, peace, joy. And when they see this fruit in us, they will become desirous to obtain the same.—Mrs. Lamson.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

One time a missionary was in a country far over the sea and saw a shepherd with a large flock of sheep. As the missionary looked at the flock of sheep he thought of the verse of Scripture so precious to the hearts of many believers: "I am the good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine" (John 10:14). The missionary asked the shepherd if it were the custom in his country to give names to the sheep. The shepherd said it was, and that the sheep obeyed the shepherd when he called them by their names.

The next day the missionary happened to be passing near the flock of sheep, so he asked the shepherd to call one of his sheep. The shepherd did so, and the sheep instantly came away from its pasturage and its companions, and ran up to the hand of the shepherd with signs of pleasure. The missionary was specially struck by the sheep's prompt obedience. This obedience he never has seen in any other animal. It is also true, he said that they will not follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of the stranger. And to prove his point, the shepherd had the missionary call the sheep by name, but it never lifted its head from grazing. It did not know the stranger's voice, so would not heed.

We have a beautiful picture here of God's own children, boys and girls. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd. We are His sheep. When He speaks, we obey His voice. How does He speak to us? Through His Word, and that is why it is so necessary for us to read the Word of God, to learn portions of it by heart, and to obey them.

Our Good Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ, has laid down His life for His sheep. We are the sheep He died for. Ought not we be on the alert to hear His voice to obey Him? Jesus did so much for us, and the least we can do is to obey Him. Remember, dear boys and girls, that Jesus never asks us to do anything unreasonable. He requires of us that we be true and faithful, and have our hearts filled with love for Him. Then it is not hard to be obedient to Him and tell others of His great love for us.

Jesus will give us eternal life, and we shall never perish if we believe on Him (John 3:16).—Leota L. Knopp

A Moment with Him

We mutter and sputter,
We fume and we spurt;
We mumble and grumble,
Our feelings get hurt;
We can't understand things,
Our vision grows dim,
When all that we need is
A moment with Him!

—Mary Helen Anderson

LIVING IN THE LIVING WORD

(continued from page four)

"Mither, Mither, what is the matter?" exclaimed the boy.

"Ah, it's all gone!" replied the mother.

"What is all gone, Mither?"

"My salvation," she replied.

"Your salvation gone, Mither? Has your verse changed, Mither?" The boy ran quickly to find the card; and as he read it, he cried, "Mither, it hasn't changed. It says, 'He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.'"

She was born of the Word of God, and her joy came back, and it kept coming back because it sprang from the sources of truth; it was the living Word of God.

Beloved, are you thus resting on God's Word? When I go through those gates some day, I should not tell the porter anything about my ministry or my experience, although I have had some ministry and much

experience; but I should say, "Half a century ago my sinking soul seized upon a cable of promise and bound it round my heart, and God said to me that day, 'Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.'" And God cannot afford to shut me out of heaven or let me perish. Are you living by the Word from the mouth of God?

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to state that I shall be available for pastoral work on fourth Sunday for another year. Any church desiring my service may communicate with me at the address given below. Also I shall be available for revival meetings this fall.

Rev. W. Russell Millard
Mount Olive, North Carolina

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to state that I will be available for pastoral or evangelistic services, any church or churches that are interested in securing me as pastor for evangelistic work may write me at the following address.

Rev. Ernest Strickland,
East Rockingham, N. C.

God wants us to be able to take hold of the largest promises in the Bible.—Rev. M. L. Haney.

FIXING UP MISTAKES

Clifford forgot all about the neighbor's new driveway, and raced right into the fresh cement. He was frightened and very sorry when he saw that he had made footprints in the cement. But no one had seen him run up there, so if he didn't tell them about it no one would know who did it.

Clifford sat down on the curb to think. After thinking for several minutes, he got up. Mr. Barnes, the neighbor, was in his garage. Clifford walked up bravely, and said,

"Mr. Barnes, I'm sorry, but I made some tracks in the new cement."

The man walked out with Clifford and looked at the prints, and said,

"I'm so glad you told me right away, for now I can fix it. The men left some cement her for me to spread on the driveway while it is fresh. If you had waited, the cement would have hardened and then it would always have been a bad spot."

Clifford smiled happily. "I'll help you carry the pail of cement out there," he volunteered. And as they worked, fixing up the bad spots, Clifford said,

"I think that's the way with all mistakes; it's easier to fix them up right now, than to leave them until they get old."

That's a good, true thought to remember. Don't let your mistakes harden. Fix them up at once.—Dew Drops.

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GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us;
and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.

That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise Thee, O God;
let all the people praise Thee.

O let the people praise Thee, O God;
for Thou shalt judge the people righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

Let the people praise Thee, O God;
let all the people praise Thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase;
and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us;
and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

—The Bible

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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

My Wasted Life

A Letter to Young People

Dear Young People:

 S I look back over the years of my life, I see many wasted years in doing my duty for the Lord. Tonight, March 24, 1951, as I sat in League listening to talks made by those who were on program, the topic being "His Name Among All Nations," by Miss Laura Belle Barnard, our own Free Will Baptist missionary to India, my mind went back across the years I had wasted by not doing what I knew God had called me to do. Many times I have heard the Gospel preached and my mind has wandered to the mission fields. At one time, I felt the call but didn't answer. God has punished me many times for it. Young people heed to the Call of the Saviour today. Don't waste your years as I have. Yes, I wasted Years. Many years I followed the Lord and His teachings, but one day I turned my back upon Him and strayed deep, deep in sin. Friends and readers—don't do as I have done—waste your life for the devil—Listen!

"For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life." Heed the Saviour's call today. Do not go out into the world of sin and darkness. There is nothing there for you except misery, pain, suffering. You may think dancing, drinking, cursing, gambling, smoking, petting, and movies are all the things you can find pleasure in; but that is not pleasure, that is not having a good time. You do not have to do these things to be popular—to get a name in the world. You will get one; but it will cost you your purity, your own good name. Do not waste your life for the Devil, for the pleasures of the world. That is not pleasure.

The only way to have peace is through Christ. You will have peace, happiness, and joy. You will have one who will stick closer than a brother—Christ Jesus. He is your friend. Trust Him. Listen to Him calling "Come Follow Me." Trust Him today, won't you? He needs you today. There are men, women, boys, and girls who are lost and undone without God. Won't you carry the Gospel to them?

"He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption. But he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Well praise the Lord, it is wonderful to serve Him.

I thank the Lord for taking me back once more in His tender love and care but I wasted the best part of my life for the pleasures of the world. It is too late now to heed the call to the mission field, but I am preparing myself for home mission work. I said, "I'll go where you want me to go dear Lord," and I mean it now. I am willing and ready. Just think of the souls that have gone out to meet God unprepared. May be I could have led some of them to Christ. Many people in other lands, I could have won to Christ, but I didn't go.

Young people heed this call today. Do not be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. He will go with you where no other will go. He will supply every need for you. GO, WORK, and PRAY. Please hear and answer His call today. He is waiting. He is standing by. "Come enter into the joys of the Lord." That His house may be filled. Yes, there is more enjoyment in serving the Lord than that of serving the Devil. Taste the Lord and see that He is good.

Do not be ashamed to call upon the Lord. He will be your best friend. Take Him as your very own now and serve Him. Give your best for the Master.

Novella Propst,

3609 Richland Ave.,
Nashville, Tennessee

The promises of God form a great check book and every one is endorsed by the Mediator, the Lord Jesus Christ, and His word and honor are pledged to their fulfillment.
—Rev. A. B. Simpson.



Rev. Wade Jernigan

WADE JERNIGAN TO HOLD REVIVAL AT CRAMERTON CHURCH

The Rev Wade Jernigan of Tulsa, Oklahoma, will begin a revival meeting at the Cramerton F. W. B. Church on September 26, and close it on October 7. Rev. Roy Rickard, the pastor of the church, will assist the evangelist in the meeting. The church desires your prayers for the success of the meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend these services each evening.

The Pastor

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH

Cedar Grove Baptist church has just finished a great revival. It started the 26 of August and lasted until the 5th of September. It was one of the best revivals we have ever had. Brother Marshal Joyner from Winterville held it. He delivered a soul-stirring message each night, and to a good attendance. Two or three nights the little folks had to sit around the altar, so there would be room for the older people.

We had fifteen new converts, fourteen were baptized.

We spread dinner on the ground the 1st Saturday in September, and there was a large attendance. I think everyone enjoyed it.

Then we went in church and had our quarterly meeting with most of our members present. We attended to all our business and adjourned until our next quarterly meeting.

May God bless each and everyone.

Mrs. Leslie Jones, Clerk
Route 3
Williamston, N. C.

We have first to get into God's friendship, then into His fellowship.—S. A. P.

HE HAD NO SONG

Several years ago, as I was passing out of meeting one evening, a lady sought me and asked me to go with her and see her husband who was quite anxious about his soul, knowing he would soon have to die. When I entered the room I found him sitting in an easy chair, as he could not lie down without coughing. After a few words about his bodily sufferings, I asked him about his soul; did he think his sufferings would end when his body yielded and death came.

"Well," he said, "I think my chances for getting to heaven are pretty good."

I felt he was not real; so I said, "Do you believe heaven is a reality?"

He said, "Yes."

"Is it true there is a hell?"

He replied, "Yes, I believe it."

"And you have an immortal soul that will soon be in one or the other of these places forever?"

"Yes," he said, earnestly.

"You just now said you thought your chances for heaven were pretty good; you believe heaven is a reality, and hell is a reality, and your precious immortal soul will soon be happy in heaven forever. You must have some reason for it. Will you please tell me what it is?"

His voice was weak and I waited for his answer as it came slowly. It was this: "Well, I've always been kind to my wife and children, and I have not intentionally wronged my fellow men."

"That's all very good," I said, "and it is nice to be able to say that; but now tell me, what kind of a place do you think heaven is, and what do they do there?"

"Well," he said, "I think there is no sin or sorrow there. It must be a happy place, and I think they sing there a good deal."

Turning to Rev. 1:5, I said: "Yes, they do sing there, and I'll just read you a song they sing. It is this: 'Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood.' You see, they are praising their Saviour, the One who loved them and died for

them. I'll read it again. 'Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood.' I want you to take notice; they have not a word to say about what they have done. He loved them and died for them. Now, suppose you were up there and had got there in the way you say, because you had been good to your family, and so on. There would be one sinner in heaven that had never been washed from his sins in the blood of Jesus; you could not join in the song they sing, could you?"

I waited for an answer. His head had dropped and his eyes were turned to the floor. I shall never, never forget his look as he raised his head and turned to answer me. It was as one waking out of a life dream. He was now coming face to face with eternal realities and his only reply was:

But I said: "God has, and He has written a verse for persons just like you, who are willing to take their chances, as you said, on their good works, and are deceiving themselves by the false hope of getting to heaven in that way. I'll read the verse. It is the 4th verse of the 4th chapter of Romans; 'Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.' Let me explain this: When you were well and could work, you received your wages because you earned them. You were under no special obligations to the man that paid you. You would come home to your wife and say, 'Here is what I made to-day.' You could talk about what you had done, and what you had got and you would not have a word to say about the man that paid you. That is just what God means by that verse. 'Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.' If you could get to heaven by what you have done, there would be no grace about it. You would know nothing of God's love as shown in Jesus. You could not sing 'Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood;' for you would be there

without a Saviour; and you would have no song. Do you think you could be happy?"

He was now ready to give up his ground and for the first time frankly owned what his wife had said, that he was anxious about his soul and wanted to have the question settled. He fully confessed that in spite of all the good he claimed, he was a sinner and needed a Saviour. It was with joy I read to him this Scripture (I Tim. 1:15) "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." He repeated. "To—save—sinners! —to—save—sinners!"

"Yes," I said, "to SAVE sinners—not to HELP sinners to be saved, but to SAVE sinners. He is not a helper, but a Saviour, and God's Word is 'to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.' And again, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.' He did believe. I left him that night, after reading other Scriptures to him, with a new hope—not based on what he had done, but believing what God says about what Christ has done."

I called the next morning to see him. As I entered he looked up with joy in his face and said: "Oh, I'll have a song now. It will be 'Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood.'"

He was with us about a week afterward, and fell asleep, happy in the Lord.

Reader, will you be able to sing that song? Or will you have to say, "I am tormented in this flame?" It will be one or the other. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:16. Again: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36. Again, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24.—J. H. W.

HOW TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

"Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven."—Matt. 18:3.

There is much said about going to heaven, but not much about getting into heaven. Christ is here telling us how to get into heaven, and that is more important, for there is a possibility of going to places and not getting in. The five foolish virgins went to the door but did not get into the wedding, because they had not prepared as they should. One poor fellow got in, but could not stay in because he was not dressed right. What we all want to do is to get in and stay in. To do that we must be converted and become as little children, or do as Christ said do. Regardless of what we believe, he is the way, and no other way is going to get us there.

Christ was very plain and positive in telling the people how to get into heaven. First, ye must be converted. That is, be changed from wanting to yield to self to wanting to yield to Christ or godliness. Our purpose in life must be changed from trying to please self to trying to please Christ. Paul said, "For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:19-20). Paul is here saying that it is not him living, but that it is Christ living in him. He is testifying to the fact that he has been converted, and is now living as a little child in the care and love of the Saviour who gave himself for him.

We want to notice that this change is not made by self, but that self has got to become anxiously willing for the change to take place in his or her life, so much so that he or she can say from the very depth of this heart, as Paul said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do." These words of Paul expressed a perfectly sur-

rendered will to God; then Christ could come in and do that which was necessary to make him a fit temple for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that made him the great preacher of his day. Dear reader, if you have not perfectly surrendered to God your will, that Christ might come in and do that for you which he did for Paul, you just don't know what you are missing.

To be converted alone does not assure us that we will get into heaven, but we must become as little children.

Little children don't know, but they want to know. I remember when I was a very little boy watching my mother sew on the machine. I would wonder how the machine would carry

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the two pieces of cloth through and fasten them together with two strands of thread one above and the other below, and I was not satisfied until I learned how it was done. We as little children in the Kingdom of heaven read of the great things that have been and are being done there, and wonder how it is done. We will not be satisfied until we learn how it is done. Christ said, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you (Matt. 7:7). Christ is here telling us as little children of the kingdom, how to get the knowledge of the way it is done.

As the mind of the little child is tender it is easier to make impressions on it, and they are more lasting than when they are older. Also, the thought that is presented to the little child's mind becomes a reality more quickly than when it grows older. If you don't want buggers to become a reality to the little fellow, you had better not talk much about them around it. That is the great reason today that Christ is not a re-

ality in so many of the minds of our youths. They heard so little about him when they were little children. It is necessary that we become as little children in the care of the Father, that the impressions made by him in our minds be lasting, and become a reality in our lives.

Notice how devoted the little child soon becomes to its parents. No one is as satisfying to it as they are. They are its dependence, and it depends on them, and wants to be with them all the time. That is just the way the father wants us to be, as little children.

Little children are the joy of the home. Nothing in the home is more attractive. Every thing in the home is for their benefit, even to the lives of their parents. As that is true with us here with our children, it is much more true with us as the little children of the Father in the kingdom of heaven. Christ said, "If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" When we get into the kingdom of heaven we are safe as long as we stay there, but don't think that you can't get out if you want to. The Father does not force you in, neither does he force you to stay in.

To me Christ gave us a wonderful illustration in the story of the Prodigal of what it means to be converted and become as little children. After he had spent all of his substance in riotous living, there arose a mighty famine in that land and he began to be in want, and went and joined himself to a citizen of that country. He was sent to feed swine, and was not given enough to eat himself. In this condition of humiliation and want he came to himself. Something happened to him that caused him to see himself. A change had taken place. That old self that could not see the good things of home had been removed, and he could now see that even the servants there had plenty to spare while he was perish-

ing with hunger. He had been converted, and that conversion had made such a change in him that he was anxious to get a servant's place in the home where he had refused a son's place. Dear reader, can you contrast in your mind the difference in his thoughts now and when he asked for his part of the goods? You could not have made him believe his disappointment would have been like that, but his not believing it did not keep it from coming. Because of his unworthiness he did not want a son's place in the home; he was glad to get a servant's place in the home.

He was not received as a servant, but as a son. His father saw him when he was a great way off and ran and met him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and had the servants to bring the best robe and put it on him, and a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it, and said, "let us eat and be merry, for this my son was lost and is found, was dead and is alive." The father would not receive him as a servant, but as a son that had been lost.

He was not received as a servant and what a glorious reception it was for him and the home folks. So it is with us, when we are really converted; we see our unworthiness and feel that just a servant's place is better than we deserve, but bless his name as the prodigal's father gave him the best that he had so does the Father give us the best he has, and will not call us servants but sons. Then as sons and daughters of the kingdom the greater service we give to the kingdom the greater blessing we will be to it and the more joy we will get out of being in the kingdom.

Some think that the things concerning the kingdom of heaven are not for us in this world but in the world to come. But listen: John the Baptist came preaching that the kingdom of heaven was at hand. That means it was close by. Christ is speaking to the Pharisees concerning the kingdom of God said it is with in you. Christ also delivered to Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven, that he might bind on earth the things that should be bound in heaven, and loose every thing that should be

loosed in heaven. From these scriptures and many others, I could present, it is evidently plain that in Christ Jesus God extended his kingdom down here, and that it is necessary that we enter into it here, and the earlier in life the better it is for us; because Christ said, "First seek ye the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." That means the necessities of life, and the joy that those necessities will bring to our lives is beyond expression. Pray for me.

FREE WILL BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP ORGANIZED EAST CAROLINA COLLEGE

Twenty-one Free Will Baptist students of East Carolina College met Monday night, September 17, at 7:00 p. m. in the Y-Hut to organize a F. W. B. Fellowship.

Leah McGlohon and Ruth Little led the group in singing some choruses after which Rev. Rashie Kennedy of the Greenville F. W. B. Church read some scripture and made comments on the need of a closer fellowship among the F. W. B. students at E. C. C. Rev. J. B. Narron led in prayer after which he made a short talk on Fellowship.

The following officers were elected to head the Fellowship: Matthew Prescott, President; Agnes Faye Mallard, Vice President; Joyce Calhoun, Secretary-Treasurer. The following committee chairmen were appointed: Program Committee, Agnes Faye Mallard; Publicity Committee, Leah McGlohon; Enrollment Committee, Mae Silverthorne; Infirmary Committee, Ethel Massengill; Refreshment Committee, Margaret Grant and Charles Bedford.

The Fellowship will meet each Monday night at 8:00 P. M. in the Y-Hut on the campus. Each Free Will Baptist Student who was not present at the meeting is urged to attend the Fellowship and other students are welcome.

The following students were present: Mae Silverthorne, Freddie Hinnant, Ethel Massengill, Margaret Grant, Agnes Mallard, Barbara Clements, Nell Lee, Dorothy Best, Charles Bedford, Rev. J. B. Narron, Matthew Prescott, Ruth Little, Betty Sutton, Betty Boyette, Joyce Willis, Leah McGlohon, Charles Dudley, Charles Harrell, Bill Spencer, Joyce Calhoun, and Sarah Casey. Rev. Rashie Kennedy was elected counselor and Rev. J. B. Narron co-counselor.

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PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Seventh Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of North Carolina, to convene with Sound Side Church near Columbia, N. C., October 3 and 4, 1951.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Worship service under the direction of Rev. J. W. Alford
- 9:45—Welcome address by Mr. E. B. Armstrong
 - Response by W. A. Willoughby
- 10:00—New officers of the conference in charge
- 10:05—Moderator's address, Rev. A. B. Chandler
- 10:15—Organizing the conference
 - Recognition of visitors and seating of delegates and preachers
 - Roll call of churches
 - Roll call of preachers
- 11:20—Special music and congregational singing
- 11:30—Introductory message by Rev. L. E. Ambrose
- 12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Worship services under the direction of D. W. Cherry
- 1:15—Business session
 - Appointment of committees
 - Reports
 - Special messages, etc
- 2:30—Recess until 7:30 tonight

EVENING SESSION

- 7:30—Opening worship services under the direction of the young people of the Sound Side Church
- 8:00—Evangelistic services. Speaker to be supplied

THURSDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Worship services under the direction of Rev. J. A. Alexander
- 9:45—Business Session
- 10:30—Orphanage report
 - Missionary report
 - Sunday school Report
 - League report
- 11:20—Special music and congregational singing
- 11:30—Conference sermon by Rev. T. F. Davenport
- 12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Worship services under the direction of Rev. W. E. Richardson
- 1:15—Final business session
 - Reports
 - Petitions
- 2:30—Adjourn

By Rev. R. P. Harris,
Retiring clerk

If God takes anything from us, it is that He may give us something a thousand times better.—Rev. J. N. Short.

Editorial Comments

"SPEED KILLERS"

Recently we saw in print an article entitled, "Speed killers on the highways," which stressed the fact that rapid moving vehicles on the American highways were taking a great death toll of innocent people. Speeding automobiles, trucks, and motorcycles, declared this writer, are causing an ever increasing death rate in this country, in spite of all the warning signals, and traffic laws of the nation.

Although the public press, and the radio announcers are constantly flashing warnings before the American people, asking all drivers to be very careful as they drive down the highways of this country, and to avoid highway accidents, yet the death toll is mounting all the while.

We are informed by the records that the majority of these highway hazards are due to speeding, reckless driving, and drunkenness. The fast cars and trucks, with the capacity to run eighty or ninety miles per hour, are doing the most of this killing, when operated by careless and drunken drivers. Human life is not safe on the main driveways when such individuals are speeding down the roads at seventy and eighty miles per hour. There is no wonder we have a high death rate on our great highways. And this will continue to happen so long as cars and trucks are built to run with such speed as they are now capable of making. Fools will speed to the limit, let come what may.

We believe the best remedy for highway safety can be secured by the lawmakers of our country if they will do one thing. This is what we have reference to: Let the Federal Government enact a law by which no automotive vehicle shall be made in this country to exceed forty-five miles per hour on the American highways. Furthermore, let this government debar the use of any automotive vehicle of any other country on our highways if they are capable of running more than forty-five miles per hour.

Now, we Americans would not agree to this kind of law at all, would we? In fact, most Americans would say that this editor is a fool to make such a statement. Who would want to go back to the "snail-pace traveling in this age? Going at the rate of only forty-five miles per hour, we would never get to the place in view." But that would be better than not getting there at all.

Believe it or not, if the cars and trucks and motorcycles could not run any faster than forty-five miles per hour, the death rate on our public highways would be cut half. Hospital expenses for those who would be injured by slow driving would be less than half of the present rate

of bills due to highway accidents. If everybody had to ride the highways no faster than forty-five miles per hour, everybody would get used to it in six months, and thousands of lives would be spared, and thousands of others would not be crippled for life, or burdened with large hospital bills due to long illness because of maimed bodies on the highways of this great nation of ours. Think of it. America progressed in the twenties, when the speed limit was not to exceed forty-five miles per hour on our public roads. Why can't we have a little gumption today, and save human life?

OCTOBER IS SUPERANNUATION MONTH

October is Superannuation month for North Carolina Free Will Baptists. All churches in the state are urged to take a special offering for this most worthy cause for the support of the disabled ministers of the state. It is indeed an honor, as well as a Christian duty, for the church people to remember the ministers who are no longer able to pastor churches and to preach the gospel for the glory of the Lord. Those brethren served their time well, during their active life in the ministry, and were men of faith and good works wherever they went to preach the gospel to the lost. Now they deserve the support of the churches over the entire state. No church should overlook taking an offering during this month for the Superannuation program.

God is blessing Free Will Baptists everywhere with material and spiritual blessings, and they in return are duty-bound to share some of these blessings with the ministers who now are looking to them for some of the necessities of life. Pastors cannot afford to overlook bringing this matter to the attention of their congregations this month, for it is their Christian duty to remember their brother ministers confined in their homes of afflictions. They are assured of blessings from the Lord if they will do their part in urging their church people in giving to this worthy cause.

GOD'S HARVEST

At this season of the year, in the agriculture areas of the United States, God's harvest time has come. Farmers all over the South are busy harvesting and selling their farm products. These various commodities are selling for good prices, and the farmers are banking their money in appreciable amounts.

God is the Giver of the increase, and the people are duty bound to give back to God part of their increase. Let them not forget to support His Church, and its great work.


Now Is a Splendid Time to Renew Your Subscription

Leagues in Action!

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE CONFERENCE PICK-UPS

By L. BEVERLY BALLARD

Part Three

ELL Leaguers, I suppose this will be the last of this series of articles. I hate to stop talking about our leagues in action throughout America. Maybe I can write more articles in the future if those leagues who have not been mentioned in these stories wish to communicate with me and give me some information. Most of all I would like to be contacted concerning special work along the lines of evangelism being carried on in the leagues.

Thus far we have mentioned leagues from Tennessee, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Georgia, Illinois, Alabama, South Carolina and North Carolina. Today we want to bring in Arkansas and Mississippi. I also have some more from leagues in the "Tar Heel" state and Tennessee. It seems perhaps I am partial to North Carolina but in respect to the number of leagues in this state, I feel a prorata share can be spoken of and too, I live here and know more people around these parts.

A total membership of 1,591 attend 35 leagues in the state of Arkansas, according to Henry Brown, corresponding secretary and treasurer for the Arkansas State League convention. I talked briefly with Mr. Brown at the conference in Nashville and wish I could have gathered more information concerning his state. However, he has promised to give me more information as soon as a complete Statewide league survey is made, which is now in progress, I understand.

Henry is a member of Mountain View F. W. B. L. at Charleston, Ark. This is rather a young league as are most of the leagues in that state and there is only a single department but there are 35 members. Pastor Ben Pixley also acts as director.

Mrs. Lutner Gibson, wife of the pastor at East Tupelo and Beulah Springs F. W. B. churches in Mississippi, met us on the college campus under the big oak in front of the auditorium to tell us that there is an average attendance of a hundred at the combined churches. Sixty leaguers are in attendance usually at East Tupelo while 40 attend nearby Beulah Springs. At East Tupelo there are five departments and W. C. Rea is general director. Over at Beulah Springs there is the same number of departments under the general direction of Mrs. Marcel Manning. Joan Vanderford represented the Beulah Springs church at the conference this year.

At Head's church, Cedar Hill, Tenn., we understand there is a fine group of daily Bible readers. In fact, that church has

had a number of daily Bible readers on the honor roll for several years. This group is also very active in the church's recent building program.

Miss Peggy Malpas, taking time out from breaking the boys' hearts at Nashville, told me about the First F. W. B. L. at Goldsboro, N. C. There are about 50 leaguers in the four departments there. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hunnicutt are co-directors of the general league assembly.

The word comes that there's a splendid little league at Pilgrim's Rest church at Dover, N. C. (That's just a jump from home: New Bern, N. C.) When I say "little league," I refer only to the fact that there are only a few members, but it really is a big league in quality and spirit. One of the most astonishing things about this league is that the leaguers *talk* on the topics in the league quarterlies instead of *reading!* In Mrs. Clarence Burkett this league has a good leader indeed.

You know they say lots of people leave the worst things until last, but in this case on the contrary, I am mentioning in closing about the oldest league in existence, of which we are justly proud. That league is at St. Mary's church in New Bern. Most of us no doubt have heard in passing about the history of our league. Well, now that league is still growing. Today there are approximately 65 or 70 actively attending members. And, believe it or not, we have two departments that are 100 percent almost every Sunday night. These are the Senior and Intermediate leagues in which there is attendance of 17 and 18 respectively.

One thing the league at St. Mary's is doing that would be a good practice in all leagues is the holding of prayer meetings in the homes of shutins and members. The Seniors and Adults are participating also in the holding of Sunday afternoon services at the Craven County home for aged. This work has reaped much success. The senior league recently started holding services at the Neuse Convalescent Home for people recovering from various rheumatic and coronary ailments. James Davidson, son of Pastor Rev. J. R. Davidson, is general director.

Well, in all this I have been wondering if I were pinned down just what league I could say I represented at Nashville. And to be honest, I just can't say. However, I have more or less taken it on myself to say I represented Ruth's Chapel F. W. B. L. In working with the youth in that church in the organization of a choir, I have become attached there and have attended their league several times. This little

league in which there are about 35 or 40 members is directed by Lee Purifoy. Each Sunday night the various departments take it upon themselves to give different types of programs. We hope in the future to become more closely attached here so that there may be some outside work to report.

DON'T FORGET, if you want your league mentioned in the Youth's Banner and the work you are doing placed into an open spot so other leaguers might get ideas for their planning, just drop me a line and address it as follows: L. Beverly Ballard, % Post Office, New Bern, N. C. So until another time, I say and pray "God Bless You All."

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 7, 11:00 a. m.—Spring Branch (Rept. and Class)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 14, 11:00 a. m.—Oak Grove (near Elm City)

ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 27, 8:00 p. m.—Mt. Tabor (Creswell, N. C.)

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 28, 11:00 a. m.—St. Paul (Elizabeth City, N. C.)

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ITINERARY FOR ORPHANAGE REPRESENTATIVE

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, September 23, 11:00 a. m.—Piney Grove (Pitt County)

Sunday, October 7, 11:00 a. m.—Little Creek
Sunday, October 14, 11:00 a. m.—Raleigh City Church

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 14, 2:00 p. m.—Pleasant Plain, Johnson Co.

Sunday, October 21, 11:00 a. m.—Union Chapel

Sunday, November 4, 8:00 p. m.—White Oak Hill (Bailey, N. C.)

REVIVAL AT BRAY BRANCH

This is to announce that the evangelist, Walter Carter of Rockingham, N. C., will conduct a Revival Meeting at Bray Branch Free Will Baptist Church, beginning on Monday night, October 22, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend these services and hear the Gospel Messages each evening.

Yours in Christ,

Walter King,

Deep Run, N. C.

The soul wants kindred companionship.
—Rev. Isaiah Reid.

Middlesex Orphanage

AUGUST RECEIPTS FOR 1951

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

GENERAL FUND

Eastern	
Folkstone	\$6.68
Soundview	50.00
Cartaret County Union	30.00
5th S. S. Convention	58.55
Oriental	21.52
St. Mary's	30.42
Pilgrim's Rest	3.00
Warden's Grove	18.50
Trent	6.00
Ruth's Chapel	22.06
Mt. Zion	40.00
Davis	12.50
Mt. Zion (Onslow County)	5.00
Dublin Grove	8.65
5th Eastern Union	111.60
Morehead	10.00
Whaley's Chapel	22.00
Kinston	23.10
Christian Chapel (Lenoir)	23.50
Beulaville	9.98
Core Creek	32.26
Wintergreen	2.00

Total \$547.32

Central

2nd Union	74.20
District League Conv. (2nd Union)	1.91
King's Cross Roads	2.83
Marlboro	7.50
4th Union	46.04
Hull Road	18.45
Rose Hill	11.60
Saratoga	3.65
Winterville	18.39
Spring Branch	40.00
Howell Swamp	5.00
LaGrange	20.16
St's Delight	8.00
Aspen Grove	23.00
Free Union	86.70
Gum Swamp	2.98
Greenville	30.44
Bethany	8.40

Total \$409.25

Western

Elwood Lane	17.70
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	24.77
Tippett's Chapel	25.40
King's Chapel	8.72
3rd District Union	4.63
Marsh Swamp	10.00
Shady Grove	3.00
Friendship	9.53
Wilson	14.49
Union Grove	1.00

Total \$119.24

Cape Fear

Robert's Grove	\$5.00
Powhatan	10.00
Lee's Chapel	19.34

Total \$34.34

Jack's Creek

Glen Alpine	14.00
North Bend	6.47
Pisgah	10.00
Green Mountain	25.00
Rev. Troy McCourry (Church Un- known)	10.00
Jack's Creek Association	56.82
Liberty	32.34

Total \$154.63

French Broad

Avery's Creek	17.55
Cedar Hill	18.00
Hazel Green	49.00
Mountain View	23.00
Mrs. Cynthia Buckner	10.00
Miss Virginia Harrison	5.00
French Broad Association	101.11
Beaverdam	5.00

Total \$228.66

Rockfish

Pine Grove	121.00
Rockfish Union	10.00
Mt. Moriah	25.00
Bethel	15.00

Total \$171.00

Pee Dee

1st Union	20.00
Oak Grove	45.22

Total \$65.22

Albemarle

Union Chapel \$35.13

Piedmont

Rocky Pass \$25.00

Miscellaneous

Parents & Relatives	\$166.60
Dr. W. E. Campbell, Jr.	10.00
Cash Sales Farm	1,444.66
Refunds	169.05
Mrs. Troy Kirkman	5.00
Young People's Friend Subscriptions	14.00
Rev. M. L. Tyndall	5.00
A Friend	10.00
Off Campus Labor	86.70
Mrs. E. E. Tosto	5.00
Junk Sold	5.00

Total \$1,921.01

CLOTHING FUND

Eastern

Union Chapel (Beaufort Co.) 30.00

Western

Union Grove Auxiliary 40.00

French Broad

Homer's Chapel 33.00
Swannanoa 40.00

Cape Fear

Bethel Auxiliary 40.00

Total \$183.00

Music Fund

Kinston Auxiliary (Eastern)	\$5.00
Grimsley Auxiliary (Central)	1.46
Greenville Auxiliary (Central)	5.00

Total \$11.46

Chapel Room

2nd Union (Central) \$42.59

Equipment S. S. Room	5.00
D. R. House, Jr.	5.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	

Total \$10.00

Albemarle Cottage Fund

Gum Neck	3.00
Malachi's Chapel	10.00
Soundside	1.00
Mt. Zion	5.00
Mt. Olive	1.00
Union Chapel	1.00
Shiloh	21.00

Trinity	2.00
Fairmount Park	2.00
Newport News	1.00
Portsmouth	1.00
Sidney	7.00
Little Creek	1.00
Free Union (Beaufort)	4.00
Union Meeting	68.02
Free Union	4.00
Walter McD. Croom	5.00

Total \$137.02

Floor Covering (Cottage)

2nd Union & Individuals (Central)	97.43
4th Union	35.00

Total \$132.43

Bed Account

Rosebud S. S. (Western)	10.00
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Central

Saratoga Auxiliary	35.00
Elm Grove Auxiliary	30.00
Dawson's Grove	35.00
Dildy's Grove Auxiliary	8.40

Individuals

Mr. & Mrs. T. F. Davenport	15.00
Mrs. Appie Flanagan	5.00
Mrs. Jesse Conway	5.00

Total \$143.40

Concert Class Receipts

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

Piedmont	
New Hope, Rockingham	30.00
Rockfish	
Sandy Grove, St. Pauls	33.38
Pee Dee	
Mt. Calvary	35.00
Emerson (Tabor City)	11.46
Cypress Creek	59.84

Cape Fear

Robert's Grove	72.60
Corinth	75.00
Bethel	50.00
Yelverton Grove	20.05

Western

Pleasant Grove	50.00
Stoney Creek	72.05
Pine Level	70.52
Tippett's Chapel	35.00
Barnes Hill	64.78

Eastern

Dublin Grove	86.18
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Central

Daniel's Chapel	75.00
Otter's Creek	60.00
Sweet Gum Grove	54.76
Piney Grove	60.00
Black Jack	141.36
New St's Delight	100.00

Total \$1,255.98

Miss Rosa Taylor, Manager	
Western	
Kenly	53.05
Jack's Creek	
Patterson's Branch	5.40
French Broad	
Horney Heights	21.00
Union Valley	35.00
Total	\$114.45
W. A. Hansley, Representative	
Central	
Hugo	52.00
Saratoga	41.28
Union Grove	30.50
Eastern	
Smith's New Home	50.00
Mt. Zion (Onslow County)	25.00
Beaufort	54.00
Total	\$252.78
Walter McD. Croom, Representative	
Pee Dee	
White Oak	\$50.40
In Lieu of Concert Class	
Central	
Antioch	82.00
Hickory Grove (Pitt County)	50.00
Walnut Creek	50.00
Cape Fear	
Casey's Chapel	218.30
Total	\$400.30
Donated Commodities	
Edgemont S. S. (Western)	
Linen	18.77
Luther Hinnant	
Treat for children	2.50
Sherron Acres Aux. & S. S. (Western)	
Linen	19.60
Wilson Aux. (Western)	
Sheets	5.20
Stony Hill Aux. (Western)	
Used Clothing	19.00
Saratoga (Central)	
Household supplies and linens	9.25
Mrs. Carl Jones	
Household supplies and linens	1.25
Smithfield Auxiliary (Cape Fear)	
Linen and H. H. Supplies	36.65
Union Grove Aux. (Western)	
Waste Baskets and Linens	5.76
Davis Milling Co.	
Household supplies	\$3.60
Total	\$121.58
Totals	
General Fund	3,710.80
Clothing Fund	183.00
Music Fund	11.46
Bed and Linen Fund	143.40
Chapel Room	52.59
Concert Receipts (Miss Farmer)	1,255.98
Representative's Visit (Croom)	50.40
Representative's Visit (Hansley)	252.78
Concert Receipts (Miss Taylor)	114.45
In Lieu of Concert Visit	400.30
Cottage Fund	137.02
Floor Covering Fund	132.43
Grand Total	\$6,444.61
Walter McD. Croom, Treas.	

A Western judge said, when a 16-year-old girl was brought before him: "Why didn't the parents of this child keep her in Sunday school? For Sunday school girls do not come to see me."

The Need of the Hour . . .

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP IN HIGH PLACES

America is noted as a Christian nation, and it is an evident fact that therein lay our success in the past as a peace-loving people. But day by day we are being entangled more with the heathen nations of this world.

The men and women that were chosen to represent us in the UN betrayed our trust, when they stood by and let God be ruled out by a heathen nation. They accepted the will of the unbeliever, and have gone down in American history with those who broke the tradition of our forefathers. It does my heart good to look back through history and hear Abe Lincoln say in time of trouble in his administration, "Men and brethren, the solution to our problem has ever been before us, and we did not see it, let us kneel and pray." That's the kind of leadership we need in this time of perplexity. How in the world can any one expect the UN to be a success without prayer? Surely it is abomination unto the Lord in high places. And just as surely we shall see the scripture fulfilled in Ezek. 33:39, "Then shall they know that I am the Lord when I have laid the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed." "Yes, Titus 1:16, completely fits the one's that represented us in the UN: "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him being abominable and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobates." They are just as guilty as was the leaders in the Sanhedrin council, when they let the people crucify Christ. They couldn't have said any plainer "Away with him." And from the mess things are in, God is surely letting them wrestle within their own power. Where is our peace? In Jesus Christ, and that covers more than just spiritually speaking.

Just let our national government leaders meet the condition like the old king of Nineveh, and give God first place and see how quick peace and

Mrs. Bertha Chappell
Mer Rouge, La.

prosperity will spread over America again. Joe Stalin, like Herod, is a sly old fox. He knows that man can't give God the fruits of his lips with a pure and undefiled heart and not be rewarded.

So long as he can keep a Christian nation from asking God's leadership in the UN, he knows he has the upper hand. I would not keep company with any people at any time or place wherein I could not arm myself with the sword of the Spirit when discussion was made. Although I doubt that it would do us any good for a bunch of beer drinkers and cocktail sippers to pray. But we must remember that we placed them each in his seat by vote or appointment. And it behooves us to also remember by the same power we can replace them with others that might be better qualified to stand in the "gap."

We can put Joe Stalin and all his armies to flight without bursting one bomb if we will place righteous, God loving and God fearing leaders to represent us at all times. The greatest book on earth, the "Bible," is authentic proof that peace prevailed in time past when righteous men were at the helm. It will also work for us.

Job 22:21 "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee."

I Peter 3:11-12 "Let him eschew evil and do good; let him seek peace and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil."

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to state that I shall be available for pastoral work on fourth Sunday for another year. Any church desiring my service may communicate with me at the address given below. Also I shall be available for revival meetings this fall.

Rev. W. Russell Millard

Mount Olive, North Carolina

-:- Department of Foreign Missions -:-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE
HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

FROM THE MISSION FIELD IN INDIA

"Shamrock," Kotagiri

September 11, 1951

Dear Friends in the Homeland,

Six weeks ago we arrived in Kotagiri. It was good to see the beauties of the hill country again, and to feel the friendly welcome of the dear Indian folk. It was more wonderful to see evidences of God's work during the past year. If we never left the house these days we would still be kept very busy answering the calls of those coming to inquire further about the Lord, or to find strengthening fellowship and help in every kind of spiritual problem.

Many of you will remember that upon my arrival in USA least year I asked prayer for an old man who had come to the house as I was leaving, requesting baptism for himself and 12 others. The dingy paper in his hand bore these names of his family and immediate relatives joining in the request. I counseled him to "follow on to know the Lord," and to give clear evidence of a new heart. It was a great joy, then, to find upon my return that the Lord had continued to work in his heart. Such a scene as took place in our livingroom at noon a few Sundays back always makes us wish you could witness it with us. Rangusamy had tottered up here alone, a considerable walk for a feeble old man with poor eyesight, but his heart was burning with a new experience of grace and he must talk with us alone without interference of others. He had turned his back upon all that was connected with the old life, and he was now facing Heaven with Jesus. He had now entirely surrendered himself to Christ, he said. He had the assurance of forgiveness of sins by the blood of Christ. This was his testimony, and his face glowed with a light which we knew came from within and gave witness to a new heart indwelt by the true and living God. Dan Cronk, instant in season, offered helpful advice. But this only set the old man going, and his words, and illustration of Gospel truth, were such an inspiration to us that I noticed Dan's eyes swell with tears—and I thought I saw a tear trickle down his cheek.

Rangusamy is anxiously awaiting baptism and hopes that by January when Brother Woolsey comes back he can have brought his entire family into the same experience. "I don't want to go to heaven all alone," he said. "I want to win others, especially my own family. But whether they come, or whether they refuse, I'm on my way to Heaven. Oh, to get there and look over in! One glimpse of Jesus and Heaven!" I

think that his children are saved, as their lives and their testimonies thus far seem to give satisfactory evidence. But I am afraid the wife is only passively following her husband and has not really been born again. Will you join us in earnest prayer for her salvation. What a testimony that home will be if the wife can share this joyous experience with the husband and thus lend her influence in making that little hovel of a house a place where thirsting souls find the Water of Life!

A young man, for some time an enquirer, has been walking in about 10 miles each Sunday morning to hear the Gospel. It was an inspiration to hear Rangusamy telling his own experience and giving great encouragement to the young man on the outside after the Bible class was over. His name also happens to be Rangusamy. He appears also to have really received the Lord, and now last Sunday he brought a friend whom he is seeking to win. So this keenness to win others appears to us as a real evidence of genuineness. The young man comes from a tea estate where he says they have no Gospel witness and he is exploring us to visit there. Sunday is the only time we can get there by bus outside of working hours, and our Sunday meetings do not give us time to make the trip by bus schedule. So we are anxiously hoping our car will come soon so that we can overcome some of these transportation and time difficulties.

Three or four of our former school boys have taken a bold and open stand for Christ. Please pray for them in these days of testing while, because of heathen families, they cannot be baptized and must move in the midst of heathenism without even a Christian name to shield them. Meanwhile some of our Christian young men who have continued to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and His Word are being very useful to the work now, teaching Sunday School, supervising Christian boy's clubs in our Reading Room, evangelistic work at night, and best of all in quiet personal soul-winning, while they earn their living in the same toilsome way as their heathen friends. One of our splendid lads, outcaste that he is, has won the heart of a youth of a high caste tribe here, and it has thrilled my heart to watch the lad of high caste seek out our Christian "boys" and learn from them the Truth of the Gospel. There is a magnetism about even the humblest souls who really know the Lord. These young men take the Bible and point out to enquiring friends the truths they themselves have learned in the Bible classes.

"His Word . . . shall not return unto Him void."

We are moving along with definite Bible study, believing as of yore that it is the knowledge of that precious Word that brings light and conviction. But work hours and the whole economic situation here is against us. We need much prayer that the Lord in His passion for the souls of men will break through the obstacles and enable us to have some sort of a systematic Bible School to equip our Christians for living and for witnessing, and through which He can call out suitable ones into a full-time Gospel Work. Bibles in the Tamil language are so scarce and the price of even the cheapest is about 4 days' work. Many of our Christians have to do with one to a family even though there may be several adults in the family. Pray for the printing of Bibles in these languages in quantities that will meet the demand, and for prices that the poor people can afford. We keep our Reading Room open so that those without Bibles and eager enough to take the trouble can come and read. I can't imagine too many people at home walking out through the woods at night after a hard day's work to read the Bible, but some do here, praise God! People are hungry for the Truth.

And they are also hungry for food to sustain physical life. In the Madras Presidency the ration is 2 and one-half ounces of grain per week per person. This is not enough. There is plenty on the black-market. But blackmarket prices are so exorbitant that only the rich can reach them. Hungry people are tempted to all sorts of evils. On every hand, from every rank of society, one hears woeful tales of bribery and corruption. It is appalling to try to imagine what the outcome will be. But it is an opportune time to preach an all-sufficient Saviour. Brethren, pray for us!

And now just a word of first impressions of a new missionary. After 44 days on the water it was delightful to feel the earth beneath my feet again. As we climbed up, 6,500 feet above sea-level to Kotagiri I was struck by the beauty of the verdant valleys, hills, and plains—the plains being blue in the distance. Indeed, their beauty is indescribable. The sunrises and sunsets are the most exquisite I've ever beheld and cannot be surpassed anywhere, of that I am certain.

But what a marked contrast when I turn from these matchless scenes of splendor and grandeur to the spiritually starved millions of India living in poverty, filth, disease, sickness, and in the midst of death because of their undying faithfulness to the religion of their forefathers and their untiring efforts to please their gods. They live in constant fear lest they fall short of doing their duty in the observance of ceremonial rites, sacrifices, etc. It is an immeasurable joy to see souls cast aside their life-long teachings, rituals, and take a stand for Christ. Their radiant faces clearly speak of the new found peace that is theirs, of the

indwelling Christ, and is ever a source of rejoicing. I do find inexpressible gladness in the thought that those who have been transformed by His marvelous Grace will exchange their small, insufficiently furnished mud huts for a beautiful mansion some day.

It is impossible not to sense the throbbing pathos of the Indian life—there is a strain of underlying sadness felt. All they know is poverty, want, and sorrow—how ineffably pathetic—such an abyss of misery! However, one finds cause to rejoice as he sees the hunger in these people's heart to know the one true, living God. How they thirstily drink in the Word! Pray that this Word will soon bring forth abundant fruit. Also pray that I may be enabled to master the language as I long to tell of Christ's matchless love and His power to set man free.

May richest blessings be the portion of each and a harvest of success in all undertakings, we are

Yours in His glad service,
Laura B. Barnard and Volena
Wilson

FROM THE FIELD

Ashland City, Tennessee
August 23, 1951

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
242 Victor Avenue
Highland Park 3, Mich.

Dear Brother Riggs:

Since my husband, an aged minister, has been sick for about seven years, I have not been able to attend church as I would like to, and learn about the church activities but I am interested in the progress of the Lord's work, and read the church papers when I sit by his bed. I am inclosing check for (\$25) for which you may show credit to Ashland City church auxiliary by me on your report.

May the Lord continue to bless our efforts in winning the lost to Him.

Mrs. J. E. Hudgens

SPRING BRANCH NEWS

Hearts grew warm and memories became vivid again as the days crept forward to our fall revival at Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church, near Walstonburg, as we turned back the pages of time we remembered the happy songs of praises and the soul stirring messages that had been brought to us in revivals past. On first Sunday night we again came together for another revival. We had as our evangelist, the Rev. M. L. Johnson, who was one of our former pastors. Mr. Johnson delivered some very inspiring thoughts to the backsliders and showed the way of salvation to the unsaved.

Mrs. Wallace Mercer,
Church Reporter

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

PARKER HOWARD PASSES

Parker Howard of Pink Hill, N. C., died June 1st, 1951. He was a life long resident of Pine Forest Community of Lenoir county.

Death came at the age of 81 at his home. He was twice married; first to Miss Georgianna Kennedy in 1889. She died in 1944. To this union was born four sons and six daughters. One daughter preceded him in death by several years.

He is survived by his second wife, Mrs. Sarah Stanley Howard. Brother Howard was a member of Christian Chapel for many years.

Written by friends:

Mrs. Floyd Dail and
Miss Bessie Howard,
Pink Hill, North Carolina

FANNIE BLIZZARD HOWARD

On June 28, 1951, God called away from this earth our beloved aunt and friend, Fannie B. Howard, wife of the late Brady Howard. She was 82 years old.

On June 25, this year, she was taken sick, and was ill until the time of her death.

Aunt Fannie was a life long member of Christian Chapel Free Will Baptist church.

She is survived by 3 sons and 2 daughters.

Written by her neices:

Mrs. Floyd Dail and
Miss Bessie Howard,
Pink Hill, North Carolina

W. S. BLIZZARD

Uncle William (Bill) Blizzard of Pink Hill, N. C., born March 24, 1875, died February 22, 1951, at the age of 75.

He was ordained as a deacon of Christian Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, September 30, 1905, and remained one all his life.

Uncle Bill was in declining health for several years before his death. He is survived by his third wife, Mrs. Lou Harper Blizzard, seven children and several grandchildren.

Written by his neices:

Mrs. Floyd Dail and
Miss Bessie Howard,
Pink Hill, North Carolina

TREASURER'S REPORT

Following is the Treasurer's Report of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention, for May 25, 1951 through August 25, 1951.

RECEIPTS

Balance brought forward	\$187.21
Co-Laborer Band	112.80
Cragmont Assembly, Inc.	13.00
Chairmen Education (Bible College)	94.50
Superannuation	27.00
General Department	1.00
Home Missions	86.98
Foreign Missions	186.44
Orphanage	10.00
State and National Dues	26.26

Total \$557.98

Grand total \$745.19

DISBURSEMENTS

Co-Laborer Band	\$112.80
Cragmont Assembly, Inc.	13.00
Chairman Education (Bible College)	94.50
Superannuation	27.00
Foreign Missions	186.44
Orphanage	10.00
Treasurer's salary, 3 months	45.00

Total disbursed, first quarter \$488.74

Balance in treasury August 25, 1951 \$256.45

Mrs. M. A. Woodard, treas.
Winterville, North Carolina

HOME-COMING AT SPRING BRANCH

Home-coming services will be observed at Spring Branch Free Will Baptist church near Walstonburg, North Carolina, October 7, 1951. All old members, former pastors, and friends are invited and urged to attend. Worship services will be held in the morning and dinner will be spread on the church grounds. After dinner there will be entertainment for old and young, so please come and join us.

Church Reporter

ANNOUNCEMENT

If the parents and church people who have students in East Carolina College or know of them being there, and will send their name, college and home address to me at once, I'll do my best to help them and encourage them. I have some names and addresses, but not near all. The State Convention of North Carolina is working on plans for a Student Center. We will need this information to work out plans.

Sincerely,

Rashie Kennedy
303 Meade Street,
Greenville, N. C.



ABRAHAM, GOD'S PIONEER

(Lesson for October 7)

LESSON: Genesis 12:1-9; 13:14-17.

GOLDEN TEXT: Hebrews 11:10.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

The people had forgotten the Flood. Idolatry was almost universal again. There was a small remnant that still remember the true God. We know the names of three of these men, Abraham, Lot and Melchisedek the king of Salem. This is a very important lesson.

1. God's call demands a complete separation unto Him (Gen. 12:1).

2. God's call to separation is coupled with glorious promises (vss. 2, 3).

3. God's call, if obeyed, will bring blessings even to those not specifically included in the call (vss. 2, 3).

4. God's call expects an actual, active compliance with all its provisions (vs. 4).

5. God's call demands not only a beginning but a constant continuance of obedience until His will is done (vs. 5).

6. God's call often leads us into the midst of people who do not know Him (vs. 6).

7. God's call, if obeyed, will lead us to expressions of gratitude and devotion (vs. 7).

8. God's call, if obeyed, will lead us to a life of communion with Him (vss. 7, 8).

9. God's call should be followed by a life of constant witnessing for Him (vs. 8).

10. God's call should lead us into a life of fellowship with Him wherever we go (vs. 9).

11. It is a great blessing when one who returns to the Lord can bring the members of his family with him (Gen. 13:1).

12. Earthly riches did not hinder Abram's spiritual life, nor should they hinder anyone else (vs. 2).

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13. There is often a blessing in being able to go back to the very places where we first enjoyed fellowship with the Lord (vs. 3).

14. Worship and prayer and witnessing always go together in the life of a true believer (vs. 4).

5. While riches need not hinder spirituality they often cause trouble among men (vss. 5, 6).

6. The world will always discover it if there is strife among believers, and it will mar our testimony (vs. 7).

7. The spirit of strife is contagious, and though it may begin among servants it will easily spread to their masters (vs. 8).

18. It is exceedingly difficult for some Christians to take second place when they are entitled to first place (vs. 9).

19. Selfishness will cause and prolong quarrels only when both confenders practice it (vss. 10, 11).

20. Selfishness is the first step downward on the ladder that leads to backsliding (vss. 12, 13).

21. Lot may have thought he was getting the best of the bargain, but he was sadly mistaken (Gen. 13:14-17).

II. Special Truths About Israel

There are at least four things God had in view for this new nation that was to come into being. The first was that Israel was to be a witness to the unity of God in the midst of idolatry (Deu. 6:4; Is. 43:10-12). A little while before this call of Abraham, idolatry had been introduced into the world. It became almost universal. There was need for a testimony and a witness against it. This was a great opportunity for Israel to show her faith and devotion to her Redeemer-God. But she failed miserably (II Kings 17:7-23).

Another purpose of God for the nation of Israel was that she might show forth the blessedness that comes to those who serve the one true God (Deu. 33:26-29). Israel, as a nation, was ideally situated to do this. The great highways of travel and commerce, from north to south and from east to west, passed through her borders. Had she been faithful to God, the account of her peace and prosperity in connection

with the Name of the Lord would have traveled far (I Ki. 10:1-10).

The third purpose God had for this nation was that they might receive, preserve, and transmit the Divine revelation (Deut. 4:5-8; Rom. 3:1, 2). The Bible came from the Jew. It came through men Divinely inspired (II Tim. 3:15, 16; II Pet. 1:20, 21).

The fourth purpose God had for this nation was that it should come, after the flesh, the Messiah, the Saviour of men (Gen. 3:15; 12:3; II Sam. 7:10-17; Matt. 1:1). These Messianic promises, first given Adam, then Noah, then Abraham, became more clear and specific as the years passed.

To what extent had God's plan for a Hebrew nation progressed at Abraham's death? Numerically? In knowledge of and worship of the one true God? One man had lived a life of obedience to the true God, exhibiting faith, practicing intercession, and leaving a record which we study to this day to learn God's ways of dealing with men and their proper attitude toward him.

What event in Abraham's life best showed the faith for which he is famous? His leaving home and kindred at God's call (Gen. 12:1)? His leaving the choice of pasture to Lot (Gen. 13:8-12)? His intercession for Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 18:23-32)? His offering of Isaac (Gen. 22:1-13)? Some other incident?—Selected.

ROCKFISH CONFERENCE CONVENES OCTOBER 12 AND 13

The Rockfish Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, of the state of North Carolina, will hold their annual meeting with the Mt. Calvary F. W. B. Church at Hamlet, Richmond County, N. C., on October 12th and 13th, 1951. Everyone is cordially invited. Rev. R. N. Hinnant will be preaching at the hour of 11:00 A. M., to 12:00 noon, morning of the 12th.

Leave Highway 74 at the old Richmond County Home, located between Hamlet and Rockingham, N. C. Proceed for about two or three miles. Church is on the right.

Dinner will be served on the church grounds both days.

W. N. Edwards

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD

Cash on hand July 1, 1951 \$2,373.60

Receipts for July, 1951

J. C. Light, Oklahoma	\$1.00
Mrs. Sloan, Michigan	10.00
Rev. George W. McLain, California	10.00
Rev. J. B. Bloss, Tennessee	6.00
Rev. Gene Winfry, Oklahoma	8.00
I. J. Stanley, Tennessee	7.00
Rosilee Grubbs, Tennessee,	3.00
Rev. J. B. Bloss, Tennessee	7.00
Rev. R. H. Doan, W. Virginia	10.00
Jasper Free Will Baptist Church, Ala.	5.00
Rev. W. H. Ryland, Alabama	45.00
Eldridge F. W. B. Church, Alabama	5.00
Fayette F. W. B. Church, Tennessee	8.60
Rev. Roy O'Donnell, Alabama	20.00
Rev. Harvey Hill, Missouri	10.00
Oak Lawn F. W. B. Church, Tenn.	8.00
New Hope F. W. B. Church, Tenn.	19.00

Total \$182.60

Receipts for August, 1951

Woman's National Auxiliary	\$66.53
Bear Point F. W. B. Church, Ill.	21.28
1st F. W. B. Church, Columbia, Tenn.	10.70
Okl. State Ass'n F. W. Baptists	78.08
Richwood F. W. B. Church, Mo.	5.00
N. C. State Home Mission Board	8.94
Foreign Mission Board	19.43
Rev. J. B. Bloss, Tennessee	10.79
Wolverine Association, Michigan	17.49
E. A. O'Donnell, Oklahoma	15.00
Cleo Pursell, Oklahoma	1.00
Charley Wilson, Oklahoma	1.00
Jess Markin, Oklahoma	1.00
Mrs. Hutsinger, Oklahoma	1.00
Ga. State Association F. W. B.	5.00

Total \$263.24

Cash on hand July 1, 1951	\$2,373.60
Receipts for July, 1951	182.60
Receipts for August, 1951	263.24
Grand Total	\$2,819.44

Disbursements

Office Help	\$10.00
Rev. J. B. Bloss, Mailing Tags, Phone Calls	8.19
Rev. Charles Craddock, Revival, Lewisburg, Tennessee	75.00
Blanchard F. W. B. Church, Revival Oklahoma	100.00
Promotional Department, National Association (Printing)	79.00
Rev. Harry E. Staires, Secretary work and supplies	100.00
Rev. J. B. Bloss, Revival, Cairo, Ga.	200.00
Rev. George McLain, Meeting and expense, Cuba, Ill., and expense to New Mexico	100.00
Promotional Department National Association	300.00
Georgia State Association Revival at Albany, Georgia	100.00
Duckets Office supply (for supplies)	6.00

Total \$1,078.19

Total Receipts 2,819.44
Sash on hand Sep. 1, 1951 1,741.25

State's Quota's Set by the National Home

Mission Board for this Associational Year

STATE	QUOTA
Arizona	\$100.00
Arkansas	350.00
Alabama	400.00
California	500.00
Florida	350.00
Georgia	500.00
Illinois	700.00
Kentucky	400.00
Kansas	100.00
Mississippi	350.00
Missouri	1,000.00
Michigan	600.00
North Carolina	1,000.00
South Carolina	400.00
New Mexico	100.00
Oklahoma	1,000.00
Tennessee	1,000.00
Texas	350.00
Virginia	450.00
West Virginia	450.00

Total \$10,000.00

Remember the month of April is Special Home Mission month. Revival in every church, and a special offering from every church, with reports of revivals sent to secretary-treasurer, Rev. Harry E. Staires, Box 426, Oilton, Oklahoma.

Yours for Missions

Rev. Harry E. Staires,
Secretary-Treasurer

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Remember

The greater the Home Mission program, the greater the Foreign Mission program. The cry for help is coming in every day to the National Home Mission Board. Your support and finance will help in the saving of souls and the establishment of new F. W. B. Churches. Two new churches have been organized already this year; one at Cairo, Georgia, and the other at Duncan, Oklahoma, through the help of the National Home Mission Board. Send in an offering today to the treasurer, Rev. Harry E. Staires, Oilton, Oklahoma.

REV. AND MRS. ELTON COLEMAN HONORED WITH A SURPRISE SHOWER

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Florida, and friends gave Rev. and Mrs. Coleman a surprise shower on Saturday, September 15, 1951. There were approximately thirty guests present for this meeting, and a delightful evening was enjoyed by all. Mrs. D. D. Pinkston and Miss Argent Steedley were in charge of the entertainment feature of the occasion. Cake and punch were served with Mrs. W. W. Lamson presiding at the punch bowl.

Gifts were opened and presented, and Rev. Coleman made a short talk and led in prayer. Brother Coleman had just moved to this city with his family from Chicago, Illinois, to become the pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of this city. All of us are bidding him and his good family God's speed. May his labors with us be a wonderful success.

Argent Steedley,
1613 Perry Street,
Jacksonville, Florida

HICKORY GROVE REVIVAL

On fifth Sunday night in September the Rev. C. L. Patrick of Grifton, N. C., will begin a revival meeting at Hickory Grove Church near Bethel. The meeting will continue for a week.

Clarence Little, Pastor

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Whom or What Do You Love?

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vain glory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (I John 2:15-17 R. V.).

Are you in line, my brother, for the abiding? We have no promise of the eternal abiding if we love the things of the world. How do you feel when you attend the show on prayer meeting night? How do you feel when you attend the Sunday Movie or the Sunday base ball game? How do you feel when you rob God of "tithes and offerings" and the worship hour at your church by going to some bathing resort? Examine yourself, my dear reader. Do you think that you are in the center of God's will when you let any desire of the flesh get between you and God? Suppose Jesus was to come back on Sunday afternoon, would you be satisfied to be sitting at a ball game? How do you think that you would feel if you were at the Sunday evening movie while your pastor was delivering a message from the Word of God, inviting and urging sinners to accept Christ, and thereby get in the center of God's will? In other words, what is your state and standing with God? We are taught to judge ourselves. If we are in the center of God's will, we will take an inventory of our life all alone and see where we stand. John wrote:

"And now, my little children, abide in him; that if he shall be manifested, we may have boldness, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. If ye know that he is righteous ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is begotten of him" (I John 2:28, 29, R. V.).

The Pleasure of the Lord

"Let no man deceive you with empty words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them; for ye were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord: walk as children of light for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and righteousness and truth proving what is well pleasing to the Lord; and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them" (Eph. 5:6-11, R. V.).

God is much displeased when we, who believe, go after the world. "For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and the sea; and did all eat the same Spiritual food and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of a spiritual rock that followed them: and the Rock was Christ. Howbeit with the most of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play" (I Cor. 10:1-7 R. V.).

Paul says: "But know this, that in the last days grievous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, haughty, railers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholly, without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self control, fierce, no lovers of good, traitors, headstrong, puffed up, lovers of pleasure, rather than lovers of God; holding a form of godliness, but having denied the power thereof" (II Tim. 3:1-5 R. V.).

In reality do you not think that we are living in the last days. The evidence is all around us. Will you notice especially the part that says, "Without self control." Men shed innocent blood and swear that "they were not aware of what they were doing." Then the courts will judge the criminal to be "temporarily insane," perhaps, when the guilty party was insane from the drinking of intoxicating liquors or doped out of sense. I think that we are living close to the sun-set of time. This old world is a cesspool of pollution and lustful fornication. But Christ said: "As it was in the days of Noah, so should it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man." "They married, they eat and drank." Well, what of that? Here is the answer: "Married, ate, and drank, in sin and wilful disobedience to the pleasure of God. That is what people are doing now. They marry without God. They divorce without God. "They keep bathed and steeped in the filth of Satan's cesspool of corruption. Then they go to church—some of them—and sing and some times shout and tell how good they are and how much they know and do. "A form of godliness; but denying the power thereof." God let the children of Israel go down in miserable defeat. Since He is no respecter of persons," I am looking to America to go down under the powers of sin. The only thing that will prevent the collapse of the United States is a turning back to God.

The years are hastening by, and we are all nearing home. What marks are we leaving along the way over which we are passing?—Mrs. E. E. Williams.

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Pee Dee Auxiliary Convention to convene with Beaver Dam Church, Saturday, October 6, 1951.

Theme: "Workers Together As Good Stewards."

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Registration
- 10:10—Devotion, Mrs. Lottie Simmons
 - Welcome, Mrs. J. G. McPherson
 - Response, Mrs. Mittie Edwards
 - President's message
 - Roll called of Auxiliary
 - Special music
 - Reports of Vice-Presidents:
 - First
 - Second
 - Third
 - Orphanage news
 - Congregational singing
 - Appointment of committees
 - Convention message, Mrs. J. C. Griffin
 - Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:15—Devotion, Mrs. Hattie Bryan
- Congregational singing
- Reports of Vice-Presidents:
 - Fourth
 - Fifth
 - Sixth
- Special feature
- Reports of Field Worker
- Business and Reading of Minutes
- Reports of committees
- Adjournment

Mrs. H. C. Adcox, Pres.

Mrs. George Suggs, Secy.

PROGRAM

Following is the program for the Second Union of the Central Conference, to convene with Ayden Church, Saturday before the fifth Sunday, September, 1951.

- 9:45—Devotions, Rev. D. W. Hansley
- 10:00—Business
- 10:15—Leading Young People of the Bible, Rev. N. D. Beaman
- 10:30—Business
- 10:45—Eminent Types in the Book of Ruth, Rev. R. N. Hinnant
- 11:05—Eminent Types in the Book of Jonah, Mr. Roy Turnage, Jr.
- 11:20—Congregational singing
- 11:25—Sermon, Rev. S. A. Smith
- 12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON

- 1:00—Devotions
- 1:10—Business
- 1:30—Sampson as a Type of our Lord, Rev. W. B. Nobles
- 1:55—Business and Adjournment
By the Committee

The faithful are always tried by fire.—
Rev. W. B. Godbey,

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Albemarle District Sunday School Convention to be held with Malachi's Chapel, Tyrrell County., North Carolina, Sunday, September 30, 1951.

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Devotions by H. S. Swain
- 10:15—President's remarks
- 10:25—Sunday School lesson taught by R. L. Spencer
- 10:55—Enrolling the ministers and recognizing any visiting ministers
- Reading the minutes of last convention
- Reading of the Sunday School reports
- Report of the Orphanage by the Superintendent
- Offering for Orphanage
- 11:30—Congregational singing
- Special music rendered by Malachi's Chapel
- 11:40—Introduction of speaker by Rev. J. W. Alford
- Convention sermon by Rev. W. A. Hansley
- 12:10—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:10—Devotions by Rev. L. E. Ambrose
 - Special music
 - 1:30—Business period
 - 2:30—Treasurer's report and adjournment
- By the Committee

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Central Second Union Sunday School Convention of North Carolina which meets with Ayden Free Will Baptist Church on September 30, 1951.

Theme: And he said unto them, Go ye unto all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15.

MORNING SESSION

- Registration of delegates
- 10:00—Sunday School by local school
- 11:00—Devotions by Mr. H. Macon Page
- 11:05—Address of welcome by Mrs. Jessie Davidson
- Response by Mr. Richard Rogers
- Remarks by President Dail
- Special music by Greenville Boys Trio
- 11:30—Convention Sermon by Rev. C. L. Patrick
- Brief Business period
- 12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions by Black Jack Sunday School
- Special Music by Conway Quartett
- 1:15—Business period
- 2:30—"Orphanage Needs" by Supt. Croom
- Miscellaneous business
- Adjournment

By Committee

PROGRAM

Following is the program for Fourth Union of the Central Conference convening at Daniel's Chapel, Wilson County, on September 29, 1951.

MORNIN GSESSION

- 10:00—Devotions, Robert Durham
- 10:15—Welcome Address, C. W. Pittman
- 10:20—Response, Rev. R. W. Allman
- 10:30—Moderator's message
- 10:40—Business
- Reading minutes, calling roll of ministers
- Offering for orphanage
- Appointment of committees
- 11:30—Union sermon, Rev. Walter Williams, alternate, Rev. C. D. Hamilton.
- 12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions, Rev. A. G. Baker
 - 1:20—Business
 - 2:00—Special singing, Daniel's Chapel
 - 2:20—Report of committees
 - 3:00—Adjourn
- The Committee:
Mrs. Edward Pittman,
Jesse Gay,
G. W. W.

PROGRAM

Following is the program for the Union Meeting of the Albemarle District which will be held with Malachi's Chapel, Saturday, September 29, 1951.

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Devotions conducted by B. F. Spencer.
- 10:15—Moderator's address
- 10:20—Reading the Minutes of the last meeting
- Calling the roll call of mniisters
- Calling the roll of churches
- Offering for the Orphanage
- Announcements
- Special music by the local church
- Sermon by Rev. J. A. Alexander
- Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions conducted by L. E. Ambrose
 - 1:15—Special music
 - 1:20—Business period
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Petition for the next union
 - Adjournment
- Alice Webster
Program Committee

If we abide in Christ and Christ in us, we will bear much fruit.—*Rev. S. B. Taylor.*

Think what pardon means to a world condemned.—*Rev. Bud Robinson.*

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the League Convention of the Second Union District of the Central Conference, Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, September 29, 7:30 P. M.

- Devotions . . . Winterville League
- Solo . . . Jo Ann Padley, Ayden
- "Crippled Joe," play . Greenville League
- Duet . Mabel Ann Mills, Hilda Waters
- Business Period
- Trio . . . Greenville League
- Chorus Time
- Bible Quiz . . . Winterville League
- Business Period
- Benediction

Miss Leah McGlohon, Secy.

FREE WILL BAPTIST HOUR EACH SUNDAY MORNING, 8 A. M., STATION WGTM

The First Western District Sunday School Convention will have charge of the program, Sunday morning, September 30. James Batten, Micro, is the president and will have charge of the program. Raymond T. Sasser, president of the State Sunday School Convention will teach the lesson. Special music will be furnished by groups from Union Grove, Pleasant Grove, Daniel's Chapel and Selma. Mrs. Bagley Morris will have charge of the music. Our convention convenes with the Pleasant Grove church Sunday morning, Sept. 30. Everyone is cordially invited to listen to the program.

MAURY CHURCH TO HAVE TEN DAYS REVIVAL

The Free Will Baptist Church at Maury, North Carolina, is to have ten days revival meeting. The evangelist will be the Reverend Murphy of Kinston, North Carolina. The pastor of the church is Reverend Tyndall who will assist the evangelist in this meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend these services, and to worship the Lord with us. We are asking the Christian people to pray for the success of this meeting.

LITTLE CREEK HOME-COMING

Little Creek Church, Greene County, N. C., will observe homecoming celebration on first Sunday in October. All former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited to attend these services. Dinner will be spread on the church grounds at the noon hour. It is expected to be a grand day. Come with full baskets, and let us enjoy the day in the service of the Lord. Rev. Bruce Barrow is pastor.

By a Church Member

Blessed Jesus, chisel me and model me as Thou wouldst have me.—*Rev. Bradley.*

I Am NOT Going to a Christless Grave . . . ARE YOU?

I got on the street car in Buffalo, and when the conductor came for my fare I gave him the leaflet, "Where Hell Is." As I handed it to him he laughed, and said, "You always give me one of these religious papers; I suppose you think me a very wicked fellow, but I am about as good as they make them." I held up my Bible and asked, "Do you see this Book? It tells me, 'The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked,' Jer. 17:9. That means your heart and mine. It does not sound so very good, does it?" "Oh, well," he said, "there is plenty of time for me to think about these things. I am still young." "Yes," I said, "but if you go into any graveyard you will see graves of all sizes." A little girl once asked her mother how old must one be before he died. The mother gave her child a long piece of string and told her to go into the graveyard and measure the graves, and every time she measured to tie a knot. Soon after the child came back with the string full of knots. "Look, mother, the graves are all sizes." "Yes, dear, that is when people died; at all times and ages." Again the young man laughed and said, "There is plenty of time for me." Little did he think, "This night thy soul shall be required of thee." Luke 12:20. On leaving the car I said, "Remember, the time is short, and you need not go to a Christless grave and to hell; Christ died for the ungodly."

This young man had only been a conductor six or eight weeks, but during that time I had often met him, and always gave him a tract. As this was not a busy line, I had often had a little talk with him and other conductors. Also, we have some who, like Epaphras, "always laboring fervently in prayer," Col. 4:12. Well would it be if all who distributed tracts had the same.

The next morning I traveled by the same car but a new conductor was there, who told me that the one I had spoken to that day before had intended going for an afternoon's pleasure, but in jumping from one car to another had missed his footing, was run over by the car, and injured so that in a few hours he died. I felt very badly, thinking he had indeed found a Christless grave, but later in the day I was told that he had accepted the Saviour and wished me to know that he was not going to a Christless grave. I went to his home, and as I looked upon that young man's dead face, I could not help thinking what an awful warning to anyone who thinks there is plenty of time.

"I tell you, time is short," Ps. 89:47. "After this the judgment," Heb. 9:27. God in His love and mercy had given this young man time, but, oh, how short the time was! God gave him a last message. Reader, this may be God's last message to you! Remember, "Now is the accepted time; behold

now is the day of salvation," 2 Cor. 6:2. Are you trusting that, doing the best you can will save you? Listen, "He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool." Prov. 28:26. Again, "He that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief." Prov. 28:14. "He that being often reproveth hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy," Prov. 29:1. Oh, won't you come to the Saviour now?—to-morrow may be too late.

"He that believeth on Him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:18.—Selected.

WATERY BRANCH HOME-COMING

The home-coming services at Watery Branch F. W. B. Church, Wayne County, N. C., was well attended on Sunday, September 9, with many visitors, former pastors, and friends of the church from other places.

The pastor, Rev. T. P. Ellis, delivered the message for this occasion. Special music was rendered by visitors, the home quartet and choir. Lunch was served on the church ground for everyone to enjoy.

By the reporter.

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My Mother

Edna Mae DeMarce

I have the finest mother
That any boy could have,
She cleanses all my bruises
And binds them up with salve.

She fixes all my clothes,
And doesn't mind at all
If I have torn my shirt,
Or outgrown it 'cause I'm tall.

She helps me with my lesson
And takes the greatest pain
To be sure I understand it
And my interest doesn't wane.

She welcomes all my friends
And lets us use her stuff
Poppin' corn and making candy
Till we've had enough.

Then we troop into the parlor
To play our games and sing,
We raise an awful racket
And make the organ ring.

No, I wouldn't trade my mother
For all the jewels on earth
'Cause there is no way of telling
What an awful lot she's worth.

—Unknown

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 14, 11:00 a. m.—Oak Grove (near Elm City)

ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 27, 8:00 p. m.—Mt. Tabor (Creswell, N. C.)

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 28, 11:00 a. m.—St. Paul (Elizabeth City, N. C.)

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CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, September 23, 11:00 a. m.—Piney Grove (Pitt County)

Sunday, October 7, 11:00 a. m.—Little Creek

Sunday, October 14, 11:00 a. m.—Raleigh City Church

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 14, 2:00 p. m.—Pleasant Plain, Johnson Co.

Sunday, October 21, 11:00 a. m.—Union Chapel

Sunday, November 4, 8:00 p. m.—White Oak Hill (Bailey, N. C.)

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

A Review of F. W. B. Bible College

In a recent article, I gave a report of the progress made in Free Will Baptist Bible College from a student standpoint. The first school year, 1942-43, 18 students registered during the nine months' school term. These students represented 6 states. For the first semester of this year, 1951-52, we have registered 134 students from 18 states and Cuba. In this ten-year period there has been a 650% increase in the student body. The progress of the Institution from this standpoint has been phenomenal.

From the standpoint of the physical plant, there has also been progress. Ten years ago there was one building at 3609 Richland Avenue. At the beginning of that school term there was an indebtedness on that building of \$10,000. Today the College owns four nice buildings with an indebtedness of approximately the same amount. Last year alone there was spent in cash for a new auditorium and a nice large residence \$32,333.88. The operation of the school last year plus what was spent for property amounted to \$85,931.22. It cannot be said that Free Will Baptists do not believe in education.

Each victory brings us to greater responsibilities. With a 37% increase in the student body this year over last year, the Bible College is faced with its greatest challenge. The challenge is simple: Will Free Will Baptist people rise up with their gifts and make it possible to take care of these young people who are seeking a Christian education?

We need to duplicate our present plant. If the physical plant were doubled, there would be none too much room. The library is far too small. More dormitory space for both young men and young women must be provided. (We are now renting outside rooms). The kitchen and dining hall space needs enlarging. Our classroom space is inadequate and must be enlarged. We also need some place for social and recreational activities. These are not luxuries which we could wish for but are essentials which we must have.

I have listed our needs for physical properties and now there is another need which must be met. For the last two years expenses have been more than income. With what the students have paid and the gifts from various sources, it has taken approximately \$20 more per student than was received. That has amounted to approximately \$2,000 per year. This means we have had to dip into the reserve approximately \$4,000 for the two years. Since there has been an increase in the cost of food, and other things in proportion, and the cost to the student has not been increased, it is necessary for the gifts from our Free Will Baptist constituency to be increased.

The lower we can keep the cost to the student the greater number will be able to come. If this cost is kept down, it must be made up through increased gifts. The need is for several hundred more regular contributors to Free Will Baptist Bible College for operating expense plus other liberal gifts for expansion purposes.

You who have visited the College are in a position to know just what I am talking about. We want you to help us lay these things on the hearts of those who have not had the opportunity of seeing for themselves what our needs are. If you have followed the history of the Institution, you are convinced this work is of God. You realize its tremendous importance to our Church. Since this is the only Institution of learning owned and operated by Free Will Baptists, I am sure that we have plenty of money to build and operate the kind of Institution we need.

"I've Found the Sun"

A Chinese businessman when examined for baptism, said, "I've studied all China's religions and found they did not satisfy. Then I heard the Gospel and read the Bible. These 'religions' were as small lamps that flicker and go out—but now I've found the Sun."

God's promises are always broader than our prayers.—*Frances Ridley Havergal.*

COLLEGE OPENS WITH RECORD ENROLLMENT

Free Will Baptist Bible College began its tenth year of history with a record enrollment of 134 students from 18 states and Cuba. This exceeds any previous semester's registration by 36. An analysis of this year's student body is as follows:

Number of Students from each State Represented:

North Carolina	42
South Carolina	15
Alabama	13
Oklahoma	11
Tennessee	11
West Virginia	8
Missouri	6
Georgia	5
Mississippi	3
Ohio	3
Virginia	3
Arkansas	2
Cuba	2
Florida	2
Illinois	2
Kentucky	2
Michigan	2
Maine	1
Texas	1
Classification of Students:	
Seniors	7
Juniors	18
Sophomores	32
Freshmen	77
Educational Status:	
Previous College Training	13
High School Graduates	108
Non High School Graduates	26
Dormitory Students	89
Girls 43 Boys	46
Day Students	45
Average Age of Students	22

We cannot help wishing that every Free Will Baptist could visit with us and see this year's splendid student body. We have some of the cream of Free Will Baptists youth in this year's student body. They are a happy, cheerful, consecrated group of young men and women.

Following is a quotation from a letter recently sent to the members of the Board of Trustees:

As you know, Free Will Baptist Bible College is beginning its tenth year. As of today we have registered

L. C. JOHNSON, President

124 (now 134) students from 18 states and Cuba. There are four or five others to come in which will bring the registration to above 130.

As you very well understand, this faces us with one of the most critical problems we have ever had in the history of the Institution. In rooms where there should not be over 3 or 4 we have 6. In rooms where there should not be more than 2 we have 4. In some rooms there is only room for beds with no dressers, wardrobes, or places for students to unpack their clothes, and they are having to keep their clothes in boxes and suitcases. Some students' rooms do not have room for tables on which to write. There has been a complete overflow in the boys building and we have rented rooms from Brother Melvin and 10 of our young men are staying in a garage annex down at his house. Over at the house where I am living we have 9 girls in two rooms where there are no closets or drawer space. When they want to study there is no place for them to go to study for the library is totally inadequate and will not take care of

this number of students. We have taken the offices out of the 3609 building and put them in the Sword building and turning what was the living room at the 3609 building into a dining room. We are feeding 90 in the dining room each meal. The classroom space is totally inadequate for this number of students.

It thrills us to know that numbers of young people are turning to the Bible College for Christian training which we are giving them. At the same time it faces us with a tremendous responsibility of providing adequate housing for them. Our needs at present are more dormitory room for both young men and women, a bigger library, more kitchen and dining room space, and, of course, more classroom space. One of two things must happen as I see it. We must either refuse to take some of the young people who are applying to the Bible College or furnish more room for them. It would seem a tragedy for us to have to turn any young man or woman away from a Christian education when we know that it is the greatest need not only for our Church but for the world. Then the challenge is for Free Will Baptists to provide these young people with adequate facilities for their education. I, for one, believe that it can be done.

Note: The above situation has been improved since this was written to our Board of Trustees. Everyone is now comfortable since we rented extra rooms. As soon as gifts from our people make it possible, we must have more buildings.

If you have not been contributing to the Free Will Baptist Bible College, we would appreciate your gift. You who have been helping, maybe you could help some more. Your gifts will be highly appreciated. Our entire College plant must be enlarged if we are able to take care of the young people coming to us for training. Free Will Baptists can not fail the youth of our Church. By God's help we will not fail. Pray for your College and send your offerings.

Central Conference Ministers Meeting

All ministers of the Central Conference and all ministers pastoring churches in the Central Conference are invited to the Ministers Fellowship Meeting at the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church at 10 a. m. October 9. Those attending will eat together "Dutch style" during the noon hour.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, Moderator

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. C. L. Patrick will begin a revival at Elm Grove at 7:45 P. M., October 7. Brother Patrick was reared and lives in Ayden community. Our pastor, Rev. J. C. Moye, and Mrs. Moye plan to be with us to assist in the meeting. We invite the public to attend these services, and to fellowship with us,

Levi Worthington, Clerk

IS TEACHER TRAINING WORTH WHILE?

A recent survey of ten Sunday Schools in Akron, Ohio, by the Rev. Louis E. Bauman, revealed a startling contrast between teachers who have had the benefit of training and those who have not. Mr. Bauman was a principal in the elementary schools for five years, and a high school teacher for sixteen years. He also was a member of the faculty of the Akron Bible Institute. In preparing a thesis for a graduate degree, he was permitted to write upon the Sunday school.

The Sunday schools of Akron and vicinity were made the study of Mr. Bauman's investigations. They included the largest in the city and one rural and one village school, nine out of the ten representing different denominations. Superintendents and secretaries supplied the general information, but the most exhaustive examination was contained in a questionnaire submitted to 216 teachers. The questions were drawn largely from Mr. Bauman's experience as a Sunday school teacher in the light of his long association with the public schools. In addition, forty teachers that constituted Mr. Bauman's training class at the Akron Bible Institute made suggestions and criticisms.

The questionnaire revealed conspicuous failures from a lack of training. Only two schools made any provision for teacher training in the local church, while three were quite unconcerned about any improvement in their staff. The others recommended the courses at the Akron Bible Institute. Only one school required all of the teachers to hold the certificate of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association or to be enrolled in its Preliminary Course. Eighty per cent of the teachers of this school already hold the certificate. But this one school where all the teachers are trained, or are in training, was altogether a different institution from the other nine.

The average attendance of the ten schools was 66.4 per cent of enroll-

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ment, which is only a slight improvement over the general average of 60 per cent, if we are to accept the recent statistics of the Federal Council of Churches for twenty-three metropolitan centers of the U. S., covering one-third of the population. But the Sunday school that required training of all its teachers in sharp contrast reported an average attendance of 97 per cent of the enrollment, which is even a better record than what is attained by the majority of our public schools. The program of training created a program of visitation for absentees in which the enlightened and encouraged teachers participated with commendable fidelity. As more than half of those that responded to the questionnaire had indicated that irregular attendance was their greatest problem, one can hardly give too much attention to its solution. When a pupil can be absent consecutively from several Sunday school sessions, and does not feel that he has missed anything, we must realize that we are failing to accomplish our purpose. While much can be done by the administration to improve this situation, irregular attendance is really a teacher's problem. A pupil who is interested can be depended upon to be present and punctual as well.

Disorder, which was placed second among the teacher's problems in the questionnaire, is likewise dependent upon interest. The teacher who is able to gain and sustain interest seldom experiences disorder. But how can pupils even have respect for a teacher when they discover that his preparation is not much better than their own? Pupils can be interested when they find that there is something for them to learn, and that the one who is instructing them is well qualified to impart that knowledge in a way to make it interesting and comprehensible.

Even if training accomplished nothing more than to solve the prevailing problems of irregular attendance and disorder, it would be well worth while. But the questionnaire indicated that it was accomplishing much more than this. To the public school teacher, lesson plans, assignments, and tests are but a few of the common practices used in teaching and in measuring the results of teaching. But the questionnaire indicated that 64 per cent of the Sunday school teachers did not make any assignments, and only 16 per cent were able to get their pupils to prepare their lessons before coming to class. More than half of the teachers conducted their classes without any lesson plans or notes, and what was especially distressing was the discovery that not more than 11 per cent ever gave any written tests to learn the results of their teaching. However, in the school where 80 per cent of the teachers held certificates, more written tests were given than in the other nine schools combined. These teachers, as well as others who had training, had learned that teaching is not talking but rather getting a response from the pupil, so it was not surprising to discover that, in answer to the last question, the pupil's work book was recommended by the largest number as the most successful means of holding the interest of the class and getting definite results from the instruction. The trained teacher has learned that the pupil is not only far more interested but far better instructed by which he is doing than what he is hearing, and therefore makes the work book the important medium of learning.

The thesis concludes, as a result of the study "that the greatest step toward efficient Sunday school teaching lies in the need of an effective Sunday school teacher training program."

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By CLARENCE H. BENSON, Litt. D.

How Good a Teacher Am I?

It may be that this matter of teaching a Sunday School class has become too commonplace—that I accept it as a matter of routine. Perhaps I should ask myself a few questions regarding my teaching.

Why Am I Teaching?

Perhaps the pastor or superintendent asked me to fill a vacancy or take over a new class. Perhaps I volunteered because my best friends were teaching, or because I felt that I should be doing something in the Sunday School.

But that is not the reason that I am teaching today! I find such a joy in my own Christian experience that I want to share it with others. The Word of God is precious to my soul, and I want to help others to enjoy its riches. I find that the blessings of God in my own life are multiplied when I share them.

All around me are souls without God. There are Christians who need to be strengthened and led in paths of service. They need someone to take an interest in their spiritual welfare. They need Sunday School teachers!

God sent Jesus into the world to die for lost humanity. He yearns over men and women, boys and girls, in the very community where He has entrusted His message to those who love Him. How it would grieve Him if we were to fail in proclaiming that message!

Why am I teaching a Sunday School class? Because it is a happy privilege to serve my Lord in this way! Because some day I hope to hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

What Am I Teaching?

My task is to teach God's Word! My teacher's quarterly, my visual aid or other helps are designed to help me in my task. But I must never let my pupils forget that it is God's Book we are studying.

I need to study God's Word more, to let its rich truths sink deep into my own soul. I need a greater hunger for the Word, a greater delight in its marvelous message to man. I need to approach my Bible in a spirit of reverence, knowing that it is in truth the Word of God. Only to the extent that these attitudes exist in my own life can I teach my pupils to love and reverence the Word.

Of course, I must use my Bible in class. I will encourage my pupils to bring their Bibles, and I will see that they use them.

Am I Really Teaching?

Talking is not necessarily teaching. My pupils may seem to be listening, but have their minds on other matters. It is not what I say that counts in the Sunday School class, but what the pupils learn and put into practice.

I cannot judge my teaching by memorized responses to my questions. It is possible to recite words with little idea of

their meaning. Nor can I feel that I have taught well if a knowledge of Bible history is the only fruit of my labors. I can only say that I teach the Bible when my pupils learn its application to their everyday lives. If I teach well, they will have a desire to follow its precepts.

How Am I Teaching?

Am I attaching proper importance to my teaching ministry? In I Corinthians 12: 28 I find that God places teaching above the working of miracles, healing the sick, and governing the Church! Since my work holds such a high rank in God's program, I must enter into it wholeheartedly, sparing no effort to make my teaching as effective as possible.

I realize that teaching methods are important. I must teach in the way that my particular class demands, for different ages require different teaching methods. Nor will I hold to any one way of teaching. I must put variety into my class sessions, make them interesting, alive.

I find that I can get best results from positive teaching. I am resolved to hold the ideal before my pupils at all times, urging and encouraging them to reach that ideal. I must commend them for their successes, rather than condemning them for their failures.

I must always pray and study to improve my teaching. I can never say that I have reached perfection, for there is always more to learn.

Am I Teaching in My Own Strength?

It is so easy to depend on myself! Yet though I use the best teaching methods know to men, if I depend upon them, I will reap only the results of human effort.

I can impart knowledge of right and wrong, but I cannot make my pupils want to choose the right. I can explain about salvation, but only God's Spirit can make them feel their personal need of God.

I must prepare to teach my class as though all depended upon me, but I must pray as though all depended upon God.

Whom Am I Teaching?

Perhaps there is a feeling in my Sunday School that it is more honorable, more worthwhile, to teach the older classes. I must not let my vision become dim because others do not see clearly. I know that consecrated teachers are necessary for all age groups, and that God has a teacher for every class.

No matter what class I am teaching, I need to study the general characteristics of that particular age. I must understand the physical and mental development of my pupils, their accomplishments and limitations.

What individuals am I teaching? I cannot do my best for them unless I am acquainted with their homes, their friends, the neighborhood in which they live. I must know how each pupil reacts to his en-

vironment, as well as his outlook on life, his spiritual standing. Such acquaintance can come only through visiting in my pupils' homes, through spending time with them individually.

Perhaps I am not teaching as large a group as I should. My pupils may be irregular in attendance. There may be others in the community of that age group who do not attend Sunday School. I must go after the absentees and prospects. They need the Sunday School!

I may be teaching too many. Perhaps my class should be divided. Of course, I love all my pupils and will miss those who are placed in another class. But their welfare must be my first consideration, and I know that more effective teaching can be carried on in a small class.

Is My Vision Worldwide?

God's love takes in the whole world. I must not become so wrapped up in the little group I am teaching that I forget the rest of the world. Not only must I keep my own missionary vision clear, but I must encourage my pupils to give and pray for the salvation of lost souls.

Perhaps some of my own pupils will dedicate their lives to God's service on home or foreign fields. How wonderful that would be!

Where Am I Teaching?

In the Sunday School of my choice, no doubt. But what are my surroundings as I teach? Do I have the best location that is available for my class? Whether I teach in a well-equipped classroom, or use one small corner of a one room church, I must make my surroundings as convenient and attractive as possible.

When Am I Teaching?

That hour in Sunday School is so short, compared to the hours that my pupils spend elsewhere. So I must send the Sunday School lesson home with my pupils by every means that I can. Older pupils may have assignments for next Sunday's lesson. Younger pupils may have a picture to color at home, reminding them of the Bible story which they have heard. They may be encouraged to get their picture papers out every day, look at the pictures and repeat the memory verses.

Although I am a busy person, surely I can spare some time for week-day activities with my class.

How Long Will I Be Teaching?

Our Lord may come at any time, or I may be called home before another Sunday. Am I teaching each Sunday as if it were to be my last? If Jesus should come after the Sunday School lesson, I would want to have taught so well that each of my pupils would be ready to meet Him. If death should claim me, I would want my teachings to have been so effective that each pupil would meet me in glory by and by.

How long? Dear Lord, help me to teach as well each Sunday as it were to be my last!—Gospel Publishing House—Submitted by Rashie Kennedy.

Editorial Comments . . .

THE PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Every subscriber of the Baptist paper should read, and then re-read President L. C. Johnson's messages of the F. W. B. Bible College in this issue, until they become fully conscious of the growing needs of the college. They should note Brother Johnson's challenge to Free Will Baptists everywhere for increased support to enable the college to expand to meet the needs of the faculty and the students of the institution.

As he has explained the crowded conditions of the school, with four and six students to the room in the dormitories, and homes in which they are rooming, and with no space for tables and study room, it is certainly a congested situation for students to be able to study and prepare their lessons adequately day by day. Under such conditions it will be a marvel for them to be able to make good grades in their courses of study, much less than to have comfort and quietness in their rooms. Something should be done about this housing problem at the college, and before another school year shall begin.

The money necessary to better equip and expand the college will have to come from Free Will Baptists in this country. And they have the money with which this much needed building program at the college can be effected. They are to see this need, and to meet it squarely and freely with their gifts, large and small. Every church of the denomination should have a vital part in this expansion program of the school. They should begin now by raising substantial funds and send them to the college treasurer. Now is the time to raise the money. Now is the time for each pastor to stress this all-important matter before his congregations, and urge them to make their gifts large. The college must not stand still. It will have to grow to become strong, and to be able to receive students as they seek entrance for Christian education.

Think of it! Our denomination is standing in need of more and better trained young men and women for places of leadership in our churches, Sunday Schools, Young People's Leagues, and the Woman Auxiliaries all over this country. We need to train more young people for the mission fields. The college is our source of training, and our people cannot afford to neglect its dire needs. We cannot sit idly by and ignore President Johnson's call for financial help. God is leading young men and young women to the college for study and preparation for life work, and Free Will Baptists must give them a chance to receive their training there by loyal support of their means and interest in the school.

FLOYD CHERRY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Reverend Floyd B. Cherry, of Durham, North Carolina, was elected to become the Editor-in-Chief of publications and literature at the Free Will Baptist Press in a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Press. He will begin his duties as soon as all arrangements have been made, and plans made complete for his moving to Ayden from Durham to take up his work here.

We feel that Brother Cherry is amply qualified for this position, and that he will be able to do a splendid work for the denomination in this connection with the Press. Our church people can look forward, through the coming months, and years, we hope, to seeing the good results of his labors in this institution. We feel that he will be able to make many improvements, with the help of the other editors, in the publications in different ways.

Furthermore, we want the church people to know that we workers here at the Press are desirous of making this publishing house better able to serve the denomination as time goes on. With better machinery and more efficient helpers to join our ranks, certainly the Press will be able to meet the demands of the people at large in a much better way.

THE CHURCH PEOPLE MORE CONSCIOUS

When we look about the field, and see what the various churches are doing, we are led to think that the church people are becoming more conscious in this age of the need for supporting and expanding church activities. Wherever we go we see small country churches with new educational annexes, and some with entirely new church buildings. A great many have added from six to ten Sunday School rooms to their edifices for more and better conveniences of Sunday School work. Yes, they are moving forward with their building programs, and that is the thing that they should do to be able to care for the pupils of their schools.

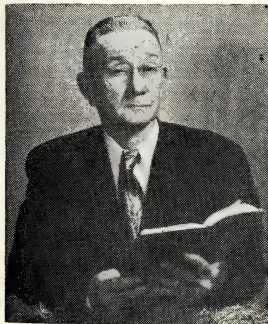
As a matter of fact, church people are becoming more liberal-minded in the support of the church and its work. They are opening their eyes to the needs of the local church, and are meeting these needs very adequately most everywhere, both in the country and in the cities. But some still need to wake up in regard to the mission work, Christian education, superannuation, support of the orphanages, and other phases of the denominational work. Every church that is doing its part for these worthy causes is being blessed greater than ever before. God is extending new blessings unto them, and their people are happy because they are doing more for the cause of Christ in the world. A greater work is ahead. May the church people arise and extend their services to all the fields of the denominational work.

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We, your Home Mission Board, are hearing the Macedonian call on every hand. "Come and help us!" And as much as we would like to answer each call, I am sure you know we can't, because we do not have the money. So, now, we are sending this S. O. S. call to all Free Will Baptists. Especially do we appeal to our ministers that you send this appeal on to your congregations that they may know the urgency that now exists. We must have funds if we are to carry on our program. We are sending some small coupon books to all our State Directors, and we hope through them that we may have money coming in regular.

We still have quite a lot of the auto tags, too. All of you preachers and workers who will sell some of them, write to me and I



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will send them to you and then you can send the money in after you have sold them.

We also expect to have our slide pictures of the work on the field soon. I wish each pastor would allocate just a small amount of your regular offerings for Home Missions; or take a special offering each month for this worthy cause.

We have twenty-six states without Free Will Baptist churches; and cities and towns all around us are calling for churches to be organized. Did you know every time a new church is organized, it makes our whole program stronger? We have one hundred and thirty or more students now in Bible School, and we need to have work for them to do. I know all of them can't go to the foreign fields. So, many of them will work here at home. May I ask you again, Free Will Co-Workers, will you help us? Send your donations to your State Director or to Rev. Harry E. Staires, Box 426, Oilton, Oklahoma. I will mail an auto tag to anyone sending me one dollar and your address.

Now, Dear Free Will Baptist friends, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, they

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Sincerely,
Rashie Kennedy

God fertilizes the heart with humility, love, and power. O, how we will then yield fruits to God!—Rev. G. D. Watson.

MARION F. W. B. CHURCH GOES FORWARD

The Rev. J. E. Floyd wishes to state that he is beginning his seventh year of pastoral work at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Marion, N. C.

When he began his work six years ago, the church was very small. The membership was about 32, but it has grown to 458 at present.



The property also was small, valued at around \$1,200, located on State Street. Since then a new church was established on

Baldwin Ave., consisting of an auditorium and six class rooms. We are hoping that in the near future God will bless us with more room.

Recently the church has purchased a parsonage, consisting of seven rooms with water and bath, located beside the church.

The value of the church property at present is approximately \$30,000.

The church has made progress in the field of Christian education, and missionary work in the past year. They are sponsoring two students in the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Floyd of Marion, N. C.

In the missionary field the church is sponsoring Miss Volena Wilson of Marion, N. C., who is now serving in Kotagiri, India. She needs your prayers, as do all the other missionaries. We covet your prayers that the Lord will continue to bless in our works, and that we will make greater progress for him.

We, the First Free Will Baptist church of Marion, N. C., report one of the greatest revival meetings we have ever had, with two hundred and fifteen saved, and rededicated. Our church will seat three hundred and fifty people, and the crowds were over flowing after using all the chairs in the Sunday School rooms. The Lord surely did bless. There were around thirty added to the church.

The Rev. H. E. Benfield of Spartanburg, S. C., was the evangelist.

Rev. J. E. Floyd, pastor

REV. I. J. BLACKWELDER TO HOLD MEETING IN WASHINGTON

Brother I. J. Blackwelder of Alma, Ga., will begin a revival meeting in Washington, North Carolina, on October 8, and will continue for sometime. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

The Washington church has been organized for only a very short time, but the church is growing in membership and has a good Sunday School and Woman's auxiliary.—Editor.

It takes contact with God to put the beautifying, angelic look into a human face.—Rev. Isaiah Reid.

This, Above All

Most of us realize that the ideals held sacred and dear to the hearts of our fore-parents have been very unceremoniously dumped into the rubbish heap by the present generation. The thinking and the activity of the age in which we are living is dominated almost entirely by materialistic principles. To get wealth is the aspiration of humanity in general, and the sad part of the story is this: no means are too base nor too contemptible to be utilized if they hold forth the slightest glimmer of hope in being instrumental in assisting us in our efforts to accumulate unto ourselves what we consider to be a sufficient store of worldly possessions. As a result of this mode of thinking, our very natures have become contaminated with a spirit of selfishness—"Am I my brother's keeper?" becomes the basis of our social as well as our business activities—and jealousy and mistrust of our fellow-men follows as a natural and necessary consequence.

"A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth," proclaimed the Lord Jesus. It is regrettable that mankind can not comprehend the full significance of this statement, but chooses rather to place a greater value upon material things than it does upon the welfare of its soul. Physical life, even in its most extended form, is short and transitory, while the life of our soul, even in the least of us, is eternal; yet in the light of this knowledge, we are more vitally concerned over our physical and financial welfare than we are over our spiritual security. It is natural for a beast to have no concern beyond its belly needs and the gratification of the desires of the moment; but man, made in the image and likeness of his Maker, should be concerned about things of a more lofty nature—he, occasionally at least, should lift up his eyes unto the hills. We degrade ourselves to the level of the beast when we consciously or unconsciously pattern our lives after their example. When we

spend thousands of dollars toward the construction of an earthly shelter and yet not a paltry fifty-cents nor give a moment's consideration to the construction of a mansion for our souls in the palace of eternity, we are testifying by our works that in our minds this earthly existence is of more importance than eternity. "Man shall not live by bread alone" is a maxim that needs to be understood and utilized by men of today.

To ascertain the purpose of life—not life in general, but of our own existence in particular—should be the concern of all. To be so carried away and engulfed by our efforts at making a living to the neglect of the living of a life is a sin against first principles and must of necessity and in tragedy. Certainly, God, our Creator, has a purpose in the life of each

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individual. A sincere effort on our part to discover that purpose is the most noble aspiration; to bring our lives into harmony with its precepts, the greatest of accomplishments. If history, which is neither more nor less than the recorded experiences of others, teaches us anything, it is this: everything of a worthwhile nature that has been brought to light in the world has been accomplished by men of vision, who have laid aside all concern of self in their efforts to work out the plan of God in their lives. Such men, forgetting the things which lay behind and looking forward to the things which lay ahead, have defied dangers, obstacles, and temptations to press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in their lives. Such men understand life; such men are in close communion with God; such men have not and shall not live in vain.

"This, above all:" writes the renowned poet, William Shakespeare,

"to thy own self be true; and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man." To a casual observer this statement may seem to embody the very spirit of selfishness, but such do not understand the penetrating power of the poet's genius and insight; for, in reality, if we are true to our own best interest, we will simultaneously be true to our God and true to our fellow-men, because we shall realize that our lives are involved in mankind, and whatsoever we send into the lives of others (be it for good or be it for evil) will come back into our own—"Whatsoever a man soweth," writes the Apostle Paul, "that same shall he also reap."

This, above all: let us come to the realization that the welfare of our soul is of far greater importance than anything else in the world. Let us seek out the calling of God in our lives and conform our thinking and our activities to its standards, and this life, though meaningless and void and filled with disappointments for others, will take on great significance for us and each passing moment will be because precious and useful.

Stripped of that which is obviously superfluous, the purpose of life is—service! "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." We serve God by serving our fellow-men. If mankind will render service, it shall go onward and upward to higher and more noble planes of existence, but if it continues to profligate its efforts, its talents, and its possession in a vain endeavor to substitute pleasure for service as the aim of life, it shall by its very excess degenerate into a lower order of existence, with corruption, decay, and annihilation as its ultimate achievement.

Sometimes a single expression dropping from the lips reveal, like a flash, the lofty height of one soul to another.—*Rev. B. Carradine.*

Who can measure the influence of a single soul won for Christ?—*Rev. A. B. Simpson.*

It is a marvelous thing to see how a pure and innocent heart purifies all that it approaches.—*F. W. Robertson.*

Ground-Breaking Service at Elizabeth City



In a regular conference which was held on Saturday night, April 21, 1951, it was voted by the majority of the church to put Saint Paul's Free Will Baptist Church in the process to be sold. After being properly advertised for ninety days, and in the next sitting of the regular conference, held on July 21, 1951, it was voted on to sell to the highest bidder, and to build a new church in a better locality.

The building was sold to Doctor Z. D. Owens for \$13,850.00. Doctor Owens gave to the church all the windows, all the gas heaters, and the furniture as a donation to the church.

Our pastor, the Reverend Charles W. Brown, with the Building Committee, immediately began looking for a new site on which to build, and on August the 7, they secured two lots 50 by 120 feet on the corner of Cedar and Ash Streets. The committee then began making plans for the new church, and it has already been started. It will be thirty-four feet wide and

seventy-five feet long, with seven class rooms and a kitchen. The auditorium will seat about two hundred and twenty-five people. We plan to be in the new building by November 11, 1951.

We covet the prayers of everyone that this church will be a soul-saving station for the lost. If anyone would like to make a donation for this cause, it will be greatly appreciated. Our pastor began his pastoral work here on September 8, 1950, and since that time he has done a wonderful work here. We do thank God for him. After securing the lots and getting the building started, on Saturday evening, September 2, Brother Brown conducted a ground-breaking service, with the attendance of members and friends of the church.

A sister in Christ,

Mrs. Studie Copeland,
Church Clerk
715 Fleetwood Street
Elizabeth City, N. C.

NOTICE

The Rev. J. J. Brooks will begin a revival meeting at Sandy Plain church on Oct. 8th, also he is beginning his work as pastor at that time. Every one is invited to attend and to be much in prayer for the work. We count it a great privilege and an answer to prayer in being able to secure such a noble man of God. May God bless in a wonderful way is our prayer.

Mrs. W. F. Thigpen,
Pink Hill, N. C.

HOME-COMING AT OAK GROVE

There will be a Home-coming at Oak Grove Church, Sampson Co., near Newton Grove, N. C., Sunday, October 7. Sermon at 11:00 by Rev. Burkette Raper. Dinner will be served on the grounds. A short program for the afternoon will begin at 2:00 p. m.

All former pastors, including those who have held revivals, also members of the church and Sunday school are cordially invited to come and enjoy the day with us.

Mrs. N. C. Lee, Clerk

LONG RIDGE HAS GOOD REVIVAL

In a recent revival meeting conducted by Rev. Wade H. Calvert of Belmont, N. C., Long Ridge F. W. B. church experienced the best cooperation from neighboring churches it has ever known.

The song service started at 7:30 each evening under the direction of Jonas Dail, deacon of the church. Mrs. Jonas Dail was pianist, the Junior Choir was under the direction of Mrs. Ben Sutton.

Brother Calvert brought soul-stirring messages each evening to a large crowd. There were eight professions of faith in Jesus Christ, and several rededications. Two from the Methodist church and one from the Baptist, renewed their souls during the week.

The fellowship was great and every one went away rejoicing each night that they had been privileged to hear this humble servant of our Lord.

The following demonstrations were represented each evening and were recognized and welcomed: Methodist, Baptists, Christian Advent, Holiness, Friends (Quakers), Latter Day Saints, and Presbyterians.

The following churches were represented.

May's Chapel, Dilda's Grove, Rose of Sharon, Gray Branch, Snow Hill, Rooty Branch, Otter's Creek, and Dailey's Chapel. Other neighboring churches were: Jones Chapel, Bethel, Woodland, Alm Springs.

Ministers attending were: Wesley Price of Seven Springs, Pastor of the church. Rev. Charlie Hamilton and wife of Fountain, and W. R. Millard and family of Mt. Olive.

The entire church was sorry that Bro. Calvert couldn't stay longer with us. However, we were willing to release him on Saturday night so he might have a few days to rest before starting his next meeting. We sincerely pray that he may be in the center of our Lord's will at all times. For we know that if we serve our Master well, He will never forsake us.

We truly hope that it may be the Lord's will for Bro. Calvert to pass this way again soon.

Rev. Wesley Price baptized the candidates on Sunday afternoon, and closed out the meeting on Sunday night, saying that he expects the effects of the meeting to go on through the year.

Yours in happy service,
Mrs. Ben Sutton

Nobody knows who that man in the gospel was who bore the pitcher of water, but he led the disciples to the room where they took the last supper with Christ on earth.
—Rev. E. I. D. Pepper.

You are your brother's keeper by the law of human brotherhood and by the command of our risen Lord, and no excuse can relieve you of this responsibility.—Rev. A. B. Simpson.

-:- Department of Foreign Missions -:-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

Dear Friends:

The economic problems of the people whom we touch have been hinted at in a previous letter. I have long been considering writing a paper devoted entirely to this subject, but it is a big subject and I did not wish to risk doing harm instead of good by a weak or faulty presentation of the situation. It seems as if Providence had relieved me of the need of tampering with the subject by pen, inasmuch as the following letter from one of our own former school boys speaks more eloquently than all our efforts could do. Manickam's education has been either given or promoted by us and he has risen to a fairly good position in the Head Postoffice at Ootacamund, our District site. We are naturally proud of Him and we now let his letter (just received and never meant for publication) present the plight of his people. (Please note, I have not changed his quaint language, for I wish you to read it just as he has expressed it.)

Dear Madam,

I am absolutely changed inwardly after realizing the terrible difficulties and inevitable troubles which our poor people must undergo throughout their life. The pitiable condition is awful and I am too weak to see it with my eyes or to hear it in my mind.

Especially our females work hard from morn till night, eating very limited and insufficient quantity of rice or kanji in the morning and bearing thirst and hunger with much difficulty and compassion. When they return home late in the evening, they find no time at all to attend to their children whose good habits, education, morality, good future and best citizenship are wholly dependent upon the parents. For that the parents are not responsible, but the poverty that sticks to them is to be blamed.

They have to forego their midday meals and forget their children and sell their bodies to the rich to fill up their belly and their children's. It is not at all the willingness or intention of our Heavenly Father that they should suffer throughout their life to earn their daily bread and butter. They sacrifice their time and blood only to feed the rich and make them fat, but to reduce themselves. They toil like oxen while their bodies are stressed with burden. They work for others while the hunger kills them and slavery conquers them! Awful! Awful!

This being the case, can we expect the boys to become good-habited or good citizens? No, we cannot—their education will absolutely be spoiled and their knowledge in this world as well as in the heaven will

be cipher. They are made fools among others by their poverty.

Seeing all these things, will it be possible for a young blood, like me, to observe silence? Is it possible for a youth who has attained some worldly and heavenly knowledge to keep quiet? Realizing all these things, I have decided to live for our people. Not only that, if necessity occurs, I like even to sacrifice myself to disappear (dispel) the poverty, hunger and slavery.

Since last June 1950, I have conducted many meetings in which I rendered my time in making our people to understand my view. Now, it has ripened to some extent. My enthusiasm is strengthened by the bachelors (men) who understand my policy of view, and work vigorously bearing many personal difficulties. I am bodily as well as mentally disastered (distressed) on account of the anxiety which kills me day and night.

Now the iron-youths have proposed to prove it or show it in practice on 22 September 1951. To improve the financial status of our people, I am trying to install one store in that village on cooperative basis. Opening ceremony of that store—which will surely shine one day or other and make the hunger and slavery to disappear or vanish—will be celebrated on Saturday the 22 September 1951. I request you, in behalf of our people, to be kind enough to be prepared to preside over the meeting on that day and be ready to receive our thanks and congratulations to your long, industrious and glorious helps you have rendered for the past sixteen or seventeen years. I think you will gladly accept to preside over the meeting on Saturday, 22 September. Once again I thank you and wish to know your acceptance at an early date.

Some bachelors will speak. The minutes will be read.

An early reply is highly appreciated and thank you.

Yours sincerely,
P. Manicham, Clerk
Head P. O., Ootacamund

We recognize that a cooperative store in itself will not transform a miserable village into a paradise. But it will relieve a number of evils and will assure the people of their meager ration of grain without bribery. It is designed to develop, on a smaller scale, on the lines of the excellent cooperative scheme inaugurated by Kagawa in Japan and followed out to such success in past years. (However, I doubt that any of these friends ever heard of Kagawa or the Japanese plan as such.) I was im-

pressed that Manickam has made no appeal for financial aid. However, Volena Wilson and I have bought one share each, Ten Rupees per share (about \$2.25), which is all we can do at present, though we wish with all our hearts we could do more. If we had it, we would gladly buy, of our personal funds, shares up to at least \$50 and let the dividends go into a fund that would promote our work in the future. We have an overwhelming desire to help in some way, in some material way that will be constructive and not destructive to our spiritual work. For, believe us, it is sometimes hard indeed to preach to ragged, starving human beings when we don't have food and a garment to offer for their bodies, or, better, some substantial help for them in a plan of economic uplift.

May this word help you to know how to pray more effectually, and to give more freely.

Yours in His glad service,
Laura B. Barnard,
Shamrock
Kotagiri, So. India

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Cash on hand August 1, 1951 \$11,452.26

RECEIPTS

Alabama	\$37.42
Arkansas	18.02
Georgia	152.95
Illinois	115.90
Michigan	450.88
Missouri	566.93
New Mexico	20.00
North Carolina	533.47
Ohio	300.00
Oklahoma	33.00
South Carolina	434.65
Tennessee	398.71
Texas	374.06
Virginia	139.09
West Virginia	149.74
Total	\$3,724.82
Grand Total	\$15,177.08

DISBURSEMENTS

Telephone Calls	\$50.31
Rev. Gaston Clary (Expense)	11.30
Office Supplies	13.32
Missions Visualized	233.33
Printing	160.00
E. F. M. A.—Visa Service	33.29
Cuba	2,635.00
Rev. E. C. Morris (Expense)	8.25
Rev. Raymond Riggs (Services)	50.00
Office Help	75.00
Mrs. Josephine Stephens (Africa)	16.00
India	1,681.00
Bank Charges	.15
Cronk's Insurance	56.22
Postage	13.00
Total	\$5,036.17

Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1951 \$10,140.91

BALANCE IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS

General Fund	\$6,359.60
Barnard's Books	349.00
In Reserve for Miss Barnard	327.90
India Car Fund	3,104.41

Total Accounts (Balance) \$10,140.91

STATES' QUOTAS

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	BAL.
Ala.	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 60.92	\$ 1,489.08
Ark.	750.00	227.03	522.97
Calif.	800.00		800.00
Fla.	900.00		900.00
Ga.	2,000.00	279.09	1,720.91
Ill.	3,000.00	513.59	2,486.41
Ky.	1,200.00	50.00	1,150.00
Mich.	7,000.00	887.71	6,112.29
Miss.	850.00	19.00	831.00
Mo.	8,500.00	2,038.72	6,461.28
N. C.	12,000.00	1,676.53	10,323.47
Ohio	2,000.00	324.48	1,675.52
Okl.	5,000.00	342.57	4,657.43
S. C.	3,200.00	685.38	2,514.62
Tenn.	5,500.00	614.31	4,885.69
Tex.	2,000.00	533.15	1,466.85
Va.	1,500.00	139.09	1,360.91
W. Va.	2,000.00	161.74	1,838.26
Misc.	250.00	20.00	230.00
Totals	\$60,000.00	\$8,573.31	\$51,426.69

ANNOUNCEMENT

The revival at Rose of Sharon will begin on October 3 and continue through the fourteenth. Rev. Ray W. Allman, pastor of Saratoga Church, will be the speaker. Brother C. D. Hamilton is pastor of Rose of Sharon.

By M. S. Cowan

What this world needs, is Jesus Christ lived out among its people.—Rev. J. H. Flower.

We are responsible for the use of our talents and for our influence.—Christian Witness.

ANNOUNCEMENT

If the parents and church people who have students in East Carolina College or know of them being there, and will send their name, college and home address to me at once, I'll do my best to help them and encourage them. I have some names and addresses, but not near all. The State Convention of North Carolina is working on plans for a Student Center. We will need this information to work out plans.

Sincerely,

Rashie Kennedy
303 Meade Street,
Greenville, N. C.

Will You Help Meet the Challenge?

Our Dear Co-laborers:

We as a denomination and as missionaries are faced with a new and wonderful challenge: New fine super-highways. One of these new highways cuts travel time down from seven hours to one and a half hour. This beautiful super-highway now passes the entrance of our missionary training school. Last year it was a horrible trail full of great gaping rock-lined holes. Now we can coast along at 40 miles an hour.

Along this highway there are thousands of souls who have yet to hear a Gospel song. They have never known that a Book called the Bible existed, that such an institution as a Sunday School was ever organized, that salvation can ever be a reality to them.

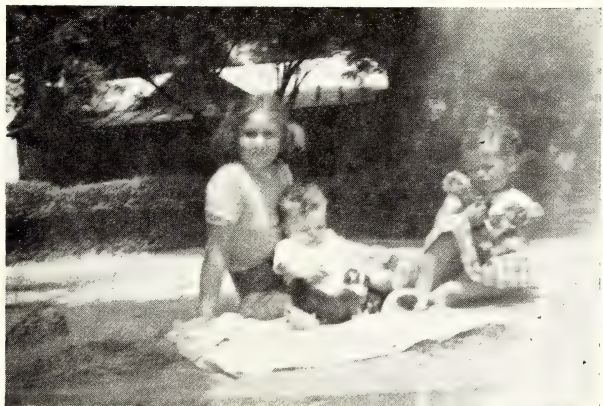
I want to tell you how we can meet this challenge. A very dear friend, a great financial executive, a devout Christian statesman, said "Brother

Wiley, if your people will get you a new ton chassis I will build a carry-all body valued at \$1,500, without cost. With a car of this type we could reach with our students eight or ten of these valleys. We could have at least 24 Sunday Schools on Sunday. These eight consecrated students could have three Sunday Schools in one day. We could cover two of these highways.

We are helpless to meet this challenge here. Our help must come from the Lord and those obedient to Him who will get under this burden. What can I tell this liberal Christian business man? This will depend on your response. We shall be waiting to hear from you, to hear you say, "We are praying and shall put feet to those prayers." If you are interested, write Brother Riggs, but above all pray for this urgent need.

Rev. Thomas H. Wiley
Pinar del Rio, Cuba

SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS AT ASPIN GROVE CHURCH



Here is the picture of two of our Sunday School students of Aspin Grove Church. Carlyn is twelve years old and has not missed a Sunday in eight years at Sunday School. She enjoys going each Sunday to her class. Connie, age 4, has missed only

two Sundays from her Sunday School in two years. They do love the Sunday school.

I am very happy that I can say we have a real good Sunday School.

Mrs. Julius Killebrew, Grandmother



JACOB RECEIVES THE PROMISE

(Lesson for October 14)

LESSON: Genesis 28:10-22

GOLDEN TEXT: Genesis 28:15

I. The Heart of the Lesson

In studying this lesson on Jacob's receiving the promise, we should read the whole account of Jacob's life, beginning at Genesis 27:19 down to the end of the Book. There is considerable space given to Jacob's life experiences, and that means that there is much truth here for our spiritual enlightenment and profit. We notice, too, that God calls Himself, frequently, the God of Jacob. We can readily understand why God might call Himself the God of Abraham. Abraham was a man of faith, a great man. A man of honor, benevolence, and friendliness. He was a man of tested truth and piety. He was called "the Friend of God" (II Chron. 20:7; Is. 41:8; James 2:23). But Jacob was a man of a different character. Jacob was low, mean, crafty, deceitful, and insincere.

The account of Jacob's receiving the promise is one of a sinner saved by grace, led and disciplined by God, and finally delivered from besetting sins that had help him in bondage.

1. The lonely place is often the place where the Lord can come nearest to the human soul (Gen. 28:11).

2. Dreaming is a common experience, but not dreaming of the presence of God (vs. 12).

3. The God in whom our fathers believed is making the same promises to us, and will keep them (vs. 13).

4. God may sometimes choose to speak in a dream, but it is no dream that "God hath spoken" (comp. vs. 16).

5. The revelation of God's presence is sure to bring consciousness and conviction of sin. Then, Jacob became afraid. Real conviction of sin will always produce fear, for it will

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cause a sinner to see himself as God sees him. That is what happened to Jacob. He had reasons to be afraid, and so has every sinner. (vs. 17).

6. He who truly knows how to pray may make of his pillow a pillar of prayer (vs. 18).

7. Even the very name of a person or place may be changed by a realization of the presence of God (vs. 19).

8. The promises of God are so overwhelming that we ought to pledge ourselves and our all to Him in return (vss. 20-22).—Selected.

9. Many souls need to get back to Bethel, and erect the family altar to the true and living God. (Both teachers and students alike should take note of this act of Jacob.) God wants more altars established in the homes and hearts of the people in our land. As Jacob returned to Bethel and thought of his God, so multitudes of people today should return to God's house for reconstruction, a greater faithfulness, and a nobler work in God's vineyard. (vs. 19).—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

10. Three things should be noted here (vss. 13, 14). The first was the

promise of the land of Canaan for his descendants. The second with the promise of national greatness, for his posterity should be as the dust of the earth in multitude and outspreading in their influence to the four corners of the earth. The third was the promise of earthwide blessing through him and his descendants, especially as fulfilled through the coming of Christ—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

11. There would be no use urging men to be saved, if they did not need salvation. Paul begins by pointing out how there was a time in their unregenerate state when he and Titus were foolish, disobedient and deceived, living after the flesh so that they hated one another.

What was true of these two remarkable Christian characters before their conversion, is true of all men out of Christ. "For we ourselves also were sometimes (once F. V.) foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another." Apply this to Jacob.—The Defender.

II. The Lesson Illustrated His King's Nearness

Mrs. Ralph C. Norton asked the Belgian Queen's permission to tell how one soldier, who later fell in battle, found faith in God. This true story came from the chaplain, known to Mrs. Norton. The soldier had received a Gospel at the front. He read of God, but because he could not see Him, he could not believe in His reality and His omnipresence. He longed to believe. One night at the Yser, while on sentry duty, alone in the presence of danger he thought of God. If only he could believe! Soon he was aware of someone behind him. He knew he was standing there, yet he did not dare to turn his head to see. At last ever so little, he turned his head, and saw King Albert! Yes, his king was standing sentry duty with him—sharing in the very experience of his soldier. His monarch stood motionless for a long time, while the soldier prayed. Faith in God through Christ came. The presence of the king, silent yet so near, had brought him faith in the presence and personality of God.—The Expositor.

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Albemarle Conference, to convene with Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Va., on Thursday, Oct. 11, 1951.

Theme: "Fellowship in the Church"

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotions, Mrs. J. A. Alexander
- Welcome, Mrs. Edward Hyers
- Response, Mrs. D. W. Cherry
- President's Message
- Recognition of ministers and visitors
- Reading of minutes and roll call
- Appointment of Committees and Orphanage News
- Special Music, Mrs. Otto Capps
- 11:00—Short program, "Go Tell Auxiliary" of Fairmount Park
- 11:15—Sermon, Rev. W. A. Hales

Afternoon Session

- 1:15—Devotions, Mrs. Alton Furlough
- Report of vice-presidents and committees
- Special music, local church
- Business period
- 3:00—Adjournment

Mrs. Cecil J. Waters,
Fourth Vice-President

October Is Superannuation Month

Once again we come to "Superannuation Month," in the United Program of the N. C. State Convention of Free Will Baptists.

As you know, October is "Superannuation Month." During this month we need to pay special attention to the Superannuation Program of our state, and lay plans that will bring the needed support of this work during the year.

As we look back over the past fifteen (15) years, we have just cause to rejoice over the progress that has been made in this department of our work. Perhaps it can truthfully be said that interest in a Superannuation Program began to increase in the fall of 1936, when a Board of Superannuation launched a campaign to make our people conscious of our duties to the retired and disabled ministers of our great denomination. During the years 1936 thru 1938 most of the work was done on the Conference and Union Meeting level. In the fall of 1938 the State Board of Superannuation asked the churches to send to the secretary of the State Board 5c per capita, to be used in sending Christmas checks to the retired and disabled ministers.

The response to this request brought in the sum of \$125.52. This amount was used in sending checks to 21 ministers. This was the beginning of the present state wide Superannuation Program. However we can not say that there was a continued increase in this work, for the next year the receipts dropped to \$102.52 and in 1940 the receipts dropped to \$95.89. In 1941 the amount was increased to \$192.27 and has increased each year since, until the past year our total to account for was \$5,118.66. There has been a healthy increase in gifts for this work each year since 1940. In 1943 we were able to add to the Christmas checks when during the year, there were three sets of checks sent to the disabled ministers. In the State Convention of 1943, plans were approved, which resulted in greatly increased gifts to the Superannuation Program, and in 1944 we were able to realize the long worked for goal, of beginning the payment of monthly pension checks to the disabled ministers. The number and amounts of these checks have continued to be increased through the years, until at the present time there are twenty-four ministers receiving regular monthly checks. We have also been supporting the Ministers' Retirement Insurance Program, by sending a part of our receipts each month to the National Board of Superannuation. At the present time we are sending 10% of our receipts for the support of this work. Another goal, of the Board of Superannuation, was reached the first of this year, when for the first time we began issuing pension checks to the widows of our deceased ministers. These checks are still small, and

are issued only quarterly, but it is hoped that we will be able to make them monthly in the near future. There are now seventeen widows receiving these checks.

At this point special mention should be made, of the part that the Woman's Auxiliaries have had in helping to make the Superannuation Program the great success that it has been. During the early days of this work the women of our churches were leaders in placing the needs before our people. Through their 6th Vice-Presidents much was done to awaken us to our responsibilities. For several years the State Auxiliary Convention received funds and issued checks, for Ministerial Relief, to a number of our retired and disabled ministers, and it was from this Convention that the State Board obtained its first list of ministers to receive checks from this Board. Without the fine work, done by the women of our churches, we could not have the program that we do today. In 1945 the State Auxiliary Convention decided to send all their Superannuation funds to the State Board of Superannuation to be used by them, and from them we receive a very liberal amount each year. All Auxiliaries should send their funds to their state treasurer and she in turn send all funds on to the state Board of Superannuation.

Not only have the women of our churches supported the Superannuation Program, but liberal support has been forthcoming from the Sunday Schools, Leagues, Union Meet-

ings, Conferences, and individuals. We can see that most of our people are supporting Superannuation, from the fact that since September, 1943, we have received funds from 441 different sources.

As we look back over the past fifteen years we give thanks for the progress that has been made in Superannuation. However, as we look ahead into the future, we see that there is much more to be done. The checks to the 24 ministers need to be increased and issued monthly, instead of quarterly. Also we continue to support the National Superannuation Program. Our needs for the next year are for at least \$10,000.00. This amount has been approved by the State Convention. It can be raised if our churches will send 25c per member, and the other groups increase their gifts a little.

Let us give thanks for the past; and press onward to a greater future.

All Superannuation funds should be sent to me, except the Auxiliaries should send theirs to their state treasurer and she in turn sends them on to me.

RECORD OF SUPERANNUATION RECEIPTS 1938-51

CONV. YEAR	TOTAL
1938-39	\$125.63
1939-40	\$102.52
1940-41	95.89
1941-42	192.27
1942-43	667.55
1943-44	2,231.88
1944-45	2,273.23
1945 "George P. Best Fund"	6,469.55*
1945-46	4,221.39
1946-47	5,391.18
1947-48	6,217.94
1948-49	6,755.46
1949-50	5,526.11**
1950-51	5,118.66**

* The "George P. Best Memorial Fund" was received in 1945, and has been used as an Endowment Fund. Only the interest from this may be used.

** The decrease in the total, during the past two years is due to the fact that our balance from the years before have been decreasing. The actual receipts for each year have been a little more each year.

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer

Revival Scheduled at Oak Grove Church

A revival meeting will begin at Oak Grove F. W. B. Church, Craven County, Monday night, October 1st, and will last two weeks. Rev. Thurman Smith of Morehead City, N. C., will be the evangelist. Homecoming Day will be observed there on 1st Sunday in October, with a spread dinner on the lawn. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

By the reporter

GREENVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

116 East 11th Street

1. Greenville Bible Institute opens on October 11, 7:30 p. m.
2. Registration dates will be October 8, 9, and 10, 7:30 p. m.
3. Picture on Bible truth will be shown registration nights
4. The "Gold Seal Certificate Course" will be taught.
5. "Old Testament Law and History" 7:30 to 8:15
6. "Sunday School Evangelism" 8:20 to 9:05.
7. Classes for new students, former students, and graduates of the Preliminary Course.
8. Cost for books, certificates, and tuition, will be small
9. Announce in Church and Sunday School.
10. Purpose, Hosea 4:1, 6.
11. Aim, Matthew 28:19, 20.

In Him,

Rashie Kennedy

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

What Has Become of the Power in the Church

Jesus Christ said in His last talk with His disciples on earth, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses of me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Where is this power today? These disciples were living witnesses for the Lord Jesus. Peter, that weakling, who cursed and swore that he didn't know the Lord on the night of the trial of his Lord, could look the Christ rejectors right square in the face and say, "Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we have made this man to walk? The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But ye denied the Holy One and the just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you: And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead: whereof we are witnesses" (Acts 3:12-15).

Peter was not afraid to testify now. What is the difference in his state now, and on the night of the trial of Jesus? The difference is the Holy Spirit. In the weakness of his flesh which took possession in the hour of the arrest and trial of Jesus Christ, he was afraid to own that Jesus was the Christ, but now with the experience of Pentecost, in which he was baptized and filled, he was not afraid to witness for Jesus. He was not afraid to say "God hath raised Him from the dead." Brother, are you afraid to stand up for Jesus? Are you afraid to let the unbeliever know that you are a Christian—a Christian who has been "Born from Above"? Are you afraid to let your employer know that you are a child of God? Are you afraid to tell your children that you are a child of God and have the interest of their souls at heart? Employer, are you afraid to let your employees know that you are a child of God? Do you really know anything about the Lord Jesus? Ask yourself the question, "Am I a child of God, or a child of the Devil? Which?"

God's children witness for Him and the children of Satan witness for him. You cannot bear witness for Christ until you are "born of the Spirit." You may be a good

citizen. You may be a good provider for your family. You may go to church and Sunday school. You may be benevolent. You may hold great places of trust in the club or lodge. You can even have religion. You can be all this and still be lost in sin and condemned for eternal hell. You cannot live right until you get right. No man is right until he is "born again." The new birth makes you a child of God. Heaven is prepared for God's children—those who have been "saved by grace, through faith." (See Ephes. 2:8-10). "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father, which is in heaven," said the Lord Jesus. (Matt. 7:21).

The Will of God

"For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother" (Mark 3:35).

It is the will of God that all men should believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. No salvation to any man who rejects the Lord Jesus. It was the will of God that Jesus should die for the sins of man. Jesus prayed, "That the will of God be done" (Matt. 26:39). To reject Christ means "Damnation." "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36). Again Jesus said: "And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. I receive not honor from men. But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. I am come in my Father's name and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. How can ye believe who receive honor one from another, and seek not the honor which cometh from above? Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: There is one that accuseth you, even Moses in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my word?" (John 5:40-47).

Every disbeliever in the writings of Moses is an unbeliever in Christ. Watch out, you Modernists. Moses wrote about Christ. Moses believed in Christ. Moses said that Christ was coming to live on the earth. Men that are saved, believe what Moses wrote about Christ. You have got to believe writings of Moses to believe in Christ. Moses wrote as inspired by the Holy Ghost. "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Peter 1:21). So to disbelieve in the inspiration of the Scripture is to be holy out of the will of God.

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9). God cannot save an unrepentant sinner. When a man truly repents he accepts the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour and thus God is

pleased—well pleased—to save the sinner and make the penitent a child of God.

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention

It was my pleasure to take my wife and some of the Auxiliary women of my churches to White Oak Grove church to the semi-annual session of the Auxiliary Convention, Sept. 20. There were several pastors there who took their wives and delegates to the convention. These women are very appreciative of pastors who take an interest in the auxiliary. They often speak of the encouragement that they receive by their pastors co-operating with them in their work.

This convention was presided over by Mrs. S. A. Smith, the District President, who did a splendid job in presiding. The work was done smoothly and every body seemed to be happy. The reports were excellent, showing successful strides in the auxiliary movement. These women support every phase of the work in our State and National bodies.

They voted that the next session be held with the First F. W. B. church auxiliary in Kinston.

The church and community displayed that old-fashion Southern Hospitality, by spreading barbecue, chicken, ham, and various meats with cakes and pies in sufficient quantity to feed the large number present, and everybody was invited to partake to their satisfaction. God is blessing our faithful women who are doing great things thru the auxiliary work. As a pastor, I told them, and I say here, "I would not pastor a church that refused to have an auxiliary."

HOMER WILLIS TO HOLD REVIVAL AT JACKSONVILLE, N. C.

Rev. Homer A. Willis of Hazel Park, Michigan, will begin a revival at Jacksonville, N. C., F. W. B. church, October 1, and is to continue through the 10th. Brother Willis has been highly recommended to us and we are praying much that God will pour out His spirit and save souls. God has been merciful to us for which we thank Him. He has added to our group from the beginning people who we believe love the Lord. He has given us twenty-nine this year, twenty-three being baptized. We have now 75 members, 135 Sunday school members, and 30 leaguers. We are also grateful for our new floor and our plastered walls. We still have much to be done, such as the Sunday School rooms to be finished and furnished, and also the pulpit furniture and baptistry.

We trust that those of you who are near enough will visit us any time, and especially we want you to come to our revival.

If you know of any Free Will Baptists who have moved here or any one else who should be visited, please send their name and address to our pastor, Rev. Lee Whaley, 502 College St., Jacksonville, N. C.

Mrs. Willis Parker,
Jacksonville, N. C.

RADIO COMMISSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Dear Pastor and Fellow-Laborer:

The old adage "if it's important enough to say, say it loud enough for all to hear" could never be more applicable to any program than it relates to the Gospel Message. We must use every means by which to get the message out. For a number of years we have anticipated a denominational Broadcast in the name of the Free Will Baptist; but some how, over the years, our dreams have not materialized. Today, however, it is about to become a reality.

Here is what we, your Radio Commission, purpose to do. We want the complete cooperation of each preacher and fellow-laborer. That is why we are writing you in this manner. We are going to set aside the month of October, as "National Radio Month." You will be hearing from us in this score also. During the designated month we want not only a liberal offering, but we want you to give us all the emphasis you can in favor of the proposed "National Free Will Baptist Hour." You can do so by preaching from an appropriate subject, by explaining the need of such activity, or merely by announcing the importance of the month and urging your people to lend their wholehearted support.

We plan to begin the actual broadcast on the first Sunday in January. We are progressing nicely with the arrangements for a wonderful program with Rev. Floyd B. Cherry of Durham, N. Carolina as the speaker for the first thirteen weeks.

Once we get the program going, we believe it will, in a great measure, support itself. Our one great challenge now is to get something started. Every effort which you put into this cause will be highly appreciated. We believe that your efforts will be amply rewarded by the returns in favorable publicity as a result of the broadcast, which will, of course, result in the greatest good—the salvation of the lost.

We shall be counting on you. Please let us have any of your suggestions. They will be most appreciated. Please have your Church, Sunday

CATALOGUES WANTED

As an act of Christian courtesy, we publish the following request:

"Catalogues of the Winterville High School, sponsored by the Neuse-Atlantic and Roanoke Missionary Baptist Associations, from 1900 to 1919, are needed by J. L. Jackson, Box 1763, Raleigh, N. C., who is preparing a history of the school. Catalogues will be returned if requested."

J. L. Jackson

School, League, Auxiliary and individuals to make a liberal offering during the designated month and send to James A. Evans, Secretary-Treasurer of Radio Commission, National Association of Free Will Baptists, Post Office Box 203, Wilson, N. C.

W. A. Hales,

Chm. Radio Commission

RESULTS OF YOUTH REVIVAL

A youth revival was held at Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Duplin Co., from August 25 through September 2. Rev. Billy Morris, a senior at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, conducted the services. During this revival four people rededicated their lives to the Lord and three new members were added to our church membership. I feel sure there was not a single person who attended the revival who was not drawn closer to the Lord than he was before. The attendance was splendid throughout the whole week.

Our regular revival will begin on Sunday night, October 21, at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Clinton Lupton will be our evangelist. Please pray that during this revival much more will be accomplished for the glory of God's kingdom.

Joyce Outlaw,

R-1, Mt. Olive, N. C.

NOTICE

The Cape Fear district Auxiliary will convene with St. Mary's Grove, located near Benson on Wednesday, October 10th. The theme for the meeting is "Exalting Christ Through Personal Service."

Registration begins at 9:30. Each auxiliary is urged to represent and visitors are always welcome.

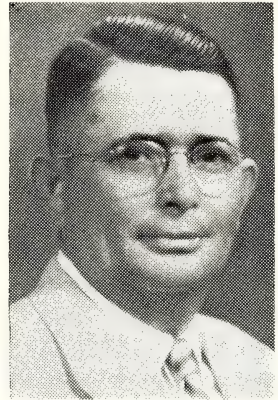
Mrs. L. E. Ballard of Ayden will bring the message. Special music will be rendered by Mrs. Lester Warrick and Miss Ann Stephenson. Mrs. H. A. Crumpler will direct congregational singing.

Mrs. Almond Warrick, Pres.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF MIDDLESEX ORPHANAGE

The Reverend S. A. Smith, of Beulaville, North Carolina, has been elected by the Orphanage Board as superintendent of the Middlesex Orphanage, North Carolina, to succeed Walter McD. Croom, who has served in this capacity for only a few years. His resignation will become effective around the first of November and Brother Smith will assume his official duties at the Home at the time Brother Croom's term expires.

Brother Smith is a well-known Free Will Baptist minister of North Carolina. He is a good pastor, a recognized evangelist, and has held, as pastor, some of the strong churches of eastern North Carolina for a goodly number of years. He is connected, in an official capacity, with the State Con-



REV. S. A. SMITH

vention, and also his conference. Brother Smith has held important places on some of the Boards of the National Association, and is recognized as a devout leader of the denomination for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

We feel that Brother Smith has sufficient wisdom, executive ability, and a deep interest in the Middlesex Orphanage to be able to direct and manage the institution in a good way. His previous contacts with the church people of the States, through his gospel ministry, evangelistic services, and attendance upon and interest in the various conferences, union meetings, conventions, and other church gatherings, for a goodly number of years, stand as proof of his recognition, stability, Christian leadership, and devout interest in the different outstanding phases of the denominational work of the State.

We bid him God's benedictions, and divine guidance, and wish for him many years of great success as superintendent of this institution. May he use wisdom, patience, and good management in directing the affairs of the Home for the coming years.—Ed.

A Word of Testimony

"I am ready to preach the gospel . . . also." Romans 1:15.

Several years ago when I was a student at Tacca Falls Bible Institute, I felt the call to prepare to devote myself to Christian work. This call lingered with me through my high school days and the dark days of the World War while I served my country in the faraway Pacific. I was not quite certain just what the Lord would have me do. Would it be to be a missionary? Would it be to follow in the steps of my father and be a minister and pastor? Would it be to follow the path of my grandfather and my mother and sing for the Lord? From it all the natural man shrank, for I had seen as a child some of the hardships suffered by my mother and father and others.

After the war I entered college to prepare for Christian work. But I was all unsettled. Perhaps many of us who had witnessed the sadness of the world in Korea, in India and other parts of the earth to which we had gone during the years of service were unsettled. I soon left college, and entered the newspaper field. Then from that to post office service. All this time I struggled with myself. I tried to satisfy my obligation to God by singing in the church and in revivals. Then God let me fall victim to that dreadful disease—polio. In the

hospital, with the future uncertain, I promised God again and again that I would do His will. But I never quite found the courage to yield myself fully to Him until I went to Nashville, Tennessee, in July, to the Nationwide League Conference. There in the wonderful atmosphere of our Bible College, and in the company of so many friendly, consecrated young people, I found the courage to say, "Here am I, Lord!" Since then God has blessed me marvelously. I have been almost constantly in His service, singing for revivals and of late weeks giving out His precious gospel in several churches. I have been licensed to preach by my church, St. Mary's of New Bern, N. C., and am planning, the Lord willing, to go to our Bible College next year. In the meantime I will be glad to help our pastors and churches in any way I can. I will be glad to lead singing for revivals close enough to New Bern for me to go and come at nights, or help train youth choirs, or regular church choirs. I have had special courses in vocal music and directing singing. "I am ready to preach the gospel . . . also," in as much as lieth in me, by supplying for pastors or temporarily caring for churches not having pastors.

L. Beverly Ballard
%U. S. Postoffice,
New Bern, N. C.

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Cape Fear Auxiliary Conception to convene with St. Mary's Grove church, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 1951.

Theme: Victory Through Personal Service

Morning Session

- 9:30—Registration
 - Devotions, Mrs. Walter Stanley
 - Welcome, Mrs. Percy Adams
 - Response, Mrs. Velmon Tew
 - President's message
- 10:25—Reading of minutes
 - Roll call
 - Appointment of committees
 - Recognition of ministers and visiting delegates
 - Report of First, Third and Fifth V. Presidents
- 10:45—Orphanage news by representative
 - Congregational hymn and offering
 - Special music, Mrs. Lester Warrick
 - Convention sermon, Mrs. L. E. Ballard
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon session

- 1:00—Devotions, Mrs. Ben Casey
- Memorial service, Mrs. Albert Coates
- Report of Second, Fourth, and Sixth Vice-Presidents

—Special music, Miss Ann Stephenson

- 2:15—Business period
 - Report of committees
 - Report of Treasurer
 - Miscellaneous
 - Closing remarks, and benediction, Mrs. M. E. Godwin
 - Music director, Mrs. H. A. Crumpler

—Pianist, Mrs. Ralph Parker

Mrs. H. T. Hinson

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Sunday School Convention of the Eastern Conference of South Carolina, convening with St. John Free Will Baptist Church, Hyman, South Carolina, Saturday before First Sunday in October, 1951.

Bro. J. G. Williams, Superintendent

Eld. Floyd Ord, Host Pastor

Mrs. H. C. Simmons, Secretary

— Sunday School Registration —

PROCEDURE

- 9:30—Opening song by congregation
 - Scripture lesson, Bro. J. G. Williams, Superintendent
 - Prayer
 - Welcome address, W. A. Powell

—Response, W. L. Scott

10:00—Appointment of temporary committees

—Minutes of last session read by the secretary

—Field Worker's report

10:20—Program by local Sunday School

11:00—Sermon, Rev. Malcolm Harrelson

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00—Re-assemble

—Song by choir

—Short program from each Sunday School represented

1:50—Reports of various Sunday School superintendents, Orphanage funds turned in, etc.

3:15—Talk, Rev. T. A. Williams

3:30—Final business session

—Reports of Temporary Committees

—Unfinished business

—New business

—Petition for next Convention

—Return of thanks to host church

—Song and adjournment

Rev. T. A. Williams,

Mrs. H. C. Simmons, Secy.

Program Committee

BILLY'S GARDEN

Frances Morton

Billy claimed a corner of the garden for his own; and in his garden he had all sorts of useful things growing. Once he gathered some nice yellow carrots for dinner; and at the table Mother said we should thank God for His good gifts of food.

"But God didn't give us those carrots," said Billy. "I raised those carrots myself in my own garden."

"Oh, did you?" said Mother. "I wonder where you got the seed?"

"Bought them out of a store," answered Billy, "and paid for them."

"But they grew on a plant," said Mother, "and no storekeeper in the world could make a carrot seed. Then they grew in the good rich soil of the garden," Mother went on, "and all the earth belongs to God. Then God sent the rain and the sunshine. Your plants wouldn't have done much without those two helpers, even though you did work hard and faithfully in your garden."

Billy looked very thoughtful, and then after a while he said, "Why, Mother, it is really God's garden and I just help Him with things."

"That is the way it is," said Mother, "and if you want to be happy in this world you will find yourself very happy in helping God take care of things, and helping to make His good gifts more useful. I like our garden and I am helping Him to make the useful and pretty things grow more beautifully in it."

Wherever you go, carry a savor of Christ. Let men take knowledge of you that you have been with Jesus.—*Selected.*

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A Prayer of David

(Psalm 86)

BOW down thine ear, O Lord, hear me;
for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my soul; for I am holy:
O thou my God, save thy servant that
trusteth in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord:
for I cry unto thee daily.

Rejoice the soul of thy servant:
for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, O Lord, art good, and ready to forgive;
and plenteous in mercy unto all them that
call upon thee.

Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer;
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee;
for thou wilt answer me.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O
Lord; neither are there any works like unto
thy works.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and
worship before thee, O Lord;
and shall glorify thy name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things:
thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy
truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my
heart: and I will glorify thy name for ever-
more.—(verses 1-12)

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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

MIDDLESEX ORPHANAGE CONCERT CLASS
ITINERARY

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 14, 11:00 a. m.—Oak Grove (near Elm City)

ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 27, 8:00 p. m.—Mt. Tabor (Creswell, N. C.)

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 28, 11:00 a. m.—St. Paul (Elizabeth City, N. C.)

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CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 14, 11:00 a. m.—Raleigh City Church

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 14, 2:00 p. m.—Pleasant Plain, Johnson Co.

Sunday, October 21, 11:00 a. m.—Union Chapel

Sunday, November 4, 8:00 p. m.—White Oak Hill (Bailey, N. C.)

Every commandment of God is a promise.—*Rev. E. F. Walker.*

FOLLOWERSHIP

GEORGE C. ALBORN

The word "followership" may not be in your dictionary, but it ought to be. As leadership is used for the qualities of a leader, so we need a word for the qualities that make a good follower.

We hear much about leadership. We are anxiously seeking to train leaders, to become leaders. But however many leaders we may secure, however capable they may be, they can accomplish little or nothing, without loyal and efficient followers. Washington would have lost the war for American independence without the host of nameless, unknown patriots who marched, fought, froze and died following him. Our great religious leaders—Carey, Wesley, Calvin, Luther, Paul and others—would have lived and struggled in vain had they not had sacrificing followers. Even Christ

ership. Few people are willing to take second place. We all like to be "bell sheep." Even the apostles of Christ were not free from this fault. But when we have trained a person for leadership, or elected him to the position of leader, we ought to be willing to follow him.

A good follower must stand by his leader through any and all circumstances. A true leader will not always lead in safe and easy paths. A leader cannot always take his followers completely into his confidence and explain everything to them. They must be loyal enough to follow, even at times when they do not quite understand.

A good follower will never try to lay all the blame for failure upon his leader. He will accept his own share of responsibility. Then, too, he will strive to inspire loyalty and good "followership" in others.

But human leaders are always imperfect. It is not expected that their followers will absolutely surrender conscience and reason to the leader. To do so would make him a dictator, not a leader. But when obliged to differ with his leader, a loyal follower will consult with him, seek mutual understanding, rather than block the leader's plans by criticism to others.

In order to get things done, a good follower will sometimes co-operate in plans with which he does not altogether agree.

Let us seek the grace of "followership." Let us give our leaders a chance to succeed by giving them loyal and thorough co-operation. Then we shall have wonderful leaders.—*Selected.*

HOMECOMING AT MACEDONIA

There will be a homecoming at Macedonia F. W. B. Church, Craven County, North Carolina on Third Sunday in October. All former pastors, church members, neighbors and friends are cordially invited. Rev. R. B. Spencer, a former pastor, will preach at the eleven o'clock hour. Dinner will be spread on the church grounds at the noon hour.

D. W. Alexander, Pastor

REVIVAL AT WOODINGTON

This is to announce that Rev. Sam Kennedy will conduct a revival meeting at Woodington Free Will Baptist Church in Lenoir County, beginning on Sunday night, October 7, at 7:30 o'clock. We invite the public to attend these services, and to fellowship with us.

Rev. Clarence Little, Pastor

God gives by promise that we may take by faith.—*Christian Standard.*

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did not do the work for which he came to earth, did not build a church and cause mankind to hear the Gospel of salvation, until there were men who would confess Him, follow Him. Every leader does most of his work through his followers.

The theory is that a real leader will always win followers. The ability to do so is essential for true leadership. Yet, every leader fails more or less at this point. There were thousands of Americans who never followed Washington, some who opposed him. Lincoln was ridiculed, despised and thwarted by those who should have followed him. Even Jesus failed with some people. One Samaritan village would not even let Him enter. He lamented over Jerusalem, "How often would I . . . and ye would not!" The rich young ruler, despite Jesus' love for him, went away and followed not.

We are busy training leaders, yet they will be relatively powerless without followers. Ought we not to stress and cultivate "followership" as well as leadership?

What are the elements of followership? What qualities should a good follower possess? First of all, a good follower should be willing to accept the status of follow-

The Importance of the Sunday School

The Church of Jesus Christ is the foundation of our Christian civilization. If there is to be a church tomorrow, there must be a Sunday school today. Eighty-two per cent of the church world came out of Sunday school classes. A pastor once said: "Do away with the Sunday schools for 15 years and the church will be cut half in its membership."

The Sunday school is important because the Bible is the textbook of this institution. The late Woodrow Wilson said: "There can be no liberal education without a knowledge of the Bible." Daniel Webster said in the halls of Congress: "The Bible is our only safe guide. So long as we take it as our instructor for conduct and character, we will go on prospering in the future as in the past. But the moment we relegate it from our lives, a catastrophe will come to us such as we have not known before."

Twenty-seven millions of our American youth did not receive Christian instruction last year. The breakers are ahead, according to Mr. Webster. The Sunday school is absolutely imperative.

The Sunday school is important because it takes the child in the formative years of its life. This is when destinies are settled. James, the psychologist, said, "A person rarely ever changes his habits after he has reached his majority years." Only one person out of 1,000 is converted after the age of 20. A questionnaire was sent to 1,500 preachers asking them the age of their conversion. The average was 12 years.

Max Jukes lived in the state of New York. He did not believe in Christian training. He married a girl of like character.

From this union they have studied 1,026 descendants. Three hundred of them died prematurely. One hundred were sent to the penitentiary for an average of 13 years each. One hundred and ninety were public prostitutes. There were 100 drunkards, and the family cost the state \$1,200,000. They made no contribution to society.

Jonathan Edwards lived in the same state. He believed in Christian training. He married a girl of like character. From this union they have studied 729 descendants. Out of this family have come 300 preachers, 65 college professors, 13 university presidents, 60 authors of good books, three United States congressmen and one vice-president of the United States; and outside of Aaron Burr, a grandson of Edwards, who married a questionable character, the family has not cost the state a single dollar. The difference in the two families: "Christian training in youth and heart conversions." The Sunday school offers this to the youth of our nation.

From the Sunday schools of our nation will come thousands of young men and women who would have been lost. They did not know which way to go. But from the little room in the old church building, and out from the little red chair, tens of thousands will make their way Home, safe at last in the arms of Jesus. Through the Sunday school to Home and Heaven.

The Sunday school makes Christians. This is the objective. It produces Christian citizenship, and from its 37,500,000 pupils come the Christian fathers and mothers who have given us our Christian heritage.

—Submitted by Rashie Kennedy

BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES

Jesus compares the world, with its teeming population, to a great field, white unto the harvest. The Christian Church, answering the call for laborers in this field, sings, "We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves."

The countryside at harvest time is a striking picture of the working Church. There are fields where the shocks of grain are many and the yield is rich. But there may also be extensive fields where the grain is light and the shocks are few. The harvest is disappointing. There is little occasion for rejoicing.

The situation is much the same in the churches of our land. Here and there great effort is put forth to bring the message of salvation to the unchurched at home and abroad. The results are often startling. Large numbers are brought into fellowship with the Savior. In other communities the harvest is most disappointing. Nothing ev-

er seems to happen. Things are static, dead.

Wherein lies the difference? Perhaps the seed was poor, the pith or germ was missing, that is, the message did not contain the divine spark of revealed truth. Perhaps the crucified and risen Savior was not proclaimed and exalted. The invitation of the Gospel may not have been extended with conviction and persuasion.

Churches may aspire to success in their efforts to gather souls for the kingdom, but only those will find occasion to sing with enthusiasm, "We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves," who go to their task in the harvest field in obedience to the great command, "Go, make disciples . . . baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you"—never forgetting the promise, "Lo, I am with you always."—Selected.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

MRS. WILL MAY PASSES

On May 17, 1951, death came to the home of Mr. Will May, of Maury, and took his beloved companion, Mary Elizabeth May.

In the passing of Mrs. May, the Auxiliary of Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church lost one of its most loyal and faithful members. She loved the church and all its works. We, the Auxiliary of Little Creek, extend our sympathy to the family, and especially to her husband.

Her memory is a blessing to many because of her love and kindness, and sympathetic understanding of the problems of others.

In life there always seemed a light

That shone so very clear,

From the eyes of this dear sister

Whose memory we hold so dear.

A light that showed Christian love,

A light that showed her faith,

A light that told the whole world,

That her soul was truly saved.

We can paint a mental picture

Of the way she always looked:

Sweet and kind and gracious,

Like the queen of a story book."

—Mrs. Bruce Barrow

AN APPEAL TO THE AUXILIARIES OF THE EASTERN CONVENTION

It was decided at the last auxiliary convention the 20th of September that we were interested in taking as our project of providing funds necessary to purchase the living room furniture for the Albemarle Cottage at the Orphanage.

I as fifth Vice-President am asking that each Auxiliary, if possible to send in ten dollars (\$10.00) from their auxiliary to this project and send it in at once, so the furniture can be purchased. As you send it in to the orphanage have it earmarked for the furniture.

I trust that you will not fail me on this project, be sure you bring this up before your next meeting, or have a call meeting and act accordingly.

Yours to serve,

Mrs. J. J. Blizard

Dear Editor: I am enclosing a money order to renew my subscription to the Baptist. I do like the messages in it.—Mrs. H. F. P.

A Queen Is Challenged; Our Challenge Today

In the example of Queen Esther as recorded in the book of Esther, the 4th chapter, all women, especially Christian women, should find joy in knowing that even in the day when women weren't nearly as outspoken as they are today one woman had enough courage to step out and take a stand for her nation and her God.

Imagine yourself the housekeeper or in some other position within the walls of the White House today. Since our president is of the democratic party all those holding various positions in the White House are naturally of that political party. But, suppose YOU were holding that position but actually you were of the Republican party.

Then, still supposing, a decree came out from the President stating that all Republicans would be run from the country and persecuted for being of that party. Now, in your position, you stand a good chance of getting a hearing before the President. Would you go before the first man of the country and plead with him to repeal that decree, or would you look out for yourself and your own interests and never reveal your political standing?

Most of us would be prone to do the latter. We would sit back and see our fellow politicians, friends or own people suffer before we would risk losing our social or other influential positions. Queen Esther was faced with a similar problem to that supposed in the paragraphs above. She was Queen of the land although she was of a different nationality than the King.

This problem presented itself to Queen Esther when shortly after becoming queen of the Shushan kingdom, the evil Haman, who had favor and who sat at the right hand of King Ahasuerus, placed the King's seal upon a law to rid the country of the Jews merely because Mordecai, a cousin to the queen and a leader of his people, refused to pay tribute to Haman and his heathen gods.

Leading up to this, the story of

how Esther, a Jew, became queen grew out of the splitting up of a love affair similar to many of our present day divorce cases. King Ahasuerus became vitally disturbed at the refusal of Queen Vashti to come into his presence upon his demand. He called together his wise men and counselors and asked of them what he should do. They, being like most men of that day and like some I know today, believed that the king should get rid of Vashti because if she remained in the kingdom and continued to get away with her maltreatment of the king, all women would begin feeling that way about their men and would get an idea that the man was no longer head of the house. Yes, they had gossipers back in that day too. Do you not know of people who today feel that the woman

● L. BEVERLY BALLARD ●

should be at the head of the house rather than the man? But that was not meant to be according to Christ's teachings and although the women may control the head a bit like the "neck," they still are not divinely meant to take over the man's position unless death takes away their husbands.

So Ahasuerus got rid of Vashti and decided to choose him another to fill her place. Thus came about one of the first nationwide beauty contests ever recorded. We today have our Miss America, Miss Tobacco land, Miss Cotton, Miss North Carolina, Miss this, that and the other contests, but none of them equalled the contest old Ahasuerus held nor do any of our contests hold as reward that position of queen of the land. But, where God caused the tables to be turned upon the king and his judges and the whole gang got fooled, they chose a queen from the Jewish nationality and not of their own kingdom.

Today we read of men who choose themselves wives of various nationalities. It is beginning to be nothing

out of the ordinary to read of some white man taking a negro woman to be his wife or some American marrying a German, Japanese or other foreign woman. But back in that day intermarriage was thought of as being very sinful by some of the nations.

Because of this reason and also because God directed it to be, Esther kept to herself the secret of her being a Jew within the palace of the Shushanites. But, this secret was not to be kept long because God had placed her in the royal position for a purpose. That purpose was revealed when the wicked Haman drew his decree against the Jews. SHE WAS TO DELIVER THE JEWS.

One day shortly after she began her reign as queen, Esther received an urgent message from Mordecai revealing to her the plot of Haman to get rid of the Jews. Haman was so sure of getting Mordecai that he already had built a gallows for him. However, as the story goes, God switched the whole business and Haman died on his own gallows. God intervened in the persecution of the Jews as He has in many times before and after the time of Christ for the reason that the Jew is God's chosen people. He placed that nationality of people here for a two-fold purpose. First, His son, Jesus Christ, was born of a Jew and second, the Jew was placed here to become an example to all nations who reject Christ.

In Mordecai's message he revealed to Esther the great need for her to go before the king in behalf of the Jews and he also told his cousin that if she didn't go her father's house would fall and God would provide another way out for the Jews. This was a great challenge to Esther for either way she decided, she faced a possible death sentence. Like all challenges, this one had an alternative.

Because Mordecai knew that God would prepare another way and told Esther this, she had the privilege of turning down this and remaining intact for a short while shielded by her

royal position. She could have easily returned the messenger to Mordecai saying, "Why should I give up my prominence here as queen when you plainly say there will be another way out for the Jews." But, she did not say this for it would have been exactly what satan would want her to say. It is what he wants you and me to say today when we are met with a challenge to do some good for our fellowman. Remember, there is always someone else to do our work for us. We aren't indispensable in any job. But if we have a job to do and God has called us to do that job we endanger our lives by refusing.

Realizing that according to law she could be put to death for going in unto the king without first having been called, Esther met this challenge with a fullness of spirituality. She returned an answer to Mordecai asking that he gather all the people and while she and her hand-maidens fast and pray for three days. In closing her message, she said, "I will go before the king and if I perish, I perish."

Thus, Esther did go in unto the king and in following this story on through the fifth and sixth chapters we find that God worked in a wonderful way to turn the tables upon wicked Haman and preserved his Jews.

You today are being challenged in a similar way by all those in the world who know not Christ as a personal Saviour. They challenged you to get out and win them to Christ. The challenge is also for us as Christians to go in unto our King Jesus in prayer and supplication for the world conditions. We today are to become burdened for the lives of the lost that we should reap their souls in the harvest of time before the sunset falls upon their lives and they go out into an eternal hell. Yes, that is the challenge facing us.

Would you not, dear Christian friend, give as your answer to this challenge as did Esther, "I will go . . . and if I perish, I perish." We may not stand the chance of losing our physical lives for not meeting this challenge as did Queen Esther, but we do stand the chance of our Spiritual lives perishing in the crosswinds of a devil-filled world.

What Is Wrong with the Church?

Z. RICHARD HENLEY

Scores of men and women are constantly asking today, and rightly so, "What is wrong with the church?" The visible church of today in many places is but a shadow of what it once was in its power and influence for Christ. It behooves us to study the Word of God to ascertain God's answer to this vital issue. In this connection, I know of no passage of Scripture that more accurately fits the facts of the church's present plight than the first chapter of Galatians.

There we find the Apostle Paul disclosing a heartbreaking condition existing in the Galatian churches. This condition was draining the church's power and plunging it into confusion and bewilderment. Paul charges that they had forsaken the one true Gospel and had become removed to another gospel, which was not another gospel but a perversion and distortion of the truth.

TOO MUCH OPINION

The gospel of opinion was operating in the Galatian churches. It was the source of their trouble. It had confused them so completely that they were thoroughly befuddled. That is precisely the result of preaching the gospel of opinion, wherever or whenever it is proclaimed! There in Galatia, Judaizers had entered into the churches teaching circumcision and the keeping of the Law. The Apostle accuses them of perverting the Gospel. He emphasizes his authority as an apostle again and again. He announces that he is not an apostle "of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead." Likewise, Paul stresses the fact that "the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." Having received this Gospel from such a source, the Apostle declares, "I conferred not with flesh and blood." Magnifying his authority and that of the Gospel he preached, Paul implies that these Judaizers had no such authority. Indeed, they were preaching the gospel of opinion and perverting the Gospel of Christ.

Into the church of today has come a re-birth of the preaching of the gospel of opinion. From this source flow rivers of poisonous serum, paralyzing the church and rendering it impotent. The proclamation of the gospel of opinion has led to all manner of weird, extreme excesses, evil pursuits, and warping eccentricities. It has led to rationalism, modernism, mysticism, subjectivism, and spiritualism. The hosts of cults, sects, and false religions are its prize creations.

To describe this deadly disease a little more in detail, we would indicate that it is

egoism in the extreme. The "I" with its opinions, convictions, and intuitions is the seat and center of all authority. Instead of the Word of God, someone's (humble, if you will) opinion is the basis of truth. The church of Christ is being opinionized to death. It is the devil's wily device for its destruction.

In the final analysis, the reason for the vigorous preaching of the gospel of opinion is that people are determined to endorse and justify the way they live, at any cost. It is a convenient way to make God the author of their sin, for anyone or anything can be justified or condemned within the elastic limits of the gospel of opinion.

GOD'S PRESCRIPTION

There is a treatment prescribed in Galatians one for these opinionizers. The instructions are: "Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." This charge is repeated, "As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." No room is left for mistake regarding God's prescription for the correction of this deadly disease. Whether it be a pope, a cardinal, a bishop, a clergyman, a layman, or an angel of light, "If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

The only effective recovery from this fearful malady is in returning to the one true Gospel. Men and women will voice their objections. They will say, "Oh, but we have sanctified minds, therefore our opinions are authoritative." Remember, will you not, that Christ stated, "Ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you." We have sanctified minds only as they are saturated with and subject to the Word of God. Others will say, "We are filled with the Spirit; therefore, our opinions are correct." We become filled with the Spirit only through the medium of the Word of God. It is through this medium that "the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." The Spirit speaks only in and through the Word of God. God's revelation is complete. It needs no supplements. In Revelation 22:18, 19, the stern warning is given: "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book . . . God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."—*Selected.*

Editorial Comments . . .

I. J. BLACKWELDER VISITS PRESS

Rev. I. J. Blackwelder paid Ayden and the Press a short visit last week. He was the former editor of the Free Will Baptist paper several years ago, and a student of Eureka College. He will be in the State for a while holding revival meetings. His Ayden friends were very glad to see him, as he was present for the Union meeting which convened with the Ayden Church, and made a short talk before the Union.

A VERY GOOD UNION

The Second Union of the Central Conference of North Carolina, the Sunday School Convention, and the League Convention met with Ayden Church. The speeches and the matters of business of the union were far above the average. The attendance was very good. The League Convention was held on Saturday night, and the interest of the young people was high. They had an excellent program which entertained the large attendance of both old and young people in a most striking way. From all reports the convention is doing a splendid work among the young people of the various churches in this district. The Sunday School Convention was on Sunday. It was well represented with delegates, ministers, and visitors from the various churches and communities of the Second Union meeting. The music and the speeches were not to be surpassed. Everyone present seemed to have enjoyed the convention very much. This convention is going forward and doing a great work for the Sunday Schools in the district. The people of the Ayden Church and community entertained the three organizations during the week-end in a most congenial way. The noonday meal was served on Saturday and Sunday in the Ayden Community building, and everyone feasted most pleasantly on the great spread of good chicken, barbecue, ham, etc. The fellowship was all that anyone could expect. Such church gatherings are always helpful to any community.

WE THANK YOU

Orders for Sunday School and League literature are still coming in for this closing quarter of the year. We are happy to note that a great many of the orders are larger than usual. This is particularly true with some of the quarterlies. And it looks now that we shall have to print some more quarterlies to be able to fill some of the late orders. The sales thus far are very good, and we thank you very much for your patronage.

It is indeed gratifying to note that our church people are taking a greater interest all the while in our literature. This is due, doubtless, to the fact that we are mak-

ing improvements all along in the appearance of the quarterlies. All late orders will be filled as long as we are able to satisfy the needs.

It is not too early for the churches and Sunday Schools to be placing their orders for Christmas materials. We now have a new supply of Christmas cards, and will be glad to fill all orders that may come in any day. Many churches have already placed their orders and now have their Christmas cars on hand for sale to their local people at a margin of profit for their church treasury.

We have on hand some Press catalogs, and any church, Sunday School, or Woman's auxiliary that wants one, may receive one if they will drop us a card, requesting the same. They are free for the asking. Let us send you one.

SHARING RESPONSIBILITIES

There is no better place for one to share responsibilities than in the church. But the church is usually the best place for certain persons to evade their duties and responsibilities to the growth and expansion of Christ's kingdom on earth. Their excuse for not giving to missions is that they do not believe in missions. They think that they have enough to do to pay the pastor, and look after the repairs of the church property. They forget the significance of the Great Commission which Christ gave to his disciples before he went back to heaven, or else they do not care to consider that commission as having any reference to them today.

Every local church of our denomination should accept the responsibility, as well as all members of the local church, of supporting, as far as possible, each phase of the denominational work. To neglect one or more of these responsibilities, and support other phases beyond the actual needs is to maintain an unbalanced church budget. That would be like the parents of the home doing more for part of their children, and less for the others. Church people are responsible for a well balanced church program, and for the proper balancing of their support for each part of the work. Let the interest be shown for every good work that the cause of Christ may not suffer.

I am only one;
But still, I am one.
I cannot do everything.
But still, I can do something.
And because I cannot do everything,
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.
—E. E. Hale

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CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

"A FRIEND FOR BOB"

VELMA B. MCCONNELL

The dismissal bell rang, and Bill Keller sat upright in his seat in the sixth grade reporting room. Was he ever glad to get out of school today! His ball team, the Hurricanes, was going to meet the Franks, from Franklin Sixth, the coming Thursday night, and the Hurricanes needed some practice. The Franks were real ball players!

"Bill Keller," it was Miss Parker speaking, "would you mind remaining for a few minutes today to show Bob Dorn the Nature assignment and explain about the notebooks for the extra work?"

Bill stared, aghast. Stay after school to help the new boy, when his team needed him? Surely someone else could help Bob. He would explain it to Miss Parker, she would understand. Then in a twinkle of an eye, a thought flashed into Bill's mind. "What was it I asked the Lord this morning? Wasn't it that I might be able to witness to someone today? Perhaps—perhaps Bob is the opportunity He is giving me!" Bill knew now that he could not refuse Miss Parker.

"Yes, Miss Parker, I will be glad to help him!"

Bill found his Nature Study book and opened it to "Wild Life in the Everglades." "Here, Bob, this is what we are studying now. We will study the birds and animals of Florida for the next couple weeks. Then Miss Parker has each of us make a notebook for supplementary work. We write up interesting articles about the birds and animals and paste them into the book, also paste any pictures we can find." He flipped open his book. "Here are my articles. I type them before pasting them in." He added ruefully, "I haven't been able to find any pictures yet."

"How about coming home with me for awhile?" asked Bob, eagerly. "I have a lot of fine pictures at home. We take a Nature magazine, and my uncle gave me his copies, too, so there will be plenty of pictures for both of us!"

"Say, that will be grand," said Bill, enthusiastically. "Wait until I get my cap." As the boys walked down the street, Bob said suddenly, "I happen to know that you were to practice on your team this afternoon. Why didn't you tell the teacher?"

Bill grinned. "Maybe I thought helping you would be my good deed for the day!" Then he added seriously, "No, I had another reason, Bob. I will tell you later." Somehow, he did not feel that this was the moment to speak to Bob of his Lord. He felt that God would open the way soon.

A few minutes later the boys were leafing through the Nature magazines, and Bill whistled as he looked at some of the beautiful photographs. Some were not so beautiful.

"Just look at that crocodile, Bob! No wonder the birds are scattering in every direction! Look at the teeth on that fellow! And here is a picture of a bobcat, stepping away from a Diamondback Rattlesnake! I think I would put a great many miles between me and a snake like that—or the bobcat, either!"

"They are ugly looking," agreed Bob. "But there are some handsome specimen, too. Look at this Leaping Tarpon—isn't he a graceful looking fish as he jumps from the water? And here is a beautiful bird—just look at it! Under the picture it says, 'A Great White Heron with snow-white, seven-foot wings that spread out just like an angel's!'"

Bill picked up the picture and studied it. To himself he whispered, "Thank You, Jesus! Please help me now!" Then aloud he said soberly, "This is beautiful. The wings do look like those we see on pictures of angels. Doesn't it prove again that God created everything in nature?"

Bob looked startled. "I never thought of that. Did God create everything?"

"Of course, He did," affirmed Bill, "in the Bible it says 'All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made' (John 13). Then there is another verse in Ephesians that

EDITOR'S REQUEST

We are in need of a copy of the Advanced Sunday School Quarterly for the Second Quarter of 1948. This copy was lost from our files when we moved several months ago into our new home.

Anyone who has on hand a copy for the Second Quarter of 1948, and will mail it to us, we will remunerate the person with a nice gift. We need it to complete our file for the years 1948 through 1951, as we are to bind them in a book covering the entire course of study of our Sunday School lessons for those four years.

We are in need of this copy as soon as we can get it, since we are to have the book made before the close of this year 1951.

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says God created all things by Christ Jesus (Eph. 39)."

"Honestly?" questioned Bob, "I just thought things—well, just came together naturally. Don't scientists teach that—uh—evolution brought everything the way it is?"

Bill shook his head decidedly. "I guess they teach that, Bob, but the Bible has lived a lot longer than any of these scientists, and I believe God, first and last! Why, just look at those beautiful birds and listen to the sweet song of some of them. Look at the myriad of stars in the heavens, the lovely flowers that grow in our gardens! Nobody but God could create them. Fact is, in the first chapter of Genesis it says right out that God made the stars! (Gen. 1:16)."

"I guess you must be right, Bill. Where did you learn such things?" Bob looked admiringly at his new friend.

"Why, I learn them at home, and at Sunday School and church. Say, don't you go to Sunday School?"

Bob shook his head, "Naw, we never go to church! My father plays golf nearly every Sunday morning, and my mother always sleeps late because she belongs to a Saturday Night Bridge Club. And I—well, I just fool around or go out on my bicycle or something."

Bill felt stirred. There was a note of loneliness in the other boy's voice. "Say, Bob, I sure would like to introduce you to a Friend of mine! You would know what to do with your Sundays then!"

Bob beamed. "That's great of you, Bill! Who is your friend?"

"My Friend is Jesus," replied Bill. Now, don't look at me as if I was crazy, I really mean it. When the Bible tells us that God made everything in the world, it also tells us that everybody in the world is a sinner. Then when we believe this and tell Jesus we are sorry, He washes us clean with His Blood and becomes our Saviour and a real Friend. He is my Friend, Bob, and I don't think there is anyone at school that is happier than I am!"

Bob looked thoughtful. "That really sounds interesting, Bill. I never had a real friend; my parents are moving so much as my father's business keeps him traveling. Mother always finds some club to join, but I never make friends as it is too hard to leave them."

"Well, Bob, Jesus is one Friend you will never have to leave, and He will never leave you, either. The Bible says He sticks closer than a brother. How about coming with me Sunday morning and learning more about Him?"

Bob reached out and grasped Bill's hand. "I sure will, Bill! Say, am I ever glad that Miss Parker asked you to help me!"

Bill grinned secretly to himself. He knew that God, not Miss Parker, was responsible for what had happened, and felt sure that what had been begun this afternoon, God would finish.

—Juvenile Pleasure

Woman's Auxiliary Department

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NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention held its annual session with White Oak Grove Church, near LaGrange, last Thursday, the 20th. The representation was very good, there being delegates and visitors from more than forty auxiliaries. Another thing that meant much to the encouragement and to the success of the convention was the presence of several ministers, some coming from other conference districts. It is true that our preachers are usually silent during these conventions, unless called on, nevertheless, just knowing that we have their backing and co-operation, together with their prayers, give to us a great incentive to press on in the good work.

The reports were unusually good from the Vice-Presidents, most of them showing that greater interest is being manifested in all of our departmental work.

There were some resolutions passed, which if put into effect, will doubtless work out to an advantage for all concerned.

The Playlet "The Triumphant Life," by a group from the Jacksonville Church, assisted by Mrs. Ballard, was very impressive, and in keeping with the theme for the Day: "Exalting Christ, by Looking Heavenward through the Ministry of Missions."

The text for the day was: "... Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest" (Jn. 4:35).

An impressive talk on the Orphanage work was given by the superintendent, Bro. Croom, who said "this would be his last time to appear in this convention in the capacity of the superintendent. He urged that we co-operate with his successor as loyally as we have with him in the support of the work."

The good women of the church and community really know how to prepare for hungry people, for they spread a bountiful dinner at the noon hour, where every one seemed to enjoy not only the food, but the Christian fellowship one with another. The afternoon session was taken up mostly with reports and short talks by Mrs. Griffin, the State Field Worker, and Mrs. Ballard, Director of the Woman's Conference at Cragmont each year.

In the election of officers for the ensuing two years, there were only two changes: namely, Mrs. J. K. Bryan of Kenansville is the new President, and Mrs. Ben Sutton, of Mt. Olive is the 3rd Vice-President. Mrs. S. A. Smith, our retiring president was given a rising vote of appreciation for the years of efficient and loyal service she has rendered during her terms of office. There was also a rising vote of thanks given to the church for its fine spirit of co-operation, fellowship and hospitality during the day. The next session is scheduled to be with the Kinston church in March, 1952. To the Lord belongs all the praise for any and all good that was, or might have been accomplished during the session, and may we never lose sight of the fact that if, and when we surrender our lives wholly to Him, we become "Workers together with God," in the promotion of His cause.

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With requests coming in from several worthy young people for loans with which to help them enter our Bible College, it is vitally necessary that all of our auxiliaries, not only in the Eastern district, but all over the State, write to the F. W. Press for Posters and stamps, for the Anna Philips Loan Fund, and work toward filling at least, one or two per year. Each poster holds twenty dollars

worth of stamps, and it is to be hoped that the 2nd Vice-President of each local auxiliary will attend to this part of her work and encourage and inspire her people to the great need of this worthy cause.

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Another thing we need to bear in mind—October is Superannuation month. This too is the work of the 2nd Vice-President. She should be able to enlighten the women of her church of the facts regarding our part in this great work. Whatever offering may be made, should be sent to the State Treasurer, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, at Winterville, N. C., earmarked for Superannuation, then in making up the local report to the district, make a true statement of what has been raised and remitted to the Treasurer. This, as well as the Anna Philips Poster, are strictly North Carolina responsibilities. May we do our best for this cause during October.

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We received, a short time ago, a paper with this heading: "No Stop-Lights in Woman's National Auxiliary Convention," coming from Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the National Auxiliary Convention. We cannot give all the news this sheet contains, but it is gratifying to know that progress is being made and interest is growing all the while. Two new states were represented for the first time, and from all sides women are waking up to the great need of others, especially in the mission fields, both Home and Foreign. Prices have advanced on some of the W.N.A.C. Literature for the coming year, due to the increase in the cost of paper. The Year Books will be 50cts each for 1952. We need not let this advance in price deter us from patronizing to the limit, our National Convention plans and prices for our literary needs, that is, so far as the Year Book and Manual are concerned, especially.

Some one has said, "To-day only is ours to make to-morrow God's." As we approach the new year with the new Year Book, may we bear in mind that the "Hour has Come" ... for all of us to work together, pray

in earnest and be united in all of our efforts to go forward with Christ, our Commander and King.

Alice E. Lupton

REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF NORTH CAROLINA

The Woman's Auxiliary convention of the Central Conference of North Carolina met with Howell Swamp Church on Wednesday, September 26. The theme for the day was: "Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation" (Mark 14:38).

The vice-presidents' reports were not as good as they have been in times past, but they were good enough for us to recognize the fact that our auxiliary members are still working for the Lord. You local vice-presidents please keep accurate records for the next six months. Let us come up with the best report ever at the March meeting.

The devotions by Mrs. Ida L. Drake in the morning, and Mrs. T. E. Tyndall in the afternoon were very inspiring. They warned us to watch and pray in our daily lives for Christ. Everyone enjoyed the special music during the day. In the morning Mrs. Levi Worthington and Mrs. J. T. Beddard, Jr., sang a lovely duet entitled, "Back of the Clouds." After dinner, Mrs. Gertrude Ballard sang a solo, "All on the Altar for Jesus." A little later Mrs. Marvin Moore sang, "One of God's Days." We were glad to have Rev. N. D. Beaman with us to lead the congregational singing during the day. Brother W. A. Hansley was with us and gave us a glowing report of what is being accomplished at the Middlesex Orphanage.

We are behind on our beds for the Boys Albemarle Cottage. Our district is supposed to furnish all of these (about 38), so if your auxiliary has not already done so, please send \$35 as soon as possible, and let us buy those beds. The offering taken at the convention amounted to \$62.45, and the convention voted to let that go for beds, drapes, or anything that is especially needed to help furnish the dormitories. The convention also voted to adopt a child

which will call for \$40 twice a year for his clothing. After dinner an offering was taken to pay for this child's birthday and Christmas gifts.

Rev. R. W. Allman brought the convention message. He used for his Scripture Mark 14:26-38. We must always watch and pray, he emphasized, in all steps of our lives, lest we enter into temptation.

The reports of the committees were accepted. The following resolution was adopted: "Be it resolved that this convention recommend to the North Carolina State Convention to amend the Constitution to read that we have one member at large on the Orphanage Board, and that member be a woman." The Petitions Committee reported that we are to convene with Dawson's Grove Church in March.

We were glad to have Mrs. Gertrude Ballard bring us greetings from the Eastern Auxiliary Convention, and also Mrs. J. C. Sasser to bring greetings from the Western Auxiliary. We always welcome all visitors. We do feel that much good was accomplished for the Lord at this convention and anyone who missed it, really missed a blessing.

Mrs. Paul Thigpen, President
Mrs. Marvin Moore, Secretary

THE DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE AT CENTRAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

By MRS. T. E. TYNDALL
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PROVERBS 31:

10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

25 Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

27 She looketh well to the ways of her household and catcheth not the bead of idleness.

28 Her children arise up and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praiseth her.

30 Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

31 Give her the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

JESUS AND WOMEN—

In the Bible we find that God created woman from man for a companion and an increasing of his likeness, so thru the ages women have filled an important place in the destiny of mankind.

When we think of Jesus and women the most important consideration is what Jesus has done for them. The influence of

the Christian religion upon women is sufficient answer to every question against it and is a complete confirmation of its character.

To understand what Jesus did for women, we must realize the condition of woman before He came. They were despised and neglected with no position in society and no rights of their own, but were made to occupy just that place which the superior force and lusts of men assigned them. Even among the cultured Greeks and Romans women were little more than slaves. Among the Jews of Christ's time women held a degraded position. We remember how at Jacob's well the disciples marveled that Jesus talked with a woman.

From the first to the last women were Jesus' best friends. They welcomed His coming. They guarded His cradle, they helped him in youth and when He became a man, they listened to His teachings and ministered to His needs. A woman's hand wove the beautiful robe He wore, and a woman's devotion bathed his feet with tears. It is not recorded that any woman ever opposed His works or did anything against Him, never found fault with Him. No woman ever betrayed Him or sat in the Sanhedrin court that committed Him to death. No woman mocked Him or crowned Him with thorns.

Many of the most beautiful incidents of Jesus' life are connected with women. His first recorded words were to His mother when He was twelve years old.

His first miracle was a response to a suggestion from His mother. The grief of women led to His raising Lazarus. It was a woman's faith that said, "if I but touch the hem of His garment, I shall be healed." It was a widow dropping in two mites in the treasury whom Jesus used as an example of generous giving. It was a woman who had broken an alabaster box of precious ointment on His feet that Jesus said, "She hath done what she could." It was to a woman, a sinful woman at Jacob's well that Jesus spoke those great words "God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and truth." It was to Martha weeping for Lazarus that Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and life." It was a woman, Mary Magdalene, who was commissioned with the tidings of the risen Christ.

To Jesus women are in no way inferior to men and His coming has given to womanhood its rightful position in the world, making them not slaves but queens, not mere servants but honored mistresses of households, not the despised chattels of beastly men, but the beloved wives of Christian gentlemen. He has set them free indeed, free to learn and teach, to travel and think, to love and live a rich and abundant life.

Jesus loved women and children, therefore the religion He established is different from all others. Jesus and women! When they come together lives are changed, homes are changed, the world is changed.

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MISS WILSON WRITES FROM INDIA

"Shamrock"
September 11, 1951

Rev. Raymond R. Riggs
Highland Park, Michigan

Dear Mr. Riggs:

Perhaps you would like to have a few words of the first impressions of a new missionary. So I take time out of a rather busy life to mention a few.

After 44 days on the water it was delightful to feel the earth beneath my feet again. As we climbed up, up 6,500 feet above sea-level to Kotagiri I was struck by the beauty of the verdant valleys, hills, and plains—the plains being blue in the distance. Indeed, their beauty is indescribable. The sunrises and sunsets are the most exquisite I've ever beheld and cannot be surpassed anywhere, of that I am certain.

But what a marked contrast when I turn from these matchless scenes of splendour and grandeur to the spiritually starved millions of India living in poverty, filth, disease, sickness, and in the midst of death, because of their undying faithfulness to the religion of their forefathers, and their untiring efforts to please their gods. They

live in constant fear lest they fall short of doing their duty in the observance of ceremonial rites, sacrifices, etc. It is an immeasurable joy to see souls cast aside their life-long teachings, rituals, and take a stand for Christ. Their radiant faces clearly speak of the new found peace that is theirs, of the indwelling Christ, and is ever a source of rejoicing. I do find inexpressible gladness in the thought that those who have been transformed by His marvelous Grace will exchange their small, insufficiently furnished mud huts for a beautiful mansion some day.

It is impossible not to sense the throbbing pathos of the Indian life—there is a strain of underlying sadness felt. All they know is poverty, want, and sorrow—how ineffably pathetic—such an abyss of misery! However, one finds cause to rejoice as he sees the hunger in these people's heart to know the one true, living God. How they thirstily drink in the Word! Pray that this Word will soon bring forth abundant fruit. Also pray that I may be enabled to master the language as I long to tell of Christ's matchless love and His power to set man free.

Best wishes to each and all for a harvest of success in every undertaking, I am

Yours in Christian fellowship,

(Signed) Volena Wilson

Sweet to Remember . . .

JEAN LEATHERS PHILIPS

Dorothy lived with her father and mother and several little brothers and sisters in a little cabin in the tourist camp. The little cabin was scarcely larger than a box and there was only one room. But father had had no work for a long time and part of the time mother had been ill. They had had to move out of the nice little cottage they once had. And now sometimes there was scarcely enough food to go around.

Dorothy tried her very best to help Father and Mother. One day when the food was all gone, Mother asked Dorothy if she could not watch the little brothers and sisters while she went to the big house across the street. She thought maybe she could do some cleaning for the woman in the big house and get enough money for a little dinner for them. Dorothy told Mother she would do so.

While Dorothy was trying to entertain baby sister another little sister rubbed some black oil the stove and got it all over her face and hands. Dorothy tried to pour some hot water from the teakettle to wash

the little sister and she spilled the water upon herself. She was taken to the hospital and some kind folks brought food to the family.

While Dorothy was in the hospital a Story Lady came every day and read to her or told her beautiful stories. One of the very first stories Dorothy heard from the Story Lady was about the Lord Jesus. She was so happy she just lay there and smiled. When her burned hands hurt terribly she just thought about Jesus, then she could smile again.

One day when the nurse came to give Dorothy her bath and to make her bed, she was very cross. She jerked the blankets and splashed the soap into the water. She scolded Dorothy for being frightened. Dorothy choked back the tears.

"Do you know about Jesus?" she asked the nurse.

"Yes," the nurse snapped at her. "What

makes you ask such a question of me as that?"

"I thought maybe you did not know so I was going to tell you."

"What made you think I did not know that?" the nurse asked her this time more tenderly.

"Well," Dorothy began half afraid to say it. "You looked sour like so many other people do. And you jerked the blanket out from under my sore arm and hurt it. And I just thought maybe you did not know about Jesus."

"Yes, I know, Dorothy," the nurse began with tears in her eyes. "I know about Jesus, but sometimes I forget. Maybe it is because I just know about Him and do not know Him."

"But how can any one ever forget it?" Dorothy asked as if greatly puzzled. "How can any one ever forget it, when they hear about Jesus?"

"I'll try never to forget again, Dorothy," the nurse told her. "And I want you to ask Jesus to help me remember." Dorothy gladly promised. All day the nurse went about with a shining face but sometimes there were bright happy tears in her eyes. When it was growing dark it was time for her to go home for the night and the night nurse came on. She went to Dorothy and whispered to her, "Don't forget to ask Jesus to help me remember Him—always." Dorothy promised again. She went to sleep and did not once open her eyes until the sun shone.

But when she did open them, there was the nurse, back for the day and so happy and smiling. And what was this on Dorothy's bed? There was the biggest, loveliest dolly Dorothy had ever seen, and a little blue bathrobe with slippers to match. Dorothy laughed and cried both at once.

"O Jesus," she cried, "I asked You to remember the nurse and help her to remember You. But I guess I just made both of you remember me, instead."—*Her-ald of Holiness.*

REV. LENWOOD PARKER HOLDS MEETING AT OAK GROVE

Our revival meeting at Oak Grove church, Bladen County, North Carolina, closed on Sunday night, September 23, with Brother Lenwood Parker of Folkston, N. C., as evangelist. We liked Brother Parker and feel that he is a god-called man. Although there was only one addition to the church, there were other confessions, and rededications. The church was revived, and many were made stronger in the Lord.

Our pastor, Rev. C. B. Hansley, was present, and he rendered much assistance in every way possible during the meeting. A warm welcome awaits Brother Parker to come back and be with us again. He and his good wife are welcome in our church at any time it may be convenient for them to come.

A member of the church

This Is Our Hour . . .

Today we as Christians face a grave responsibility.

Another world war cannot be more than a few years—if that far—away, asserts military expert Major George Fielding Elliot. When it comes we should expect losses of at least 15 million persons in the first day, warns Dr. Harold C. Urey, Navy scientist. Meanwhile, sober nuclear scientists assert that the world's time clock now reads three minutes to 12—representing to them the time left before all civilization will come to an end.

In the face of this fearful picture many today are looking for spiritual help for the first time in their lives. And their plight is desperate. For the Bible clearly says that unless they are led to the only true help, Jesus Christ, they are eternally lost.

In the tremendous urgency of the hour in which we live, we take this opportunity of reminding ourselves—and those whom we serve and who serve us—of these sober facts . . . For they are to us—and we hope to our friends—a grim reminder that the days before the coming return of our Lord may be short, and that this is our hour. Now, as never before, we as Christians must present to those about us the simple, abiding truths of God's love for a lost world.

Fortunately, the way of salvation is plain. Basically, these simple steps lead to salvation and eternal life:

First, we must *confess* to God that we are sinners. "Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?" (Proverbs 20:9). No one, "for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). And God says, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Next follows the simple act of *believing* that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He is our Saviour. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

Then, to have joy and peace in our Christian life, we must *obey* God as He speaks to us through His Word, the Bible. The Lord Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" and "Continue ye in my love" (John 14:15; 15:9). We can obey the Lord only by relying on the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, Teacher, and Guide (John 14:26; 16:13). As we do, we experience the deep, abiding peace and the full-

ness of joy that our Saviour promised. Jesus says, "*Peace* I leave with you, my *peace* I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid . . . These things have I spoken unto you, that my *joy* might remain in you, and that your *joy* might be full" (John 14:27; 15:11).

This is the way to successful and joyful Christian living.

Today, the longing for peace and security of many is being dramatically reflected in wide-spread interest in spiritual revival. Men and women, boys and girls—some members of churches and Sunday Schools, and some not—are discovering that Jesus Christ is the only solution to individual problems. Many more would like to discover this great truth. They look to us.

Truly *this is our hour*. God grant that all of us may be faithful in meeting its challenge.

By Victor E. Cory

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116 East 11th Street

1. Greenville Bible Institute opens on October 11, 7:30 p. m.
2. Registration dates will be October 8, 9, and 10, 7:30 p. m.
3. Picture on Bible truth will be shown registration nights
4. The "Gold Seal Certificate Course" will be taught.
5. "Old Testament Law and History" 7:30 to 8:15
6. "Sunday School Evangelism" 8:20 to 9:05.
7. Classes for new students, former students, and graduates of the Preliminary Course.
8. Cost for books, certificates, and tuition, will be small
9. Announce in Church and Sunday School.
10. Purpose, Hosea 4:1, 6.
11. Aim, Matthew 28:19, 20.

In Him,

Rashie Kennedy

IN A MOMENT!

An Amazing Story of Things to Come

"EXTRA!" Every newsboy will be screaming it! Every newspaper in the world will come out that day with special editions describing horrible disasters!

Fast streamlined trains crash at 120

miles an hour as engineers suddenly disappear!

Auto collisions and traffic jams reported in every city as many drivers mysteriously vanish!

Large transport planes crash to earth with passengers and mail as pilots disappear!

Stores and offices short of help as many faithful workers fail to appear!

Nurses and patients vanish from hospitals before scheduled operations!

Phone, electric, gas and transportation service tied up as companies are unable to locate employees!

Mysterious disappearance of men, women and children in every walk of life startles entire world!

Such will be the headlines on that great day—the day when Jesus comes again. For when He comes again there will be no extended signal, no lengthy word of warning—but He shall come to the skies and call the saved of earth and "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye" they shall disappear from this earth to go to be with Him forever and ever (I Corinthians 15:52).

Every one who has trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as his own personal Saviour will go at His call—all others will be left behind.

Many are the unbelievers who scoff at the promise of the Lord's return—yet how remarkable that God has recorded their very thoughts in His Word: "There shall come in the last days scoffers . . . saying, 'where is the promise of His coming?' for . . . all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation" (II Peter 3:3, 4).

God replies with these gracious words: "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night" (II Peter 3:9, 10).

God is still calling to men and women to believe and be saved. He is not desirous that any should perish. He has made full and free provision for salvation through His Son—"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Now the responsibility rests with you. Take the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour today—then when He comes again you will be taken with Him "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye."

If you do not take Him, remember—you will be left behind, under the judgment of God, and it will be forever too late to be saved!

By CLYDE H. DENNIS

God wants some people to put on exhibition, that in the wear and tear of life will stand the tests and stand pure as angels.—*Rev. E. A. Fergusson.*



JOSEPH'S PART IN GOD'S PLAN

(Lesson for October 21)

LESSON: Genesis 47:1-7; 50:18-24

GOLDEN TEXT: Romans 8:28.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

It goes without saying that teachers will read the whole story of Joseph's life and be prepared to give it briefly—or better yet have it given by some member of the class who will do it well. We shall be sure also to sit at Joseph's feet and let him teach us the lessons that he learned out of the experiences of an unusual lifetime.

More specifically we may consider the chain of providences that put Joseph next to Pharaoh. Why not list them on the blackboard as the class thinks of them: (1) his father's preference for him (in part because he was Rachel's son); (2) his unwise talk; (3) his brothers' consequent hatred; (4) the passing of the Ishmaelites at a particular day and hour; (5) Reuben's absence at the moment; (6) the wonderful training in business at Potiphar's house (this took work on Joseph's part); (7) doing right and going to jail for it; (8) the dreams; (9) Pharaoh's man of affairs. Would you agree with me that Joseph as a man meant more to the Hebrew race and to the human race than as a nourisher of physical life in a time of famine? Can we measure what he has meant to the ideals of Jewish and Christian youth for many centuries?

If you have time in class you may find it profitable to talk about Joseph's attitude toward God. Here are references that may be looked up and discussed, all in Genesis: 39:9; 40:8; 41:16, 25; 45:4; 50:24.—Arnold's Commentary.

1. Joseph was not ashamed to present his brethren before Pharaoh although he knew their occupation was

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an abomination to the Egyptians (Gen. 47:1-4).

2. It was for Joseph's sake that the Israelites got the land of Goshen, and it is for Christ's sake that we shall get the best God has to give (vss. 5, 6).

3. The heir of God's promises is greater than the mightiest monarch in all the world (vs. 7).

4. We are the servants of the Lord, but we need not constantly be filled with fear about our past sins (50:18).

5. The man who has truly forgiven a sin committed against him will never let it come up again, neither will God (vs. 19).

6. God does not hold us guiltless for the crucifixion of Christ, but through it has made possible our complete forgiveness (vs. 20).

7. It is Christlike to deal kindly and comfortingly with those who in the past wronged us (vs. 21).

8. No matter how long a human life may be, it is bound to come to a close some time (vs. 22).

9. It is a great blessing to see grand-children and great-grandchildren, if they walk in the ways of the Lord (vs. 23).

10. Even his exalted position in Egypt did not cause Joseph to give up the hope that his people should one day live again in Palestine (vs. 24).—Selected.

11. Joseph returned good for evil. This is a noble example of brotherly love and good will, the evidence of holding no grudge against his brothers. Christ said that we are to do good unto our enemies. (See the promises which Joseph had made before, Gen. 45:11, 18.) We are taught that kind words turn away wrath, and the kindly words of Joseph to his brethren brought joy to their hearts. Not only was Joseph willing to forgive them, but also he pledged his interest in their well-being.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. "And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. We should read the following verse to complete the thought advanced in

this verse. Like his father Jacob, Joseph requested that his bones be taken back to the land of Canaan. He did not request an immediate burial in Canaan, but that they should take his bones with them when God should see fit to lead them back to their inheritance. All the family of Israel were thought of as brethren, because they were all descendants of their father Abraham. All the redeemed of the Lord are brothers in Christ, regardless of earthly kinship.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

The Fog That God Used!

Early in 1945 the 453rd bombardment group of the 8th Air Force was sent over the Rhine on an important mission. On this day the fog was so thick they had to report they had missed the target.

The boys felt badly about it for weeks—until they got news that the Yanks had crossed the Remagen bridge. The target they had missed that day, because of the fog, was the Remagen bridge! Because that bridge was left intact, having escaped destruction from American bombs and from German demolition squads alike, our men were able to pour over the bridge in great numbers—and the war was shortened by months, and many lives were saved.

God rules in the affairs of men; He sends fogs, rain, sunshine, whatever He wants to work out His purposes and will!

At the time, the fog may have seemed to be a real hindrance to the American airmen; but it really worked for this good, in the long run! Let us learn the lesson: often the "fog" of affliction and trouble that we fear is really working "for" us in ways that God understands and permits! "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28).—Christian Victory Magazine.

F. W. B. Press: I am sending in my subscription to the Baptist paper, as a renewal. The paper is looking much better now than it used to look.—Mrs. J. K. S.

October Is Superannuation Month In North Carolina

THEY WALKED—THEY RODE IN BUGGIES —AND A FEW RODE IN FORDS

By FRED A. RIVENBARK

WHO? Many of our retired ministers. A few years ago one of our retired preachers said, "I walked four miles once a month to preach to a small group of members and friends." On several occasions he walked in the snow to preach to the "Faithful few." Today we have a large number of members in that church with a new church building and a fine minister. Suppose that pastor had stayed away when the snow was 10 inches deep? We know what would have happened, no Free Will Baptist church would be there today.

MANY SACRIFICES MADE BY OUR MINISTERS

They realized our Saviour made the supreme sacrifice that we might become the children of God, so the Spirit of Jesus Christ led them to consult not with flesh and blood, but to do the Will of God, regardless of the price they paid.

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Then went the Pharisees, and took the counsel how they might entangle him in his talk. And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Show me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's. When they had heard these words they marvelled, and left him, and went their way" (Matthew 22:15-22).

The masterful statement of Jesus, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's," enunciates the basic principle underlying the Christian's obligation to God and government.

Of course, the true Christian is very much aware of his relationship to God. It is intimate, vital, and may perhaps be summed up in a few key words such as

All were poorly paid; but, they like all God-called ministers of the Gospel, trusted God to supply their every need, and I am sure God cared for their needs.

THEIR PRESENT NEEDS

It takes more money to live now than ever, when we consider the aged with doctor bills, rent to pay in many cases, groceries, and clothes to purchase, and other necessities which require a large monthly check.

Now is the time for all Free Will Baptists in North Carolina to express our appreciation to every Retired Minister.

HOW? YOU ASK, by receiving a large offering for superannuation. Twenty-five cents per member is a small amount to ask each Free Will Baptist to contribute a year; but, by all giving this amount, it will thrill the hearts of our retired ministers, and the ministers' widows.

I believe each of us pastors will bring this to the attention of our people during the month of October, and forward the funds to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Sims, N. C.

ANNOUNCEMENT

If the parents and church people who have students in East Carolina College or know of them being there, and will send their name, college and home address to me at once, I'll do my best to help them and encourage them. I have some names and addresses, but not near all. The State Convention of North Carolina is working on plans for a Student Center. We will need this information to work out plans.

Sincerely,

Rashie Kennedy
303 Meade Street,
Greenville, N. C.

love, trust, obedience, loyalty, service.

On the other hand, the Christian citizen may not always be conscious of the ongoing relationship between himself and the government. Perhaps that too may be suggested in a few brief phrases such as these: loyalty to country, obedience to law, scrupulous honesty in the payment of taxes, intercession for his government.

No Christian dares ignore or neglect his obligation to his government. Paul says, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers."

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE, A LIFE OF SERVICE

We are taught that salvation is by grace through faith—not of works, lest anyone should boast. We are also taught that "God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

This love of God is the grace that saves us. If we believe in Christ, this is our faith, and if we do believe in Christ, we will be found doing the things He tells us to do. He said, "Not everybody that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven." Again our Lord said, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say" (Luke 6:46). Verses 47 and 48 of this chapter say: "Whosoever—heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like. He is like a man which build an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock." This seems to be proof enough that we should prove our faith by our works. James says, "Faith without works is dead." Then again we read, "Not of works, lest any man should boast." This is not a contradiction, when we get the full meaning. If we tried to do good works without faith, we know that our good works would be worthless, for "without faith it is impossible to please God."

Now, as to the boasting. When we boast, we exalt ourselves, and then we are not humble. The Pharisee prayed a boastful prayer, telling how good he was. The publican's prayer was short and humble: "Lord, have mercy on me a sinner." He was justified rather than this Pharisee. God said that Job was perfect (Job 1:8), but Job said, "If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse" (Job 9:20). Christ lived a perfect life. He was an example for us to follow, but we are human and are liable to make mistakes. We should, therefore, live close to the Lord, but we should not boast about our good deeds.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

J. H. K. Jones,
Tifton, Ga., Route 6

Dear Editor: I like the improvements you have made in the appearance of the Baptist paper. I think it looks much better in every way. Don't let my subscription expire, for I will send the money to you very soon.—M. L. J.

Judge Fawcett, of Brooklyn, New York, said that out of 2,700 boys brought before his court, not one of them was a Sunday school pupil.

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Centralized Power

Russia began many years ago to seek for centralized power. The power of Zarism was overthrown by a more powerful system, in which communism, headed by an ungodly dictator, spoke and it was law. Under that system, thousands and thousands, yes hundreds of thousands have been killed and millions placed in slave labour camps called "concentration camps" where they toil for their master. Often, they are taken during the night, and carried to these camps, and their family knows nothing of their whereabouts, perhaps for years. These captives are slaves. Their people are afraid to object; for, when you object to the rulings of the Dictator, you endanger your own life. Recently we heard a great, learned man, from one of the communistic states of Europe who said in an address that there were more than two million slaves now in the camps of Communistic Russia. Yet they call for "freedom of slaves," as they determine it here in America. The cry with communists everywhere is "freedom for the working men." Yet, according to reports of those who know, the greatest slavery in the world is under the "Iron Curtain."

Here in the United States

Our nation is gathering with great rapidity the same principles and doctrines that have enslaved other nations of the old world with the "cry of freedom." The late Franklin D. Roosevelt preached "The Four Freedoms." Other great politicians have kept up the cry, while at the same time we are being bound more and more by the State Department in that we cannot buy and sell without a mark of the beast (not the mark as spoken of by our Lord when

He told John to write in Revelation) but a mark that is binding. Taxation becoming more complicated and more burdensome with each passing year, and National debts stacking up.

Capital has had the power to build and manufacture and set wages and salaries, and make possible products vitally necessary for the building of the nation through the system of "Free Enterprise," but this power has been cut drastically by the centralized power in government. Labor saw a day, and for many centuries it lasted, when the laboring man had to take what he could get. The farmer had to pay the price asked by the dealer, in all kinds of merchandise, and the haul of his crop in the harvest season and take what he was offered. If he did not make enough to pay the expenses of raising the crop he had to go further in debt to begin another crop. He had no say so at all in buying and selling. But things have changed. The laboring man in the great mining and industrial sections say what we will work for and if they do not get what they want they can stop the wheels of industry at any cost, regardless of the need of the country for production. The farmer can pool his unperishable crops and demand higher prices, regardless of the crying need. The perishable crops are financed largely by parity prices, which is made possible by taxation, which in the long run the farmer gets his share of higher taxes.

What Does It All Mean

It means that we are going more and more into centralized government—for socialism leads to Communism. The president continues to call for higher taxes and personal power for himself. He wants more power and the government as a whole wants more power. Organizations want more power. Each class wants to legislate against others and for self gratification. The Labor Unions want more for self. The capitalist wants more power. The farmer wants more for his produce. The professional man wants more for himself, and all seem to want more at the expense of the other. And here we are in this war, one against

the other. What will it all amount to? Well with each class, and each group fighting the other, we are headed for government control of everything. The communist is clamoring for control—He is getting right into the Capitol at Washington. He is right in the legislative body, or has great influence with the law makers according to the reports coming out of headquarters of state department. We certainly are living in a serious day.

They Cry Peace

The nations forming the UN cry "Peace," but we are no nearer peace than we were before World War I. We have wars and "rumors of wars." There has never been a greater "rumor" than now. All that you hear about war and peace shows that we are going into a world conflict. Not a "cold war" as declared, but into a shooting war. A war when whole cities will be wiped out with a single blow. We are headed for that. Why? Because the nations of the earth have allowed greed and selfish ambitions to destroy reason and judgment and truly it can be said: "As it was in the days of Noah so it shall be in days of the coming of the Son of Man." This old world is ripe for the catastrophe that is soon to fall on the nations of the world. I am looking for the end.

Divided Peoples

Jesus Christ said: "Every kingdom divided against itself shall not stand" (Matt. 12:25) I believe what Jesus said. The United States is sorely divided against itself. Our law makers in Washington are divided, not so much over issues as over politics, and personal gains. One is continually accusing the other of graft and greed, and Communism and illegal transactions. I don't think that the present set up there can throw stones at "The Tea Pot Dome" deal, if all the accusations are true. One half of those up there ought to be sent home, and elect a Congress of honest high School boys with an honest Christian president taken from among "Future farmers of America." Then let them straighten out the crooked places. I

don't think that they could do worse than that which is being done. But, we are off the subject of DIVISION. We know that our nation is divided by ENVIOUS POLITICS — POLITICS OF HATRED. One political power will lie against the other—smear and peddle slander against the other. So much divided that we can see the fall. Not only is the government destructively DIVIDED, but the various classes of people are divided with hatred for the other. The whole system is out of joint. Satan is in the chair. He has the seat of Government. He offered the system to Christ if Christ would worship him. But Christ declined to accept. He did not say: "The kingdoms of the world did not belong to Satan." Scripture teaches that the world system of government—the kingdom of this world belongs to Satan. "So Satan is a divider, but not of himself, for then he would fall. He divides men against men, thus we have war and famine, riots, strikes, and oppression. One nation against another nation. One state against another state. One organization against another organization, and even down to where religion is divided with envy and strife. Yes, religion is on competitive basis in many sections. And some times right in one denomination there is strife, and confusion, one class or department fighting the other. Each denomination that does not have an Ecclesiastical head is striving for more centralized power. Even Baptist bodies that claim that each local church holds its own keys" are seeking for centralized power by organization. This reaches sometimes down to the local organization.

Danger of Devouring One Another

"If ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another." Then Paul says, "Walk by the Spirit and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh" (Gal. 5:15, 16, R.V.). This world in which we live is, and has been for a long time BITING each other. Nations biting and warring against each other. Political organizations BITING and "SMEARING" the other. Social classes BITING and SMEARING the other. Race hatred and en-

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vy and jealousy sending out its deadly fangs into the life of others. Religion even at war I know that we are taught to fight the good fight of faith. We are to stand for the "faith once for all delivered to the saints." But in instances there are those who manifest the spirit of the disciples who said to Jesus, "When thou comest into thy kingdom we want to sit on thy right hand and the other on thy left hand." That was the desire of the flesh and right now even in our churches there are those who want high places. Some preachers even dislike the idea of taking a little church or a mission and sacrificing to make it go over in the name of the Lord. There are too many who want the largest and best paying church to be found. Some times they will politic around the time of electing pastors to get the big church. Not like Paul the apostle, who did not want to build on another man's foundation or take that which had been built by another. These fellows want to get to the top as quickly as possible. Selfish and fleshly interest can make a man do unethical, and un-Christ-like things.

Then sometimes a church DIVIDES over preachers, as did the Corinthian congregation, in which Paul condemned the church for such procedure. Paul said, "AND I brethren could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ." . . . "For while one saith, I am of Paul, and another I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?" (Read I Cor. 3:1-8.) If you have been CARNAL get in line FOR THE ABIDING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Western Conference of North Carolina, to convene with Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson County, N. C., October 17, 18, 1951.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Devotions, Rev. Floyd B. Cherry
- 9:45—Welcome, Rev. M. L. Johnson
- 9:50—Response and Moderator's address, Rev. Wm. Burkette Raper
- 10:00—Business Session
- 11:25—Song Service
- 11:30—Introductory Sermon, Rev. J. W. Alford
- 12:00—Lunch

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00—Devotions, Rev. Milford Hales
- 1:00—Business Session
- 3:00—Adjournment

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 7:45—Song Service
- Sermon, Rev. J. B. Ferrell

THURSDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Devotions, Rev. Willie Renfrow
- 9:45—Business session
- 11:15—Service in charge of Ordaining Council

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00—Devotions, Rev. Hilery Minchew
- 1:10—Business session
- 3:30—Adjournment

By Program Committee

CATALOGUES WANTED

As an act of Christian courtesy, we publish the following request:

"Catalogues of the Winterville High School, sponsored by the Neuse-Atlantic and Roanoke Missionary Baptist Associations, from 1900 to 1919, are needed by J. L. Jackson, Box 1763, Raleigh, N. C., who is preparing a history of the school. Catalogues will be returned if requested."

J. L. Jackson

PINEY GROVE REVIVAL

On September 13, Rev. Stephen Smith of Beulaville, N. C., began a series of meetings at Piney Grove, Beaufort County, N. C. The first 3 or 4 nights, his gospel messages were delivered to the church, or at least to the people who were already church members. After that he directed his sermons to the unhurched people and backsliders.

Our community does not have so many people who do not belong to the church except children. The visible results were one young lady accepted Christ and was baptized on 4th Sunday evening. Brother Smith helped the children sing some of their favorite choruses each night. We also had the choir from Pleasant Grove one night to sing some special numbers. We also had a few special songs by some of the local talent.

We don't want to forget to mention that we also had a few visiting preachers during the meeting. Rev. D. W. Alexander was with us two nights. Rev. W. A. Dail one night, Rev. J. W. Vernelson one night, and Rev. Graham Baker, our pastor, was with us each night except one, that night he was filling his appointment at Belhaven.

Sunday, September 23rd we had Rev. W. A. Hansley and some of the orphanage children. They also sang four special songs for us. Then Brother Hansley spoke in behalf of the orphanage. Rev. Baker delivered a short sermon. We were dismissed and dinner was served on the church lawn. After dinner we had baptism then met back to the church, received the new candidate in full fellowship, transacted the business of the church, partook of the Lord's Supper, washed each other's feet, then sang "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again." We closed a very nice revival.

Now I would like to say, we have prayer meeting each Wednesday night, Sunday school each Sunday morning, League meeting each Sunday night, and Ladies Aid (or Auxiliary) once each month. We solicit your prayers for the Spiritual Welfare of the church.

J. E. Ingalls,
Route 5, Box 269,
Greenville, N. C.

COME TO WASHINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

The people of the Free Will Baptist Church in Washington, North Carolina, cordially invite people of the Free Will Baptist churches in the surrounding territory to come into Washington each evening to attend the tent revival, beginning October 8th and lasting for sometime, as the Lord may lead.

Rev. I. J. Blackwelder of Alma, Georgia, will be the evangelist.

L. Beverly Ballard of New Bern, N. C., will be the song leader and soloist.

Your attendance and support will strengthen the faith and courage of the Free Will

Baptist people of Washington who are loyally struggling to establish our denomination firmly in the city.

L. Beverly Ballard

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All Nature Has a Voice to Tell

The God who formed the mountains great
Can lift the soul to heights sublime;
And He who formed the quiet vales
Will fill the heart with peace divine.

The One who made the earthly sun
So full of power and warmth and might,
Can cause the Sun of Righteousness
To bathe the soul in floods of light.

The boundless ocean e'er proclaims
A God omnipotent to bless:
The mighty billows are but types
Of waves divine of righteousness.

As rivers flow to earthly seas
In deepening, widening, growing power;
So peace which God alone can give
Grows ever stronger hour by hour.

The treasures hid in earthly caves
Are only for a fleeting time;
The riches which the Spirit shows
Are more than rubies, gold, or mine.

The stars of heaven ever tell
Of Christian hopes more bright than they.
The singing birds and beauteous flowers
Proclaim the wisdom of God's ways.

All nature has a voice to tell
Of God's great power and love and grace.
His Word and works then let us read
Until we see Him face to face.

—J. Gilchrist Lawson

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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

MIDDLESEX ORPHANAGE CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

WESTERN CONFERENCE

ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 27, 8:00 p. m.—Mt. Tabor (Creswell, N. C.)

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 28, 11:00 a. m.—St. Paul (Elizabeth City, N. C.)

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ITINERARY FOR ORPHANAGE REPRESENTATIVE

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 21, 11:00 a. m.—Union Chapel

Sunday, November 4, 8:00 p. m.—White Oak Hill (Bailey, N. C.)

NOTICE TO THE EASTERN CONFERENCE

All who desire an examination for ordination are to meet at Deep Run Church on Tuesday, October 23, 1951, at 9:00 A. M. Bring license, your record from your church, writing materials and proof of high school education.

Lloyd Vernon

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION WAS A GREAT SUCCESS; SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN MOVING FORWARD

The District Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the South Carolina Conference met at Salem Free Will Baptist church near Coward on September 27. The host church welcomed over 50 delegates and a host of visitors.

The theme for the Convention, "Now Is the Time to Go Forward," was emphasized by the president, Mrs. M. H. Melette, in her opening message.

After the reports of First, Second, and Third Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Luther Sanders of the newly organized Florence Church, brought the Convention message. Her message was timely and the challenge to consecration and service inspired each person with a desire to "Go Forward" with Christ.

In the afternoon, reports of work done, and work to be done, were given by the Fourth and Fifth Vice-Presidents. Mrs. Julius Vause presented the Orphanage work and needs in a very devoted and loyal way, inspiring each woman to do more for the Children's Home in Turbeville.

Among the items of business at the afternoon session, was that of the District Convention meeting twice during the year instead of the one meeting in September. This motion was carried, and delegates voted to meet again on March 13th, 1952, at Bethany Free Will Baptist church, Turbeville, S. C. The fall meeting will be held at Tabernacle church, September, 1952.

Delegates to the State Auxiliary Convention in Lockhart were appointed. The Convention adjourned with a new zeal and determination to "Go Forward" in its work for Christ.

Mrs. Paul Ketteiman, 4th V-P.
Pamplico, South Carolina

*I lay my sins on Jesus,
The Spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all, and frees us
From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus,
To wash the crimson stains
White in His blood most precious
Till not one spot remains.*

—HORATIUS BONAR

NEWS FROM SHAREM F. W. B. CHURCH, POCAHONTAS, ARKANSAS, RT. 1

We recently closed a two-weeks revival. God richly blessed us and we are so thankful for the 33 souls that were saved, making a total of 48 in the past year. We have gone from quarter time to full time pastoral work. Brother C. D. Howard was our first full-time pastor. We learned to love him and his family, and know we are going to miss them. May the Lord bless them in their new field of labor. Our new pastor will be Brother Melvin Shelton. We have a good Sunday School, League, and an active and growing Ladies Auxiliary. We have mid-week prayer meetings, Bible Study, and a fine Junior Choir. One of our new Converts, Bro. Edman Bibbs, has answered the call to preach, and one has been selected as deacon.

Our church is in the Social Band Association, and is represented at all local and quarterly meetings. Pray for us that we may grow in knowledge and grace of our Lord and Savior.

Mary Staten, Cor.-Secy.

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the North Carolina Central Conference to be held with Rose Hill Church, Pitt County, November 7 and 8, 1951.

Wednesday Morning

- 9:30—Devotions, Rev. Roland Cherry
- 9:45—Welcome Address, Rev. W. B. Nobles
- Response, Mrs. Nettie Thigpen
- 10:00—Moderator's Message
- 10:15—Business
- 11:10—Special Music, George Harrison
- Congregational Singing
- 11:20—Introductory Sermon, Rev. M. I. Johnson
- 12:00—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:00—Devotions, Rev. Hubert Burroughs
- 1:15—Memorial Tributes, Rev. D. A. Windham
- 1:30—Business

Thursday Morning

- 9:30—Devotions, Rev. Frank Davenport
- 9:45—Business
- 11:00—Special Music arranged by local church
- 11:15—Conference Sermon, Rev. Rash Kennedy
- 12:00—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:00—Devotions, Rev. David Wooten
- 1:15—Special Music, Miss Olema Grant
- 1:20—Business
- 2:30—Adjournment

Signs in the Political World

"Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles: Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: beat your plowshares into swords and your pruninghooks into spears. Let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause Thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord. Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down, for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision, for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of His people, and the strength of the children of Israel."—Joel 3:9-16.

Fearful tests and trials await the people of God. The Spirit is stirring the nations from one end of the earth to the other. But in the midst of the time of trouble that is coming—a time of trouble such as has not been since there was a nation—God's chosen people will stand unmoved. Satan and his host cannot destroy them; for angels that excel in strength will protect them.

The Spirit of God is being grieved away from the earth. The nations are angry with one another. Widespread preparations are being made for war. The night is at hand. Let the church arouse and go forth to do her appointed work. Every believer, educated or uneducated, can bear the message.

We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling. Strange eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven. Everything in our world is in agitation.

There are wars, and rumors of war. The nations are angry, and the

time of the dead has come, that they should be judged. Events are changing to bring about the day of God, which hasteth greatly . . . But while already nation is rising against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, there is not now a general engagement. As yet the four winds are held until the servants of God shall be sealed in their foreheads. Then the powers of earth will marshal their forces for the last great battle.

Satan is busily laying his plans for the last mighty conflict, when all will take sides. After the gospel has been proclaimed in the world for nearly two thousand years, Satan still presents to men and women the same scene that he presented to Christ. In a wonderful manner he causes the kingdoms of the world in their glory to pass before them. These he promises to all who will fall down and worship him. Thus he seeks to bring men under his dominion.

Satan is working to the utmost to make himself as God, and to destroy all who oppose his power. And today the world is bowing before him. His power is received as the power of God. The prophecy of the Revelation is being fulfilled, that "all the world wondered after the beast."—Rev. 13:3.

—Elizabeth Hill

MT. ZION HOME-COMING

Mt. Zion, Washington County, will observe home-coming celebration on third Sunday in October. All former pastors, members, and friends are cordially invited to attend this service. Dinner will be spread on the church grounds at the noon hour. Come and enjoy the day in the service of the Lord. Rev. Elbert E. Edwards is pastor.

By a Church Member

REV. SAM KENNEDY MOVES TO BLACK JACK

This is to let the people know that Rev. Sam Kennedy has moved in the parsonage at Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County, North Carolina, as pastor of that church.

His new address is Greenville, North Carolina, Route 3, Box 328. His telephone number is 3675-8.

—Editor

ROCKY MOUNT MINISTER HONORED

Rocky Mount, N. C., October 4—
"The Rev. A. B. Bryan, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, has been elected president of the Rocky Mount Ministerial Association. He succeeded the Rev. E. R. Lineberger, former pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, who was called into active naval service."

Rev. Mr. Bryan is serving his third year as pastor of the church here. Since his coming to the church here, the congregation has purchased additional properties; and, by the spring of 1952, the congregation plans to complete their present building program which increases the value of church properties from \$6,000 in 1949 to \$25,000 in 1952.

Our pastor states: "The Free Will Baptist people of Rocky Mount are fine folk to work with, the church spirit is excellent, the congregation and membership keep increasing, and, during the passed year finance has been almost \$3,000 above any year previous."

By Church Reporter,

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE SECOND UNION CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The Sunday School Convention of the Second Union of Central Conference met September 30, 1951, at the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church. The theme for the day was missions which were very effectively discussed in the morning sermon which was delivered by Rev. C. L. Patrick. He pointed out the fact that Free Will Baptist need a greater and more sincere interest in missions both foreign and home.

After a very bountiful lunch made possible by the Ayden church, Mr. Paramore led in the afternoon devotions, in which the thought of rescuing the lost all about us, was used.

During the afternoon business session, a field worker in Sunday School work was again discussed and the Convention gave their approval of the plan. There were many other things discussed in regards to the Sunday School work and all of them prove to be a step forward for the Convention as a whole.

All in all, the day was spent with the Ayden people and their hospitality was enjoyable to all.

Reporter,

Miss Mary Hobgood

They Knew Not Until It Was Too Late

This is and has been the experience of people by the thousand all along life's journey, and how differently it would have been with them if they had known before it was too late. The thought here is: Why they did not know.

Matt. 24:39, Christ said, "And they knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Christ knew that the people knew of the destruction of the people by the flood and how the people would not listen to the warning; and, because of that, they knew not until they were destroyed by it. As that happened to them, so would the coming of the Son of man be to them in the future.

Reason teaches us to know that Noah tried to tell the people of his day, as they came to see the great structure that he was building for the safety of those that would listen. Instead of listening, in my imagination, I can hear them criticising him for being a fool, telling him that he would never be able to construct a structure like that; and, if he did, and the flood came as he was predicting, that it would leak, sink, and they would all be drowned anyway. Well, you are just an old fool, and wasting your time at that foolishness. You will perish to death in your undertaking. But Noah knew whom he was listening to, and he went on as God's great preacher of righteousness telling the story of the sad day that was coming, and making preparation for it. Noah lived and finished the ark. The time came that everything should go into the ark that would be saved. Noah did not have to go out and bring in the fowls and other animals that God wanted in it, but of their own will they came and went in. This made the people wonder, but did not convince them that Noah's message was true. Destruction at their door but they did not know it because they did not want to. And when Noah had done as God commanded him, the Lord shut him in. Their not knowing did not keep them from being de-

stroyed. Noah did not perish, the ark did not sink, and all that went in were saved from the flood.

The people of Sodom would not believe Lot, but that did not keep the fire from coming when Lot had gotten out, and others could have gotten out, if they had listened to the instruction that was sent unto them, but it seemed as one that mocked unto them. When the fire fell, it was too late. They knew not until it was too late.

Haman did not know when he was building the scaffold for Mordecai, as he thought, that he was building it for himself. When he was made to know what he had done, how awful it was for him and his loved ones, but it was too late. That is going to be the experience of untold numbers of parents, but it will be too late. No

ELDER A. L. SELLERS

Quitman, Ga.

wonder that Christ said that there would be weeping and gnashing of teeth. The rich man knew not until it was too late that he was on the way to torment. Not because there were no danger signals along the way he traveled, but because he would not be signaled. Ignoring the danger signals does not remove the danger. He went into torment regardless of what he believed, and knew not until it was too late. When he saw that it was too late for him, he became anxiously concerned about his brethren, and wanted a testimony sent to them. He was reminded that they had Moses and the prophets, let them hear them. He said "Nay Father Abraham; but it one went to them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, if they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded through one rose from the dead." We see the truth of Abraham's statement being manifested daily in the lives of people today, for Christ died and rose and people are failing to be persuaded as though there had never been a Saviour born,

crucified, buried or resurrected, just because they don't want to.

Christ said, "But as they days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came and took them all away" (Matt. 24: 37-39).

Christ taught these things. He died a most tragic death; and, regardless of all the powers that could be manifested by the devil through men, he rose and went about telling the people to teach them to all nations. After forty days he was taken up to heaven, and as he went away two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Act 1:10-11). All these things have and are being done, and smart people are not repenting because they don't know; and the sad part of it is they don't want to know. Well could Christ pray the Father to forgive those that were crucifying him, for they knew not what they were doing. If Judas had known when he took the money that he had received for betraying his Saviour when he knew then he would not have done it. It was too late then. What he had done he could not undo.

Dear reader, let me tell you, what you have done there is no undoing it. You may do some correcting, but that that is done is done and there is a possibility of going too far. That is what Judas had done. Christ tried to tell him that it would be awful for him to do it, but he would not listen. He repented but there was no pardon; and, because of the trouble he was in, he went out and hanged himself. He knew not until it was too late. There is not a dangerous place along life's way that Christ has not put up a danger signal, but there are so many who are blinded by Satan until they can't see the signal and into the pit of destruction they go.

The reason that so many of us Free Will Baptists can spend the money for cigarettes and the many other things that we spend it for and let our church go begging is because we don't know that the Father has something better for us. So many say I don't believe it is a sin for me to do these things. Do you think that the Father is really pleased with you when you use the money that he has blessed you with to satisfy self, when it can not help you to be a better witness for him, and all the good you get out of it is the little bit of pleasure you get while indulging? I say "little bit" for there is nothing that the world has to offer to you but what if you will let it go and use that money for the Father's pleasure he will give you not only pleasure but joy beyond expression. I believe that if you will be honest with self and the Father you will have to answer negatively. Then if it is not pleasing to the Father you are missing some greater blessing whether it be a sin or not. We as Free Will Baptists are spending the money that the Father has blessed us with in those ways. Some do give, but it would be surprising to know how much more is given to things like that than is given to the church; and, if we had what is used by us as in those ways to go with what we do give to the great cause of salvation, I don't believe our school and the other phases of our work would be dragging as they are. Instead of us being wondering about whether there were any sin in what we were doing, we would be rejoicing in having done the things that we knew were pleasing to the Father. To present ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God is the way to be sure that we will know before it is too late.

It is going to be too late when the son of man comes for us to correct mistakes. When Noah was shut in the ark by God the door of mercy was closed to all that was on the outside, so will it be with all of those that are out of Christ when the Son of man shall come. It will be sad to see the disappointed ones as he shall say unto them, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me no drink; I was a stranger and ye took

me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him saying, Lord when saw we there and hungered, or athirst, or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them saying, verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal."

These people will know not until it is too late, not because they could not have known, but because they were willing to trust what they believed about it and I am fearful that a lot of us Free Will Baptists are going to be in that number. We just can't let Christ be first in our lives; therefore we can spend the money that he has blessed us with for the things that are satisfying to self and let his cause go begging and in that way are failing to feed the hungry soul, give drink to the thirsty soul, and to furnish clothes of righteousness for the naked soul, and freedom to the soul that is bound in sin. I am praying that you will not wait until it is too late, dear reader, to get Jesus in your life that you may be among those that will go into life eternal. Pray for me.

The Christian is like a good watch—open faced, busy hands, well regulated and full of good works.

The Christian life more often is a struggle up a rocky and thorny road.
—W. W. Ayer

ANNOUNCEMENT

If the parents and church people who have students in East Carolina College or know of them being there, and will send their name, college and home address to me at once, I'll do my best to help them and encourage them. I have some names and addresses, but not near all. The State Convention of North Carolina is working on plans for a Student Center. We will need this information to work out plans.

Sincerely,

Rashie Kennedy
303 Meade Street,
Greenville, N. C.

WHAT Will Your Choice Be

It seems that the majority of people these days think that it is an easy thing to go to Heaven, just belong to any church—one as good as the other, and you can dance if you want to, go to shows, fish or play baseball on Sunday, all right to drink beer or a little whiskey, just don't kill anybody or rob a bank, try to go to church all along, pray if they call on you. They won't know if your prayers will go up or down. It will be like a lot of the others that pray—they cannot tell any difference if they pray or if they don't. They cannot tell whether your lamp is burning or not. If it goes out, the majority of them won't know it, for their's are out, too.

Say, John, why don't you join the church? Oh, well, I think I am as good as they are. Say, Mister, are you a member of the church? No, if you want a dirty deal, just fool with one of them church members; you will get it.

Dear people, when the time comes to go marching in, I am afraid there will be more than five foolish virgins. Serve God or the Devil. Don't just live a hypocrite and be a stumbling block to the world. Take up your cross and follow Christ or just throw it down and don't block the road with your hypocritical living. God says he had rather you would be either cold or hot. If you were just luke warm, he would spew you out of his mouth. So, if you don't want to go to Heaven, don't be a hindrance to someone else. If you don't live a Christian life and follow Christ, your doom will be Hell.

So, if you rather go to Hell than go to Heaven, the way is open for you. Don't blame anybody but yourself. If you will keep the first Commandment, "Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength," you will hate these worldly evils that the Devil puts on. So don't be a foolish Virgin and lose your soul.

Your Brother in His Name,

B. E. Coxwell

Editorial Comments

"WHAT DOES IT MATTER?"

"What does it matter if a church grows weak in a community?" This is the statement of a certain churchman to the editor in a recent conference with him. The brother was thinking of a certain church, which he had observed for sometime, because of its serious difficulties and distracting problems. He had the wrong attitude.

But why do some churches weaken away and die, when they had been successful for years, and had rendered noteworthy services unto the Lord in the community where they were located? The answer is: there are causes of one kind or another; mostly unreasonable and unjustifiable. Well, what does it matter? It matters much. Some person or persons have caused the church to split wide open by their narrowness, dictatorial interferences with the church work, and by their spirit to rule or ruin. And ruine is certain to come, in a great many cases. As a result, the church and the people of the community suffer because of such strife, and confusion of members in the church. If you will trace the origin of the trouble, you will find that the Devil is behind all of it, urging his followers to stand with him to destroy the church, root and rind.

Then again, the seeds of disloyalty and jealousy, when sown in the midst of a church and the community, soon spring up, and begin to choke, smother, and blight the spiritual fervor of the congregation, and disruption, or decay soon appears to be felt in the church and community. The death of some churches have begun that way, and unless the eating cancer of jealousy and disloyalty is removed or cured, the church will die of the want of spirituality.

There may have been the need for some churches to have died in the past, but we believe their deaths caused some heartaches, and disadvantages to the coming people of the community, unless better church conditions were substituted, by a more loyal leadership. A small church located in a small rural community can and should function well for the glory of God down the years as well as a large church in a densely populated area. Why should not a small family be as happy in the humble home as a large family in a large home? They can both be happy provided the members of both homes are true children of God. The same can and will be true of the large or the small church provided the church members are co-operative, congenial, and ardent workers of the Lord. Because a church has a small membership is no good reason that it should die. Death is usually the result of disease, and when a church, large or small, becomes badly diseased with the cancer of hatred, jealousy, bigotry, and barren of true spirituality, it will suffer pain, weakness by disloyalty, and ultimate death, unless the cancerous conditions are removed, and the throbbing heart of the church is rejuvenated by the power and Spirit of God.

The Devil will kill and destroy any church whenever a group, or a set of unsaved and disloyal people in the church set their heads and hearts together to disrupt and kill the interest of others in the church. It matters much to any community for the church to thrive and win lost souls for God and righteousness.

THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The ministers of the Central Conference of North Carolina have organized themselves into a Ministers' Conference for Christian fellowship, the study of pastoral problems, the purpose of working out a closer unity as ministers, and the discussion of matters of interest and great concern for the welfare of the Conference and the churches as a whole of the Conference.

In the recent meeting, these ministers took an active part in discussing the great need of a greater pastoral service among the rural churches. More frequent visits, they said, in the homes of the people in the community where the church is located, especially visiting the sick, the bereaved and suffering, the poor and needy, and the negligent church members, and non-church members, are needed, as well as for the good that the pastors can do for the people of the community. This discussion was lively, and of great interest to all ministers present. And all agreed that, on the whole, each pastor should seek to arrange with his churches to enable him to spend more of his time in visitations among his church people each month.

In addition to these pointed discussions, other matters of vital interest to the ministry were discussed in brief, thus making the meeting greatly beneficial to all the ministers present. Since the Ministers' Conference is held twice during the year, the pastors can come together in the Conference with a great deal of interest to fellowship together, and to discuss church problems and matters of importance to them and their ministerial work. We believe that similar ministers' meetings would be a good thing for each conference throughout the State, because the better the ministers are organized, and the better cooperation they manifest as a group, the better will they be able to carry forward the work of Christ in their churches and conferences. The Bible contains some very strong teachings concerning Christian unity, church loyalty, and close brotherly fellowship.

It is expected that the ministers of the Central Conference will bring about a very strong and effective Ministers' Conference during the coming years, and that the good that they will be able to do as a result of their Conference, will be greatly felt by the Central Conference and each local church of the said conference. Let us hope that this will be the case during the coming years.

Now is the time for all good Free Will Baptist members to come to the aid of the editor, and subscribe to the Baptist paper. It is getting better week by week, and no one should fail to have it in his home.—L. W. K.



THE LITTLE GIRL JESUS REMEMBERED

E. WAYNE STAHL

Did you ever hear of Alfred Tennyson? He was a great poet. When you are older you will probably read his lovely poems. Some of them will be read as long as our language is known.

One of Tennyson's poems is called, "In the Children's Hospital." It is so beautiful that I am going to tell it to you in my own words. I hope you will enjoy the story as much as I did when I read it.

As we read, "In the Children's Hospital," we hear a nurse talking. She is telling us about a little orphan girl whose name is Emmie. This "meek, little maid," as the nurse calls her, is very sick and suffers greatly but is patient in pain. The nurse loves dearly this little orphan and enjoys hearing her talk her sweet, pretty prattle.

Kind friends send flowers to Emmie. How glad the fragrant, dainty blossoms make the tiny girl! She would play with them and talk to them, as if they understood what she said.

One day Emmie lay in her little bed in the hospital ward with her small, thin hands crossed on her breast. She held a flower in one hand; her eyes were closed. The nurse and the doctor came near; they thought she was asleep. The doctor says about the maiden in the cot by them:

"Poor little dear! Nurse, I must do it tomorrow; she'll never live through it, I fear." He was speaking of the operation he must try to save the little girl's life. But he did not have much hope that the operation would cure her.

Though the nurse and the doctor thought Emmie was asleep, she was not. She had heard what the doctor had said about the operation, and his fears that it would not be successful.

After the doctor had gone the nurse heard Emmie call to the little girl in the cot next to hers. This other little girl's name is "Annie." Emmie said to her, "He says I shall never live through it! Oh, Annie, what shall I do?"

Annie thinks a moment; then she says, "I would cry to the dear Lord Jesus to help me, for, Emmie, you see, it's all in the picture there: 'Little children should come unto Me.'"

Annie was speaking of the picture that hung on the hospital wall. You have perhaps seen a picture like this yourself; Jesus is sitting with some little children on His lap and with others standing near Him. On His face is seen a great love for those little ones. And He is saying, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

Annie's words about the Saviour comfort Emmie. She makes up her mind that she

will ask Jesus to help her. But then she says to Annie, "There are so many little children here; how would Jesus know its I when I call to Him?"

Annie takes a moment to think; then she says to sick little Emmie again, "Emmie, just put out your arms on top of the bed covers, and tell the Lord Jesus that it is the little girl with her arms out like that who needs His help."

So Emmie plans to do this.

For three nights after that the kind nurse who tells the story about Emmie watches by the little girl's cot. On the fourth night, since the nurse had lost so much sleep, she had to be in her room to get some rest. The next morning the doctor comes with his instruments he expects to use to operate on little Emmie. He and the nurse go to her bedside.

There she lay like a lovely, frail flower. The doctor and the nurse thought she was asleep, she was so still. But there was something strange about that sleep, if sleep it were. "Her dear, long, lean little arms" were lying out on the counterpane. The nurse finishes her story about little Emmie with these words,

"The Lord of the children had heard her, and Emmie had passed away." Yes, Emmie had gone to be with Jesus.

Is it not a sweet story? If Emmie had lived, she would have learned, when she grew older, that Jesus knows the names of all little children, that He knew Emmie, and that she did not need to put out her arms on the bed cover so that she could let Him know she needed His help.

And He not only knows the little children, and loves them, but He also is aware

of all the little birds. Not one of them ever falls to the ground but He notices it. If He knows little birds how much more does He know about little children!

But I think, just the same, that it is a very beautiful story the nurse told about Emmie; don't you?

THE BOY WHO LEFT HOME

Homes do not differ from each other in their size and their furniture so much as they do in their atmosphere. Through want of thought either on the part of adults or children, a home can be made or marred. How nice it is when the conduct of a home is such that when we are away from it we love to think of it and find it unspeakably sweet to come back to!

Our thoughts turn to a home mentioned in the Scriptures that was made very unhappy because of the waywardness of a son.

He was the younger of two sons and one day made a selfish demand of his father. He said, "Give me the portion of goods that falleth to me," and when he got them he took his journey into a far country and there wasted his substance. The fellowship of his father was exchanged for the riotous living of the ungodly.

He then found himself in a miserable plight. A famine arose, his friends forsook him, and at last he was forced to so humble himself as to feed swine.

His pride and selfishness had driven him to acts of madness, but now he comes to himself. He remembered his father's home, and a longing to go back came over him. He not only said, "I will arise and go to my father," but he did it.

He thought his father might give him food and shelter, and perhaps a place among the servants, but was totally unprepared for the gracious reception his father gave him. He began to confess his sins, but the fact of his coming home was to his father the best confession and he was not allowed to finish it, but was taken in, clothed in garments suitable for the father's son, and great was the rejoicing at the feast prepared in his honor.

Many a father's or a mother's heart has been broken by the waywardness of their children.

You may not have done this, and your homegoings may not be beset with misgivings as to what your welcome will be; but there is one from whom all have strayed—"We have turned every one to his own way." That One is God, but the Lord Jesus Christ, God's well-beloved Son, gave His life on Calvary's Cross so that a way would be made whereby we can return.

Like the prodigal son, we have forfeited all right to blessing, but like him, if we do as he did in coming home, we shall be saved by grace. We will be made happy, God will be happy, and there will be joy among the angels over the sinner that repents.—Boys and Girls.

EDITOR'S REQUEST

We are in need of a copy of the Advanced Sunday School Quarterly for the Second Quarter of 1948. This copy was lost from our files when we moved several months ago into our new home.

Anyone who has on hand a copy for the Second Quarter of 1948, and will mail it to us, we will remunerate the person with a nice gift. We need it to complete our file for the years 1948 through 1951, as we are to bind them in a book covering the entire course of study of our Sunday School lessons for those four years.

We are in need of this copy as soon as we can get it, since we are to have the book made before the close of this year 1951.

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October Is Superannuation Month In North Carolina

"THE OLD PREACHER"

The old preacher alighted from the bus, and stood looking up the hill toward the Charity Home for the Aged. He set down the heavy, old fashioned "satchel" in which he carried all his earthly belongings, as he contemplated the walk up the hill. The little lad who had watched him on the bus, fascinated by his odd appearance, now approached him.

"Mister, you goin' up there?" he asked.

"Heh, ah, why yes, my lad," said the aged one. "I'm going up there to live."

"Mister, let me carry your bag," said the lad, "it's too heavy for you."

"Why, bless you, my lad, but won't it be out of your way?"

"Oh, that's all right," said the lad, "I live near here. I don't mind."

And so they started up the hill. "It didn't used to seem so far," said the preacher. You see, my lad, I went there many times years ago when I was pastor of the church in the town over there. But then I rode in my car. I went to see the old people in the Home. I guess, anyway, it didn't seem so far when I was going for others as it does now that I'm going my self."

"But, Grandma," said the lad, why do you have to go?"

The old man stopped and looked down at the lad. "Grandpa!" did you say? Grandpa! Why, bless you, my son, I haven't heard that word for so long. You see I once had a grandson, and I remember when he was a little feller like you, but now he would have been a man if he had lived."

"Oh!" said the lad, "he is dead, is he. I'm so sorry."

"Yes, my lad, he went to the war and, and, he didn't come back." The old man took out a handkerchief, and wiped a tear from his eye, then he went on. "John always said that I would have a home in my old age. 'Just you don't worry, grandpa,' he would say, 'you can live with me

when you get old." He meant it too, bless his dear heart, but he had to go, and so I'm left to go to the Home." Then the old man took on a brave look. "But that's all right, I'll get along nicely, yes, I'll do well there."

"But, mister," asked the lad, "why don't you live with John's daddy?"

"That's my son, William. Well, my lad, I did stay with William awhile, but, well, Minnie—that's William's wife—didn't think it best for them to keep me longer. I guess I was in the way. Oh, well, they have their lives to live. Bill's a good man, I don't blame him and Minnie."

"But the church, Mister? You're a preacher, don't they take care of the preachers when they get old."

"Well, my lad, I used to thing they would. The people at old Bethlehem Church—that's where I stayed longest—always said they would never let me suffer. Deacon Martin used to take me into his big nice home and keep me for days at the time. 'Brother Crawford,' he would say, 'what's mine is yours. It would be so nice to have you with us always.' Some of my friends wrote Brother Martin about my needs, after I found that I had to leave Bill's. Here," and the old man took from the pocket of his shiny black coat a letter, "is the letter Brother Martin wrote me."

The little lad took the letter and read: "Dear Brother Crawford, I have learned of your need, and I am so sorry. They tell me that you can go to the Home for the aged. Of course, we hate so much that this is necessary, but I think it is fine that there is such a place. I took up the matter with our church board last week, and they all regret that the church can't find a way to take care of you, but you see, Brother Martin, we are having to pay our present pastor a much larger salary than we have paid before, and we are trying to do our church over and make it more beautiful as a place of worship, and we just don't see how we can take on any other responsibilities..." The lad paused.

"That's the church I built," said the old man. "It was a hard job but we got it done, by the help of the

Lord. It's a fine church. Can't imagine what improvements are needed, but I know the dear people want to have the nicest church in the town. Well, I thought them to do their best for the Lord, so I'm not going to complain."

The little lad read on: "I hope you will pardon me, my dear old friend, but I can't refrain from observing that it would be so fine if preachers would look ahead when they are younger and lay by something for old age. You know our preachers might learn something from us business men. For instance, if I had had as little thought of the future as most preachers do, I would not today be the head of a three hundred thousand dollar business, with a personal income of over fifteen thousand dollars per year. I just wish, dear old friend, that you had looked ahead a bit." The little lad paused again.

"I guess Brother Martin is right," said the old men. "Well, Mary and I started to do that once, when money was coming in fairly well. We saved up above six hundred dollars. Then the widow Johnson's house got burned down, and they were left stranded. Mary, bless her dear soul, she's gone on to Glory, wanted to use our six hundred dollars to help the widow get started again, and somehow we just never could get started saving again."

The lad read on: "I am enclosing my personal check for ten dollars, and I do do hope this will help you." The lad put the letter back into the envelope. "Ah, shah, Mister, I don't want to read no more. Nothing from the church and only ten dollars from a man who brags about gettin' fifteen thousand grand a year. I just don't get it, Mister, I don't get it a'tall..."

Dear Friends, do you get it? That is a part rewritten in story form instead of dialogue, of "The Old Preacher," which was written by the writer of this letter several years ago, and put on under our direction in a number of churches.

Thank God the story of the "Old Preacher" is not now the story of many of our Free Will Baptist min-

isters! Our people are now making it possible for our old preachers—or at least most of them—to stay out of the “Charity Home,” but they have gone there in the past, and some have died there—that is, in county homes.

Dear people in the churches, let us give more to superannuation than ever before. The amount the North Carolina Superannuation Board can send each month to retired ministers is far too little. It must be increased. It can only be increased if offerings made by the churches and by individuals are increased. If you have not done your best for this cause that should be dear to the heart of everyone of us who now share the fruits of the sacrifices made in the past by those dear men, now aged and feeble, who gave us our church of today, do it now. Send your personal gift for superannuation to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Chairman-Treasurer of the N. C. Superannuation Board, Sims, North Carolina, today. See also that your church, your Sunday School, your F. W. B. L. and your Woman’s Auxiliary remembers this great cause this month and regularly through the year with liberal offerings.

L. E. Ballard, member
N. C. Superannuation Bd.

ONE THING PAINED HIM

When the great Chrysostom was arrested by the Roman Emperor, the latter sought to make the Greek Christian recant, but without success. So the Emperor discussed with his advisers what could be done to the prisoner. “Shall I put him in a dungeon?” the Emperor asked.

“No,” one of his counsellors replied, “for he will be glad to go. He longs for the quietness wherein he can delight in the mercies of his God.”

“Then he shall be executed!” said the Emperor.

“No, with your permission,” was the answer, “for he will also be glad to die. He declares that in the event of death he will be in the presence of his Lord.”

“What shall we do then?” the ruler asked.

“There is only one thing that will give Chrysostom pain,” the counsellor said. “To cause Chrysostom to suffer, make him sin. He is afraid of nothing, except sin.”

Here is searching thought. How far short we fall of the Christian ideal—*rather to die than to sin!*

Righteousness always inspires confidence.
—Rev. M. W. Knapp.

A Little Parable for Mothers

By TEMPLE BAILEY

(Selected by Mrs. L. E. Ballard and dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Debbie Hardison, faithful member of St. Mary’s F. W. B. Church, New Bern, and a loving mother to a large family of children, her own and others whom she “mothered in the Lord.”)

The young mother set her foot on the path of life.

“Is the way long?” she asked.

And her Guide said: “Yes. And the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning.”

But the young Mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed with them in the clear streams; and the sun shone on them, and life was good, and the young Mother cried, “Nothing will ever be lovelier than this.”

Then night came, and storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the Mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, “Oh, Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come,” and the Mother said, “This is better than the brightness of day, for I have taught my children courage.”

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, and the Mother was weary, but at all times she said to the children, “A little patience and we are there.” So the chil-

dren climbed, and when they reached the top, they said, “We could not have done it without you, Mother.” And the Mother, when she lay down that night, looked up at the stars, and said: “This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today, I have given them strength.”

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth—clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the Mother said: “Look up. Lift your eyes to the Light.” And the children looked and saw above the clouds an Everlasting Glory, and it guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said, “This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God.”

And the days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years, and the Mother grew old, and she was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And when the way was hard, they helped their Mother; and when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill, and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide.

And the Mother said: “I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them.”

And the children said, “You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates.”

And they stood and watched her, as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said: “We can not see her, but she is with us still. A mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence.”

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ATTENTION PLEASE! ALL SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND LEAGUES

We are asking you to please send in \$5.00 from your Sunday School, and \$5.00 from your League. This money is to buy chairs and tables for the Library Study Hall in the Boys Cottage at the Middlesex Orphanage, N. C.

Our Superintendent will be leaving November 1st, and we only have a few days to raise these needed funds—so please, by all means, act as early as possible.

We are anxious to have all of the money in for the beds. We must have these furnishings before our boys can move in the new building. Those of you who read this article please co-operate with us in helping to secure these needed funds at once.

Mail all money direct to the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C. Be sure and state they are to be used for the Albemarle Cottage, but if you fail to state, the money will go into the general fund.

This is an S.O.S. call which is needed, so Christian friends please help us in the name of Christ. We are asking you for your help.

I was asked by our Superintendent to please put this matter before our people for quick action, as we only have a matter of days to finish our job. We are depending on each of you. Who will be first? Do all you can!

Yours for the Master's service.

Mrs. H. L. Spivey,
Maury, N. C.

ATTENTION, EASTERN N. C. CONFERENCE

All ministers and delegates who expect to remain over night during the meeting of the Eastern Conference at Deep Run Church, are asked to write

Mrs. Carrie Hill,
Deep Run, N. C.

The Deep Run Church is preparing to take care of all who may stay over, and this request is made to help the committee arrange homes as much in advance as possible. It is late for the request, and if too late for anyone to comply, just come on with full confidence—we'll take care of you!

L. E. Ballard, Pastor

The hand has no will of its own. It is governed by the mind. When that is determined to do God's will at any cost it is but a natural result to do with the might what the hand findeth, or, as Colossians has it, "heartily" as to the Lord".

Every true Christian, whether in high or humble station, is found to be a preacher of the gospel.—Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler.

The Bible



THIS Book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's Map, the pilgrim's Staff, the pilot's Compass, the soldier's Sword, and the Christian's Charter. Here Paradise is restored, Heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. *Christ is its grand subject*, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgement and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents. The Book, the one Book; the Book of books, the Book of God, *the Bible*—the revelation of God to man!—*Selected.*

THE WAY TO LIVE

Be patient. Keep sweet. Do not fret or worry. Do your best and leave results with God. Believe firmly in God, in the fulfillment of His purposes, and the march of His providences. God's laws are immutable and work with undeviating regularity. Walk in fellowship with God, and every year you will be a stronger, better, happier and sweeter man.

Do not mar your peace or power by needless worry. Live by faith in the Son of God, who loved you and gave Himself for you. On some bright tomorrow you will come to anchor under a heaven of sapphire and in a harbor of calm, with chimes ringing their welcome from the spires that sentinel the city of God, while from the battlements millions will shout, "Well done!" while God Himself will say, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—Ex.

Our Marks for Good or Ill

OLIVIA C. CAMPBELL

Like fingerprints on things, we leave marks of influence everywhere on hearts, and, like those left by our busy fingers, these marks are individual, because we are. Some impressions will be light and easily effaced or supplanted; but others will be indelible, even when we least suspect it; and will bear results of good or evil into the eternities ahead.

Let our marks bear impress of watching unto prayer and Bible reading in our daily life, that the imprint may be for good.

THE TWO WAYS

In the seventh chapter of Matthew we read of two ways:—

The Broad Way

which leads to destruction, and

The Narrow Way

which leads to life, and upon one or the other of these everyone of us is traveling.

The "broad way" is naturally very pleasing and attractive, and is chosen by the majority of people; but; although things may appear pleasant and prosperous for the time, all who are treading that road are fast hastening to destruction. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12; 16:25).

Few are prepared to choose the narrow way. Those who do may be looked down upon and regarded as foolish in the eyes of the world, but all is well. Jesus is with them in it and will bring every one of His own safely through to Glory.

On which road are you, dear young friend? Do not rest until this important matter is settled. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6). There is salvation in no other way. "For there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

If you come to Jesus in simple faith, and accept Him as your own personal Saviour, you will be safe for time and for eternity!

"Do not ask the Heavenly road,
The narrow way that leads to God?
Then hear the blessed Saviour say,
Believe on Me—I am the Way!"

—A. E. B., in Gospel Stories for the Young.

HOME-COMING AT STONEY CREEK

There will be a Home-coming at Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Wayne County, near Goldsboro, N. C., Sunday, October 21. Sermon at 11:00 by Rev. Clifton Rice, the pastor. Dinner will be spread on the church grounds. After dinner there will be special music by different groups.

All old members, former pastors, and friends are invited to come and enjoy the day with us. Our church budget will be raised immediately after the services.

Eloise Futrell

HOME-COMING AND DEDICATION AT BRITISH CHAPEL

Dedication and Home-coming services will be held at British Chapel Church, on October 28, 1951. The services will begin at 11:00 o'clock. There will be a picnic dinner served on the church grounds. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and dinner. We especially invite all members, former members and former pastors to attend.

Mrs. Hilda Tyndall, reporter

MRS. J. C. GRIFFIN CONDUCTS STUDY

Mrs. J. C. Griffin of New Bern, N. C., conducted a Manual of Methods study on September 5th, at White Oak Hill Church in Nash County, in behalf of the officers and auxiliary workers in the Second Western District.

The meeting opened with song and prayer by Brother Griffin. There was approximately thirty officers and members present from seven churches which represented. There are four churches that do not have auxiliaries in this district to my knowledge.

There was a wonderful spirit manifested. It was a spiritual blessing to hear Mrs. Griffin in her discussions on the history and duties of officers, and members in this organization.

The importance of stewardship was stressed along with the importance of securing a good pastor. Not just a preacher, but someone to work with and for the interest of lost souls and suffering humanity.

Mrs. D. E. Wilder gave a very interesting report on the Cragmont Auxiliary Conference, and its blessings.

The picnic lunch and fellowship hour was enjoyed by all who attended.

There was open discussion in the afternoon as to the duties and how to become an A-1 Auxiliary.

There was a love-offering taken by the district president which was presented to Mrs. Griffin. The study was well worth the time and efforts of all those who were present.

Let us continue to pray for the Auxiliary plan of work that "His way may be known upon this earth," and for Mrs. Griffin as she carries out her work for the Kingdom of God and His glory.

In His name,

Mrs. W. P. Bunn

REV. THURMAN SMITH TO HOLD REVIVAL AT EDWARD'S CHAPEL

The Reverend Thurman Smith, pastor of Morehead City Free Will Baptist Church, will begin a revival meeting at Edward's Chapel, Carteret County, North Carolina, on Monday night after the fourth Sunday in October, which will be the 29th. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. Good congregational and special singing will be enjoyable features of the services each night. Be sure to attend and worship the Lord with us.

Church reporter

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Rev. Thurman Smith will conduct a revival meeting at Juniper Chapel in Craven County, N. C., beginning on Monday night after the third Sunday in October. The public is cordially invited to attend these services and to hear the gospel messages each evening.

Church Reporter

NEWS FROM MAY'S CHAPEL

The Lord is blessing us here at May's Chapel, Wayne County, North Carolina. We are expecting that the Sunday School rooms to our church will be completed very soon. When two partitions and the walls are painted, and everything finished we will have six rooms which we feel will be very helpful for our Sunday School work.

We have six gas heaters for our church, and they will give us great comfort when the weather becomes cold. The attendance at our Sunday School is good, and we have around 92 on the roll. Our church membership has grown this year. We have had eleven to come by baptism and six by letter. There are some yet who are to be baptized. The Lord has been certainly wonderful to us with his great blessings. We do praise him for all of his blessings.

The ministers who have been with us in our church services seem to be filled with the love of God. They have proved a blessing to us as they labored with us in the service of the Lord. May the Lord keep and bless them, and keep them humble at all times.

The Lord has blessed me wonderfully in many ways for which I am glad. He will not withhold any good thing that we stand in need of if we will love, obey and trust him.

Mrs. May Rouse

Dudley, N. C.

NEWS FROM CEDAR GROVE CHURCH

MRS. MATTIE TAYLOR

WILLIAMSTON, N. C., ROUTE 1

We have had a splendid revival meeting at Cedar Grove Church. It was the second revival which we have had this year.

On the fourth Sunday night in September, Rev. Roland Cherry, Williamston, North Carolina, began the meeting which proved to be a wonderful meeting, for he did bring us some fine gospel messages. The attendance was large each night of the services. Brother Cherry is a young minister of the gospel. He was ordained at our church in March, and he is doing a wonderful work in the Lord. He is now working in several churches. He is the first young man of our church who has gone out in the ministry, however we have some fine young men and women of our church who are doing some good work for the Lord.

Our Sunday School is moving forward very well. Brother Clarence Little of Greenville, North Carolina, is our pastor. He is doing a splendid work with us for which we are very glad. We invite everyone to visit us at any time they can, and worship the Lord in a spiritual way. Please pray for us.

When a man is at his best and does his best with the power of God that is given him, that man is a power in God's kingdom. —Rev. T. P. Frost.

ROCKFISH UNION REPORTING

The Fourth Union of the Rockfish Conference convened with Bethel Church, Robeson County, September 29, 1951.

The Union opened with a song by the congregation.

Devotions were by Rev. Conley.

Committees were appointed. Rev. Conley was recognized as a visiting minister, and was given a seat in the Union.

List of ministers was called with six present.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Angus Prevatt delivered the Union sermon at 11 o'clock.

Lunch was served on the church grounds.

The afternoon session was opened with a song by the congregation. Devotions were by Rev. George Langley. The committees made their reports and were accepted. List of churches was called with seven representing. The next Union will meet with Eastside Church, Hoke County, in December.

The Union extended a rising vote of thanks to Bethel church for their kind hospitality.

The Union was dismissed by Rev. Angus Prevatt.

REV. ANGUS PREVATTE, Moderator

MRS. O. J. JENKINS, Clerk

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH HOME-COMING

There will be a home-coming day at Friendship Church in Johnston County, Middlesex, N. C., Route 1, on October 28, 1951.

Regular services Sunday morning; Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.; Sermon at 11:00 A. M. by the pastor, Rev. M. E. Godwin. Picnic dinner will be spread at noon. Afternoon service will begin at 2:00 P. M., with the reading of the Church History, love offering for the Building Funds and Memorial Services. Choirs, duets, solos and trios are to be a special part of the afternoon program. All former members and pastors are cordially invited to come and enjoy the date with us. All members are asked to bring a picnic basket. The public is invited.

MRS. DARIUS WILDER, Chairman

REV. J. B. LEDLOWE ON THE AIR

Rev. J. B. Ledlowe has a broadcast program over radio station WHTB, Talladega, Alabama, on every Sunday morning from 8:00 to 9:00 o'clock, A. M. He lives in Talladega, and his church has full-time work, with 208 in the Sunday School.

By the Reporter

We are living sermons whether we preach a word or not.—E. W.

St. Claire Bible Class

M. B. HUTCHINSON, McArthur, Ohio



THE HEBREWS IN SLAVERY

(Lesson for October 28)

LESSON: Exodus, Chapters 1 and 2.
Exodus 1:7-14; 2:23-25.

GOLDEN TEXT: Isaiah 35:4.

I. Heart of the Lesson

As we turn from Genesis to the book of Exodus, we come to a new and radically different stage in Israel's history. Instead of the one fair-sized caravan of people described in Genesis 46, the Israelites have now become a great multitude. Instead of enjoying the favor of a friendly Pharaoh, with Joseph in high authority as their advisor and helper, a king of a new dynasty is in control. He feels under no obligation to any Hebrew, but instead regards the people who are filling the land of Goshen with alarm. There is no milk of human kindness in his veins; rather he determines to stop their increase if he can and break their spirit by hard bondage.

While the Children of Israel toiled in Egypt as slaves, there was unknown to them one who was destined to lead them out of the land of bondage. The Lord was working, although they could not see or sense it. Moses had been preserved from death as an infant and given opportunity to learn the ways of leadership and statecraft. His preparation took time. Someone has said of the Lord Jesus that he was never in a hurry because he was always sure. Israel needed a strong leader, and the making of him was in the hands of God. One reason why we cannot understand God's delays is that he works through persons and his plan involves their selection and preparation.—Arnold's Commentary

1. God will bless His people wherever they may be, if they are in the place of His will (Exod. 1:7).

2. It is very easy to forget other people, especially those to whom we

are indebted for something (vs. 8).

3. The blessing of God upon His people almost always arouses the envy and jealousy of unbelievers (vs. 9).

4. Unsaved men think they are planning wisely when they plan to destroy the people of God (vs. 10).

5. The world is indifferent to the sorrows and slavery of those upon whom they depend for their pleasure and treasure (vs. 11).

6. Instead of subtracting from the population of the Israelites, their fierce adversity served to multiply them (vs. 12).

7. Unmercifulness toward the people of God is always a characteristic of His enemies (vs. 13).

8. Our bitter experiences at the hands of others may sometimes tempt us to believe that God has forgotten and forsaken us (vs. 14).

9. It sometimes takes the bitter experiences of life to drive us to cry to God in prayer (2:23).

10. God heard, remembered and looked upon His people, and began to move on their behalf to help them (vss. 24, 25).

11. God does not want to see any people bound and imprisoned by sin. It is a comforting thing for those to know that God understands their mental, physical, and spiritual conditions full well, and that he will have "respect unto them" if they will abide by his commandments. Israel had one chance and that was through God, if they were to find relief from the oppression of the king of Egypt. Our chance of freedom from the bondage of sin is Christ who is ever ready to relieve us if we will call upon him.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. Men cannot defeat God's purpose through the accomplishment of wicked deeds. They may cause Him to use other means in the carrying out of His plans, but they can never defeat Him. The Egyptians tried to check the rapid increase of the children of Israel by breaking down their

physical strength and endurance, but God made other conditions more favorable, and they continued to increase more rapidly.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

13 I wonder what the history of the present decade would have been if America and Britain had said, "We trust in God and our own efforts to save us in this conflict—we will make no concord with evil" Do you believe God would have let us suffer defeat? The issue was the same as the one expressed in our text. Egypt dreamed of world conquest, even as Russia does today. The Egyptians were treacherous and untrustworthy, and violated any covenant or agreement as it suited their immediate policy. Just as Stalin and his adherents are doing now. And idolatrous Egypt was the enemy of Israel's God, even as atheism has its official center in Russia today.—Selected

II. The Lesson Illustrated

The Events of Life Under a Divine Providence

When Druyse, the gunsmith, invented the needle gun which decided the battle of Sodowa, was it a mere accident? When a farmer's boy showed Blucher a short cut by which he could bring his army up soon enough to decide Waterloo for England, was it a mere accident? When the Protestants were besieged at Beers, and a drunken drummer came in at midnight and rang the alarm bell, not knowing what he was doing, but waking up the host in time to fight their enemies that moment arriving, was it an accident? When, in the Irish rebellion, a starving mother, fleeing with her starving child, sank down and fainted on a rock in the night, and her hand fell on a warm bottle of milk, did that just happen so? God is either in the affairs of men or our religion is worth nothing at all, and you had better take it away from us, and instead of this Bible, which teaches the doctrine, give us a secular book, and let us, as the famous Mr. Fox, the member of Parliament, in his last hour, cry out: "read me the eighth book of Virgil." Oh, my friends, let us rouse up to an appreciation of the fact that all the affairs of our life are under a King's command, and under a Father's watch.—T. De Witt Talmadge.

News from Western Carolinas

It has been some time since we have sent in "News from the western Carolinas." In 1949 I had a stroke and was paralyzed in my right hand for some time. I have gotten over it now, but have neglected writing any news for some time, but you will be hearing from us all along now.

There are many, many things we would like to say about the wonderful things the Lord has done for us, but space will not permit. However, the doctor says I almost left this world, but somehow the Lord let us stay a little longer. It is a wonderful feeling to have peace in your heart, when it looked like the Lord was calling me out of this world, and I think I almost wanted to go, and why not? with all the loved ones waiting. What a jubilee! Most of all our wonderful Saviour gave so much that I might live. Hallelujah, praise His Name! Soon we all shall see His shining face and crown Him Lord of lords and King of kings.

Well, back to the news. The Piedmont Quarterly meeting met on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in September at 10:00 A. M., at the Mt. Beulah F. W. B. church just out of Rockingham, N. C., where the Rev. Noah Brown is the pastor. Rev. J. B. Starnes of Kannapolis, N. C., was in charge. Several churches reported, and there were some progressive things brought up and passed upon. The Piedmont Association in the last session voted to sponsor Miss Wilson, missionary to India, and the Marion church has been paying Miss Wilson's salary.

Saturday 2:00 P. M. the Sunday School Convention met at Mount Beulah church near Rockingham, and there were fourteen Sunday Schools reporting on Sunday, and eleven of the pastors attending all services. The Sunday Schools reporting were First Church of Marion, East Belmont of Belmont, Mable Avenue of Kannapolis, Mount Zion of Kannapolis, Stanley of Stanley, Lowell of Lowell, Robinson Creek of Bostic, Caroleen of Caroleen, Bethany of Wadesboro, Mt. Beulah of Rockingham, Goshen of North Belmont, Ben Avenue of Kannapolis, and Aleo of Rockingham, and

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also Mount Holly of Mt. Holly. The ministers were Revs. John Newton, J. E. Floyd, Norman Perkins, Mitchel Davis, Rev. Manus, Noah Brown, Wade Calvert, J. B. Starnes, Walter Carter, J. C. Calvert, and L. H. Clayton. The S. S. reports were read, which were mighty fine. An offering was taken for the Orphan Home at Middlesex, N. C. Officers were elected as follows: James Cox, treasurer; M. T. Sparks, secretary; Mrs. J. B. Starnes, assistant; Carl Rollin, Vice-President; and this writer, President. The next meetings will be in Mount Holly, N. C.

Saturday at 7:00 P. M. a wonderful service was enjoyed by all. Rev. J. E. Floyd and Wade H. Calvert, of Marion and Belmont, delivered the messages. Sunday, September 30, the Piedmont Singing Convention opened at 10:00 A. M. at the Court House in Rockingham, for the semi-annual all day singing. Rev. Noah Brown, the host pastor, introduced the mayor of Rockingham who gave the welcome address. The response was by Rev. Wade Calvert of Belmont, N. C. We also had a newspaper man with us, Mr. Crawford, for the morning and afternoon services. He also made a fine talk in the afternoon. There were several newspapers that carried the news of the singing, including the Rockingham Journal, and the Charlotte News.

There were four choirs present, and fourteen other groups. This was fine singing and a credit to Free Will Baptists.

More next time.

ANNOUNCEMENT

A home-coming celebration will be observed at Juniper Chapel near Vanceboro in Craven County, on the fourth Sunday in October.

All former pastors, members, and friends are cordially invited.

Church Reporter

I want my life to stand and to point upward to God.—Rev. T. E. Sharp.

A Letter from Texas

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This is a portion of a letter from a young Christian girl of fifteen to another, who had been to youth camp together. I quote: "I have just gotten back from church and Sunday School. I don't know what I'm going to do this evening unless I go to the park because I'm absolutely not going to the show.

"I want to tell you how I have been reading my Bible since I've been home. It makes it much easier for me to understand. I read a chapter and then I break it up in parts and write what I think each part means down in my notebook, and then it is lots easier to understand. (really)

"I talked one of my girl friends into going to church with me. I told her about the camp. I also told her I wasn't going to the show anymore. She asked me what changed my mind. I told her I just wasn't going anymore. She asked me where I was going when I went with boys. All I could say was, I don't know. I surely felt small there, but I found out it helped.

"Have you been praying for me, and everyone, every day? I have. Sometimes I just only get to think a prayer, but I always feel better even if I can't always pray aloud or go off to myself.

Please pray for me and I'll pray for you. Your Youth Camp Pal."

I did not put in the personal part of the letter, I only used what, we as Christian parents should know, that we might understand our children's problems.

Our young people want to live good lives, and the one great thing that keeps them from it is the lack of interest in parents to put forth efforts to help maintain their spirituality.

A young girl of fourteen asked her mother one day, "Mother, since I won't go in mixed bathing anymore, will you take me somewhere else to swim?" This child loved the water, and God showed her it was wrong to go in partially nude in front of men and boys.

We Free Will Baptists want our children saved and just "hope" they will live right, while we go about our business of keeping their clothes clean, their homes clean, and work to keep them well fed. While all that is necessary and right, we must not leave off the thing that will help to keep them clean inside, and their souls fed spiritually.

I think it would be good if more articles would be sent to the Baptist on this subject, so we could know what others think along this line.

Mrs. J. W. Arnold,
805 Wine Street,
Gainesville, Texas

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Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

The Great Missionary Conference

From the second day of October through the fourth were great days in the life of Free Will Baptists and especially to those who were privileged to attend the great Missionary Conference held at the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. To this writer we have not seen nor heard anything greater in our ranks. No one could sit under the sound of the voice of Sister Willey, faithful wife of our Brother Thomas Willey, and a devoted missionary, and hear the voice of Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, a man of great experience with those who know not the Lord in other lands, as well as those at home, and also a man who knows the ins and outs of many countries, without deep concern for the Lord. One who can tell you things that will make you rejoice; and, at the same time, point out with proof the danger which is confronting the Protestant church throughout the world. Dr. Taylor is an inspiring and forceful speaker, who gives proof of what he says, using reliable records when it pertains to the activities of the nations, and the use of the Scriptures in the application of the greatest needs of man.

A Few Excerpts from Some Messages

"The only thing that will save our nation is a revival of true Christianity," said Dr. Taylor, thus repeating the same thing that all leading Christians are saying; and which to the mind of this writer, will come when we as a nation, that claims to believe in Christ, are willing to meet the challenge which is made by the Lord Jesus. There can be no revival until we are ready to let it come by the "way of the cross," Man can make church members, but only God can make Christians, and God does not make Christians on the programs and creeds as made up by man. A revival can come when we get sick and tired of sin to that degree that we will turn from our sinful living to that consecration which God demands for believers in Christ and which creates in us an hatred for sin. We are a nation of sin lovers. God is the least loved being in all the universe. Well, did Paul describe the people of the earth today when he said:

"But know this, that in the last days grievous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, haughty, railers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholly, without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self

control, traitors, headstrong, puffed up, lovers of pleasure, rather than lovers of God; holding a form of godliness, but having denied the power thereof" (2 Tim. 3:1-5 R. V.).

After describing the sinfulness of this age, we are reminded of a scripture quoted by Dr. Taylor in one of his wonderful messages, which was written by the apostle Paul in Ephesians 6:10-12: "For we wrestle, not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Here we were reminded that the "Roman Catholic church and Communism are both deadly enemies to Evangelistic Christianity." "The communists are against all religion and the Roman church is against all religion that does not conform to their belief." Dr. Taylor told of the many atrocities in Latin America. He said in part, "There are two political parties in Colombia—the Roman Catholic and the Liberal party. Both are Catholic. Protestants from a small liberal minority. The political trouble is not between Protestants and Catholics. Catholics are murdering Catholics. There are two kinds: the Conservative Catholic loves his church and will obey it to the letter, the other Catholic respects his church but uses his reason. Therein lies the political division of Colombia." Dr. Taylor also states that, "Liberals in Colombia are not as liberal as our own Democratic party. Some Protestants have been killed because they were Liberals, yet most Protestant murders were not political."

Over and over Dr. Taylor warned of the dangers confronting the Protestant church, by both atheistic and theistic forces—Communism and Roman Catholics—showing from statistics how that the church is persecuted in countries where these totalitarian organizations are in power.

Dr. Taylor emphasized the fact of the fitting of the 24th chapter of Matthew into the world conditions at this time. And said that we ought to be "wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." But beware of men: Quoting Matthew 10:15, 16).

Sister Willey stated that the work in Cuba was meeting with great opposition from the Catholic church. She, too, like Dr. Taylor, emphasized the fact that Evangelicals better get down to a revival of true religion before America loses her freedom of worship like many of the Latin American countries and other parts of the world, where freedom of worship is prohibited.

Our Position

It has been our belief for many years, as we have studied the Word of God, that great persecution would come in our day, against the church, by both Atheistic and Ecclesiastic powers. The devil is working through infidelity and religion to destroy the true church of the Lord Jesus. However hard they may try to destroy, the true church will stand the test. Millions will die before they will give up Christ. Dr. Taylor told of a young preacher in Colom-

bia, who said, "I will change my politics, but I will never give up Jesus Christ." You can take a Christian's physical life, but you cannot destroy the truth hid in his soul. Jesus said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The physical structure can be burned and "sawed-asunder" but the Spiritual structure built on Christ shall never pass away. "But if we suffer with him we shall also reign with Him. If we are not willing to suffer with Him we are not fit to reign with Him."

The church was persecuted in its early days with all kinds of torture invented by the enemy and perpetrated by the followers of satanic doctrine—Religious and infidelity. Now we see, and have seen for several decades, that the end of the visible existence of the church on earth will be days of the shedding of blood. It began in satanic dominated Russia more than a quarter of a century ago and is spreading with the deception of the devil and his henchmen with great rapidity. Only two things will stop its spread. One is a revival of old fashion heart-felt salvation moistened and empowered by the Holy Ghost or the rapture of the church—the true church. Then the works of the devil will be put down—actually be "destroyed." Our prayer is "Lord if the sin of man prevents a Spiritual awakening and a true revival of real Christianity, then Lord take us up to be with the "Lord for evermore."

Some Things That We Regret

We are continually having great Spiritual feasts in the Free Will Baptist church. Like "The Missionary Conference in October, and the Bible Conference during April, both being held at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, and the National Association and the National meetings of the Sunday School Convention and the National League Conference, with many of our state and district meetings, and such a small number get to attend these great meetings, comparatively speaking. Every minister of the gospel should make a desperate effort to get the blessings that are received by those who attend. If it takes a sacrifice to get the blessing, it certainly will pay off. So many do not know the real fellowship of those who are giving their life to carry on the work of our Christ in taking the Gospel of salvation to the lost in all lands. Of course it is impossible for thousands to go, but there are thousands who could go if they were willing to pay the price—that of giving up home for a few days. Giving up a little of the Lord's money. Suffering a little strain on the physical life. Oh, if we just wanted to go it would make a difference.

This is Superannuation Month in N. C.

I have just received a letter from our Promotional Secretary, Rev. M. L. Johnson, reminding me of the fact that October is the month for special offerings and gifts to take care of the aged ministers and widows of aged ministers in our state. There used to be a slogan, or a by-word of "Turning the old horse out to die." It was often spoken of concerning the old preacher who

had become incapacitated to preach any longer, and forgotten by many of those to whom he had ministered and was not remembered but by the few. That is often the case, or has been in the past. We are now more alert to the real need of the aged ministers of our time; a goodly number of aged ministers are known to the Board of Superannuation, and these ministers are receiving a check each month and a goodly number of the widows are getting checks quarterly, but the amount to all should be increased.

Years ago when we had no Superannuation work in N. C., I was asked by a minister of another denomination, "What arrangement does your church have for taking care of you, when you are worn out and perhaps turned out?" He knew that we had none, but he wanted, I think, to stick a thorn in my flesh. So, I answered, "God is taking care of the situation." And He was, for right then in the minds of some of our people, things were tuning up for a program to take care of the "Poor-old-laid-on-the-shelf-preacher." But all my ministerial life I have desired to go to heaven before I am laid out with old age.

HOME-COMING AT ST. MARY'S

Home-coming day was held at St. Mary's Church, Wilson County, the second Sunday in September, with a large crowd attending.

Rev. Herman Wooten, from Raleigh, a former pastor of the church, brought us a very inspiring message.

Mrs. Debbie Narron was in charge of the memorial services.

Special music was rendered by visitors, the home quartet and choir. Lunch was served on the grounds and every one went home rejoicing in the Lord.

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The Fellowship Class and the Ladies Auxiliary of St. Mary's church sponsored a barbecue supper to raise money to start the new work on the inside of the church.

The amount raised was five hundred dollars which will surely add to the building fund.

We sincerely hope if its the Lord's will we will have our church all completed not too far off.

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On the fourth Sunday night in September St. Mary's fall revival began, which lasted two weeks.

The Rev. Stevens brought a soul-stirring message each night, with the pastor of the church, Rev. G. C. Joyner, leading the singing.

I feel that many souls were re-dedicated and many blessed.

There were three new converts to be baptized. May the Lord bless each one of them that they may do much work for their Lord.

Reporter

The more religion you give away, the more you have.—Rev. Joseph H. Smith.

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PROGRAM

Following is the program of the 32nd Session of Alabama Free Will Baptist to be held at Macedonia Church, three miles of Millport, Ala. To convene on Thursday before the second Sunday in November, 1951.

THEME FOR THURSDAY'S SESSION

"What Free Will Baptist Believe"

- 10:30—"The Work of the Holy Spirit," Rev. T. L. Walker
- 11:15—"The Freedom of the Will," Rev. I. K. Boyett
- 12:00—Noon Hour
- 1:00—Devotional
- 1:15—"The Perseverance of the Saints", Rev. A. J. Lambert
- 2:30—"Water Baptism," Rev. H. A. Pitts
- 2:30—"Communion," Rev. J. L. Rollins, Adamsville, Ala.
- 2:55—"Feet Washing," Rev. J. B. Bloss
- 3:30—Adjourn

Thursday Evening

- 6:45—Song Service
- Devotional by local Pastor
- "The Children's Home Hour," Rev. W. H. Ryland
- Appointment of Credential Committee and Arrangement of Business and Auditing Committee
- Assignment to Homes

Friday Morning

Program for the regular session of the Association

- 8:30—Devotional, Rev. A. J. Johnson
- 8:45—Welcome Address, Local Pastor
- 8:55—Response, Rev. J. T. Quick
- 9:10—Moderator's Address
- 9:25—Seating of Standing delegates
- 9:30—Report of Credential Committee
- 9:35—Reading of letters and seating delegates
- 10:00—Report of Youth Camp Committee
- 10:20—Report of the National Association, Rev. J. J. Staab
- 10:40—Recess
- 10:50—Devotional, Rev. R. E. Tilley
- 11:05—Sermon, Rev. E. P. Rowden, Florence, Ala.
- 12:00—Noon
- 1:00—Devotional, Rev. J. V. Collier
- 1:15—Report of Home Mission Treasurer
- 1:20—Report of Home Mission Board

- 1:40—Highlights of Ladies Auxiliary Convention, Sis. J. B. Bloss
- 1:55—Highlights of Sunday School and League Convention by their Respective Chairmen
- 2:15—Reports to be made in order: Superannuation, Auditing, Unified Program, Secretary-Treasurer, Publication and Literature

Friday Evening

- 6:30—Song Service
- Mission Picture, Rev. Kenneth Turner
- Sermon, Rev. Grady Hudson

Saturday Morning

- 8:00—Devotional, Rev. J. M. Dutton, Jr., Leeds, Ala.
- 8:15—Reports of Auditing Committee, Trustees Report and Business Committee
- Appointment of Boards and Delegates
- 11:00—Sermon, Rev. J. H. Reno

D. W. ALEXANDER LEAVING THE PRESS, RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 10th

Having served the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, as a member of the Board of Directors and President of the Press for a number of years, and as Business Manager for some time, I have observed that there is harmony and co-operation on the part of employees, editors, and management.

I am sure that continued harmony and co-operation with all concerned will mean success in the future. Brother Dunn is still active and alert, in spite of his age. I feel that he will continue to carry on in the best of interest of the Press.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciations to Brother Dunn, the editors, and all officials, and to all employees for their co-operation with me, and I wish for all concerned complete success.

Respectfully,
D. W. ALEXANDER,
Retiring Bus.-Mgr.

A tract has turned the destiny of many a life.—Rev. Isaiah Reid.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

MRS. LESLEY SIMPSON

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write the death of my loving sister who passed away in Dunn Hospital on September 17, 1951. She was sick only a few days and the cause of her death was unknown. It was so hard to give her up. She was thirty-six years old and a young mother of six children. She leaves a husband, three sons, Delmer, Bobby, and Joseph; three daughters, Francis, Sreather, and Peppy, all of the home; two brothers, J. D. Meeks of Portsmouth, Va., Lester Meeks of Robersonville, N. C., and Mrs. Mittie Gurganus, Miss Bessie Meeks of Bear Grass, N. C., and Mrs. Mattie Taylor, Williamston, N. C.

She joined the Free Will Baptist church at Cedar Grove when quite young, and was a devoted Christian mother, a kind friend, had that beautiful smile, and a cheering word for every one she saw.

Her funeral was preached at her home on September 19, to a large crowd of sorrowful friends and loved ones by Rev. James Perry. She was buried in the family cemetery in Robersonville, N. C., under a beautiful mound of flowers. We can only point her husband, children, and loved ones to God who does all things well. He can and will heal all our wounds and heart-aches.

Dear sister we love you,
As much as a sister true;
We hope some day to meet you
Beyond the misty blue.

—Written by a loving sister,
Mrs. Mattie Taylor,
Williamston, N. C., Route 1

MRS. ARDOLIA O. KORNEGAY PASSES

On September 13, 1951, Mrs. Ardolia O. Kornegay of Route 1, Mount Olive, N. C., died at her home, following a long illness, at the age of 56. Her suffering was great inspite of all the care of loving hands and skilled medical care. She was a charter member of Long Ridge Free Will Baptist Church, faithfully attending as long as she was able.

She is survived by her husband, John Kornegay, one daughter, three sons and five grandchildren.

Our sad loss of Mother dear,
Was Heaven's sweetest gain.
We pray that God will guide us here
In Heaven so fair to meet her again.

—Written by her loving daughter,
Mrs. James E. Hill,
Route 2, Seven Springs, N. C.

We wish to express our deep appreciation
to our many friends for the kindness and

sympathy, shown us during the recent illness and death of our dear wife and mother.

John Kornegay and Family

The loving life, pure, self-controlled and devoted to the kingdom, like the obscure life among the Galilean hills, can not be hid.—Rev. Wilbur F. Sheridan.

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SALVATION

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Salvation is of the Lord.—Jonah 2:9b.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—Jon. 3:16.

Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
—Matt. 3:2b.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast.—Eph. 2:8, 9.

Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.—Acts 2:38b.

Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. —Matt. 18:3.

Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.—Acts 16:30b, 31a.

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?—Heb. 2:3a.

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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

GOOD NEWS FROM WEST VIRGINIA

We love your Free Will Baptist paper, and enjoy reading what Free Will Baptists are doing in the South. I thought I would send in some of our work from the Central States. Here is the result of a revival just closed:

The Sunshine Free Will Baptist church, 2011 James River Turnpike, Huntington, W. Va., was the scene of a revival starting on September 23rd, and closed on October 7. There were 20 confessions and renewals made. We think that it was a great revival, and we know that the church was greatly helped and strengthened.

In our revival we had large crowds and several visiting ministers. We had quartette singing and sister church choruses lending a helping hand. I was the evangelist. I have three churches. We will begin our revival at Pleasant Valley in November. I will send a report of our success. Our Kanova meeting will follow.

We covet every Christian's prayer that the Lord may always stand by our work, and we may be a bold soldier in these evil days.

Yours in His Name,
James O. Sizemore,
1651 West Road,
Hunting, W. Va.

My Visit to North Carolina

I would like to share with the "Baptist" readers my recent experiences with the Free Will Baptist brethren of North Carolina.

After a full day at my church, First Free Will Baptist, Hazel Park, Michigan, Sunday, September 23, I left by plane for Raleigh, North Carolina. There I was to take a bus to Snow Hill where Rev. N. Bruce Barrow would meet me, and take me to Union Grove Church to begin a revival meeting. While waiting at Raleigh, for the bus, I was able to go out and see our church in this city. I did not have time to visit the pastor, but talked with him by telephone.

I found Union Grove Church, near Fremont, to be one of the outstanding rural churches of our connection. It was a blessed ministry with them. I spent much time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Johnson and was treated very royally. Mr. Barrow made it possible for me to visit the Children's Home at Middlesex, a Woman's Auxiliary Conference at Howell Swamp, and a brief part of a Union Meeting at Ayden Church. The Moderator of the Union Meeting, Rev. Alexander, showed me every courtesy. I am most regretful that I did not get to visit the personnel of the Press. However, I was able to go through the plant, that is in one door and out the other. I had just a few minutes and could not visit as I wanted much to do.

I found a fine group of Christian young people at Union Grove Church who have a most splendid leader in the person of Mrs. Bagley Morris.

From Union Grove I went to Jacksonville Church to begin a revival on October 10.

Dr. Homer E. Willis, Associate Mod.,
National Association of F. W. Baptists

Here I found a most determined group of consecrated people. God gave revival a this place. Rev. Lee D. Whaley and his faithful wife, are doing a fine job leading this people. I see a great future for the Jacksonville Church. They have their church building most completed, and it will be a fine building, a credit to any denomination.

I was impressed with the number of Marines who attend this church. Lee has a great opportunity to work with the service men at nearby Camp LeJeune. I met many fine people in Jacksonville, among them a man from another denomination who furnished me a new car to use while there.

I was glad to meet some of my former class mates while on this evangelistic tour. Seeing Rashie Kennedy, Allen Bryan, the Whaleys reminded me of our days in Nashville to-gether. It was also a pleasure to visit with other brethren, Rev. R. P. Harris, who showed me the churches in and near Durham, Rev. David Hansley, Rev. Spencer and many others.

October 11th I boarded my plane at Raleigh, for the trip home, with this impression of the part of North Carolina I had visited, God has blessed the efforts of "our" people there beyond description. I would like to write more about the churches, pastors, and people, but time is limited. May I close this article with this statement: I am still telling Mrs. Willis about those wonderful North Carolina foods.

The Need of Salvation in Youth

Many times we hear children and young men and women make the remark that religion is good enough for old folks, but that they themselves are too young.

Oh, what a sad mistake! Does the Bible not say, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Eccl. 12:1)?

In every part of Scripture it is remarkable with what tenderness the season of youth is always mentioned.

It was in youth that Samuel was called. It was in youth when the Spirit fell upon David. It was in youth that God appeared unto Moses and called him to the command of his own people. It was at that age that the little children were brought unto Jesus to be blessed and the disciples rebuked those who brought them; but Jesus was displeased when He saw it, and said unto them, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God."

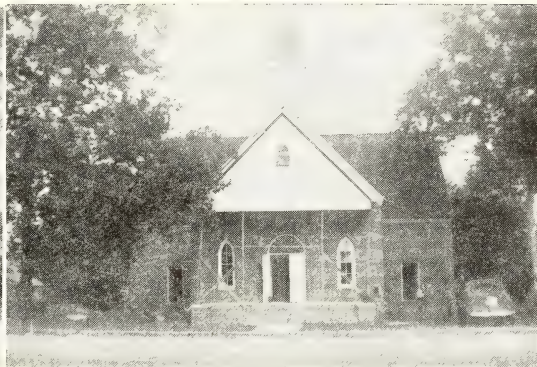
When Timothy was a mere child, he was taught the Scriptures daily by his mother Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois, and he was converted while very young.

Truly, boys and girls, it pays to give Jesus your heart while in youth; for the evil days are on the wing, and as you grow older you will meet with more of life's temptations, and little by little you will find yourselves losing pleasure in the things pertaining to God and Heaven, and your hearts and minds will be taken up with worldly amusements, worldly associates, etc., until you will scarcely think of Jesus at all—Selected.

He puts one who is quick with one who is slow; and one who is quiet with one who is talkative, that the one who is quiet may be patient with the one who is talkative.

God puts His own with the people and in the place which will tend most to develop the spiritual graces.

Georgia Church Dresses Up



GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION

The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists will convene at the Glennville Free Will Baptist Church at Glennville, Georgia, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, November 12, 13, 14, 1951.

We here at Glennville are looking forward to this being the greatest Convention ever held by Free Will Baptists in the State of Georgia. It is our desire that every Church in the State Association be represented by delegates, and a cordial invitation is extended to every minister.

The church is located on highway 301, one block from the heart of Glennville. Delegates or ministers desiring any information may contact the pastor, Rev. Louis H. Moulton, Glennville, Georgia. Ample accommodations for lodging and eating will be available to all who attend. Reservations may



LOUIS H. MOULTON, *Pastor*

be made, by writing in advance, or secured after the delegates arrive.

The Glennville Church hopes to have the building program completed by the time of the convening of the State Association. Above are the pictures of the church before and as it is now nearing completion. In addition to brick-veneering the old building, an annex was added to the rear of the church which includes a specious hall on the ground floor which can be used for recreation or dining in bad weather. The second floor has four new Sunday School rooms. The membership and the pastor are proud of the nearly ten thousand dollar improvement on the church property. To our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, goes all the honor and glory and praise for the wonderful progress and blessing being enjoyed here in Glennville.

Louis H. Moulton, Pastor
Glennville, Georgia

TEXAS AUXILIARY CONVENTIONS MET AT BRYAN CHURCH

The Central Texas District and Texas State Women's Auxiliary Conventions met at the Bryan Texas Church Sept. 11 and 12 respectively. It was the regular twice-a-year meeting of the District, and as the State Convention had been scheduled to meet at Pineywoods during the week of the State F. W. B. Encampment, which was cancelled on account of a water pump breakdown, the good ladies of the Bryan Church invited the State Convention to meet with the District in a 2 day session.

The District W. A. had representation from 6 of its 7 locals, with good reports, especially on Missions, Orphanage, and Camp phases. Both District and State voted to sponsor the "Sept.-as-Dollar Month," as suggested by the Foreign Mission Board, and both groups voted to sponsor a program by which deserving children of the local churches may be aided in going to summer camp. Contests are to be arranged by the local W. A.'s. Both Convention also pledged their help toward the development

and use of our own Camp site at Nacogdoches in 1952.

The State Convention welcomed the newly organized West Fork District into its ranks, and one of its pastors, Rev. H. Z. Cox of First Church, Dallas, brought a stirring message on "Opportunities for Women," Wednesday morning. The other speakers were Rev. R. B. Crawford and Gaston Clary of Bryan.

The Central Texas District W. A. Convention is to hold its next meeting at the Evergreen Church at Keith 2nd Tuesday in March, 1952, and the State W. A. C. is to hold its annual session at the Mt. Olive church, near Henderson, the second Tuesday in June, 1952.

Reporter

We ask to follow Jesus, and He separates us from home and kindred, for He Himself said, "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:33).

BARNES HILL HAS GOOD REVIVAL

Our revival meeting at Barnes Hill Church, Nash County, North Carolina, closed on Sunday night, September 23, with Brother A. C. Austin from Aurora, N. C., having been the evangelist. There were seven new converts received in the church. Many members were made stronger in the Lord. Rev. L. H. Boykin conducted the song service. We had a large crowd each night. The evangelist delivered some wonderful sermons.

Ervin T. Vick, Church Clerk

"Point of view" must mean more than mere prejudice; it should express conclusions reached by that painful process known as thinking. And when new facts or factors are presented, free men should be as vigilant to change their viewpoints as to confirm them.—A. Mortimer Astbury.

-:- Department of Foreign Missions -:-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

FROM THE FIELD

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Highland Park, Mich.
September 24, 1951

Dear Brother:

The dollar asked for from every member for September is just a little late. How I wish it might be multiplied by a hundred, but with my 89th age and no income the dollars are scarce.

Your Brother

John H. Wolfe

Pawnee City, Nebr.

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1648 N. 16th
Springfield, Ore.

Dear Brother Riggs:

My wife and I are starting the Free Will Baptist here in Oregon. Last March we held our first Sunday School class with 5 people plus our three children. The next Sunday there were 13 plus our 3. The 3rd Sunday 26 plus our 3 were present. Since then there has been an average of over 30 per Sunday. Two months ago we started a building fund, even though there are only 5 or 6 parents who irregularly attend we have over \$50.00 in our building fund.

We have need of helpers and teachers who love the Lord. We are having a hard time without any Christian helpers.

Inclose find a check for foreign missions from, I believe, Oregon's first Free Will Baptist Sunday School. We covet your prayers in our work that we may remain humble.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Ernest C. Pearson

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PRAYER AND PRAISE LETTER

Dear Friend,

Did you know that God does not desire to isolate Himself from man, but longs for man's fellowship, as evidenced in the Bible from cover to cover. Dr. William O. Carnes has said, "Missions means the extensive realization of God's redemptive purpose in Christ by means of human messengers."

Did you know that Ultimately All Classes and Nationalities shall know His Glory?

"The time cometh, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see my glory—and they shall declare my glory among the Nations" (Isa. 66:18, 19 RV). What a prospect for languishing man of our day! "The Lord hath made

bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the Nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God" (Isa. 52:10 RV). When Simeon, filled with the Holy Ghost, had finally looked upon the baby Jesus, he uttered in an ecstasy of delight, "Now lettest thy servant depart, O Lord, according to thy word in peace; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples; A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32 RV).

Did you know that here at home there is one ordained minister, not considering the thousands of other Christian workers, for every 600 of our population. On the foreign mission fields of the world there is one missionary for every 51,663, and in many parts of the world missionaries have a potential parish of 100,000 or more. So, you see we have a great unfinished task.

Even though Free Will Baptists are not doing all we can, yet there are many who have the Vision, and we are moving forward.

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MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

The Missionary Conference this year was a wonderful success. Our speakers, Dr. Clyde Taylor and Mrs. Mabel Willey, did a splendid job through the aid of the Holy Spirit. The high-light of the Conference was on Wednesday night when over 100 fine young men and women came forward to present their lives on the altar for service. How our hearts burned within us as we observed this sacred moment. Listen folks, we not only have the blood of the heathen on our hands but we have the lives of our young people who are willing to be instruments to carry this Blessed Truth. We cannot fail them! We dare not fail our God. An offering of almost \$600.00 was received for Foreign Missions.

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INDIA CAR BEING SHIPPED

The import license from India being received, the car will soon be on its way, for which we praise God.

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MISS WILSON WRITES FROM INDIA:

It is impossible not to sense the throbbing pathos of the Indian life—there is a strain of underlying sadness felt. All they know is poverty, want, and sorrow—how ineffable pathetic—such abyss of misery! However, one finds cause to rejoice as he sees the hunger in these people's heart to know the one true living God. How they thirstily drink in the Word! Pray that the Word will soon bring forth abundant fruit. Also pray that I may be enabled to master the language as I long to tell of Christ's Match-

less love and His power to set men free. V. W.

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CUBA TO GET BUS CHASSIS

Recently we printed a prayer request from Brother Willey showing the need for truck chassis for bus. We are glad to report that through the courtesy and compliments of Mr. R. D. Norwood of Norwood Motor Co., Sulphur, Oklahoma, a new Ton Chassis has been offered to the Mission Board, without cost. We praise the Lord for this gift.

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LETTER TO MELITINO

We have available two copies of our Missionary film "Letter to Melitino," and shall be glad to mail a copy to any state or pastor who will arrange a special Missionary service and receive an offering for Foreign Missions. Please write to us for application blanks.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Please study this month's finance report closely. You will please notice that once again our disbursements were more than our receipts. We cannot afford to let this continue. You and you must do something about this now! I believe you will and we shall be looking forward to hearing from you.

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SUGGESTION FOR CHRISTMAS

You know the Lord Jesus Christ was a Foreign Missionary. He came from a far country. Soon we shall make plans to remember his birthday. Why not put special emphasis on Missions this year as we prepare our Christmas Programs. We will send free of charge, a copy of Missionary playlet entitled "Promise Me" to all who request same. Also please consult the Woman's Auxiliary Year Book for good suggestions on Stewardship and missionary Programs. Then, of course, you won't forget the offering for Foreign Missions every month.

Sincerely Yours,

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Promotional Secy-Treas.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION BOARD FOR SEPTEMBER, 1951

Cash on Hand September 1, 1951 \$10,140.91

RECEIPTS

Alabama	47.50
Arkansas	9.51
Georgia	222.45
Illinois	68.00
Louisiana	5.00
Michigan	106.39
Mississippi	29.40
Missouri	1064.18
Nebraska	1.00
New Mexico	11.00
North Carolina	521.52
Oklahoma	74.37
South Carolina	114.12
Tennessee	747.01

Texas	96.80
West Virginia	140.04
W. N. A. C.	42.55
Sale of Barnard's Books	8.00
Received from sale of Mimeograph Machine	10.00

Total \$3,318.84

Grand Total \$13,459.75

DISBURSEMENTS

Cuba	\$2,489.99
India	1321.89
Bank Charges	.15
Promotional Department	420.00
Willey's Insurance	10.01
Paper & Printing	217.50
Rev. Gaston Clerly (Expense)	57.78
Rev. Kenneth Turner (Expense)	64.05
Rev. Raymond Riggs (services)	50.00
Office Help	75.00
Bicycle for Cuba (from Missouri)	107.04
Mrs. Josephine Stevens (Africa)	80.00
Missions Visualized	233.37
Telephone Calls & Cablegrams	26.87
Wilfong's traveling expense	209.95
Postage	34.00
Freight on furniture	11.55
(Shipped from Monett, Mo., to Missionary Conference)	
Traveling Expense for Mrs. Willey	91.35
Cost of establishing cable Code	5.00
Total	\$5,505.50

Balance Oct. 1, 1951 \$7,954.25

BALANCE IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS

General Fund	\$4,317.18
Barnard's Books	2.00
Reserve for Miss Barnard	505.40
India Car Fund	3,104.41
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna	23.26

Total Balances \$7,954.25

STATES QUOTAS

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	BAL.
Ala.	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 108.42	\$ 1,441.58
Ark.	750.00	236.54	513.46
Calif	800.00		800.00
Fla.	900.00		900.00
Ga.	2,000.00	501.54	1,498.46
Ill.	3,000.00	581.59	2,418.41
Ken.	1,200.00	50.00	1,150.00
La.		5.00	
Mich.	7,000.00	994.10	6,005.90
Miss.	850.00	48.40	801.60
Mo.	8,500.00	3,102.90	5,397.10
Nebr.		1.00	
N. M.		31.00	
N. C.	12,000.00	2,198.05	9,801.95
Ohio	2,000.00	324.48	1,675.52
Okl.	5,000.00	416.94	4,583.06
S. C.	3,200.00	799.50	2,400.50
Tenn.	5,500.00	1,861.32	4,138.68
Texas	2,000.00	629.95	1,370.05
Va.	1,500.00	139.09	1,360.91
W. Va.	2,000.00	301.78	1,698.22
W. N. A. C.		289.47	
Misc.	250.00		

Total \$60,000.00 \$12,121.07 \$47,955.40
Miscellaneous over-paid \$76.47

\$47,878.93

I'll Tell You a Story

The first time the famous missionary, Hudson Taylor, went to China, he traveled in a sail boat. After several days at sea, the wind went down and the boat began slowly drifting into the shore of one of the Cannibal Islands. It came so close to the shore that those on board could see the man-eating savages awaiting the arrival of the travelers, assured of a real feast.

The captain of the boat became frantic. He had done all he could to save the people on his boat. Knowing that Mr. Taylor was a man of God, he anxiously went to him.

"Mr. Taylor," he said, "I have done everything that can be done to save the people on my boat. In a very short time now our boat will be on shore. We will all be caught and eaten unless your God helps us. You believe in a God who answers prayer. Pray that He will save us."

"I will," responded Mr. Taylor, "provided you will set your sails to catch the wind which my God will send."

"You mean set my sails when there is not a breath of air stirring?" asked the captain. "Why, I cannot do that. I would become the laughing stock of the entire crew. No, I will set the sails after God has answered your prayers."

"Then I will not pray," Mr. Taylor firmly answered. "If you do not have enough faith in my God to set your sails, then I will not call upon Him for help." When the captain realized that Mr. Taylor meant what he said, he threw aside his pride and set the sails as if the wind were up and blowing in the right direction. In the meantime Mr. Taylor went to his knees calling upon God for help.

After some time. Mr. Taylor heard a knock at his door.

"Who is there?" he asked.

"It is I," the captain responded. "Are you still praying for wind?"

"Yes, I am," answered Mr. Taylor.

"Well," replied the captain, "you'd better stop praying, for we have more wind than we can manage already."

Sure enough the wind had come up, the sails had caught the wind and the boat was moving safely out to sea. God had heard and answered prayer but the captain first had to get ready for the answered prayer. So God wants us to be ready when we ask anything of Him. Many times we pray, but much of the time we do not even have faith enough to get ready for the answer. —Herald of Holiness.

POLICY OF THE BOARD CONCERNING NEW MISSIONARIES

The policy of the board concerning new missionaries is that before a missionary is sent out he must have his total support under-written in some way. This may be by local churches, associations, district associations, state associations or individuals.

The minimum of this support including salary, rents, travel expense, etc., would be about \$1800.00 per year. Their basic salary is \$75.00 per month, however this constitutes only about one half of their actual expense.

It is immaterial to the board as to how or from whom they obtain this support. However we feel that the support of new missionaries must be in addition to what we are already giving for Foreign Missions. Our present budget is heavy and if our regular funds come in designated for new missionaries we will not be able to meet our present obligations.

Rev. Raymond Riggs

The Pharaohs have passed away, with all their pomp and power, but the character of Moses grows more illustrious as the ages roll.—Rev. A. B. Simpson.

Wherever we are, and whatever we do, we may be witnesses for God and soul winners, by the attraction of a consistent and beautiful life.—Rev. A. B. Simpson.

GREAT REVIVAL CLOSÉS AT PINEY GROVE

Saturday night, October 6, brought to a close one of the greatest revivals that has been held at Piney Grove F. W. B. Church in several years. Piney Grove Church is located in Washington County, near Creswell, N. C. The Rev. W. Russell Millard, of Mount Olive, N. C., was the guest speaker. There were thirty-four re-dedications and several additions. We had visitors from the Missionary Baptist Church, the Methodist Church, the Christian Church, the Holiness Church, the Primitive Baptist Church, and visitors from several communities each evening. Services started promptly at 7:30 o'clock each evening and everyone enjoyed these soul-stirring messages brought by this great man of God.

We, the Piney Grove church, do sincerely thank the Lord for sending this humble servant of God to our community. We regret that due to illness of Brother Millard he could not stay with us another week. We sincerely hope that Brother Millard can be with us again soon. We thank the Lord for a servant like Brother Millard, because he does not compromise with sin. We wish Brother Millard God's speed as he leaves us and goes to other fields of labor. We also had with us the pastor of the church, the Rev. R. C. Ambrose, whom we all love and appreciate.

Respectfully yours,
L. G. Ayers, Reporter

Editorial Comments

LABORERS

We are living in a day in which industry is demanding, in practically every department, skilled workers with adaptabilities for their special jobs. Previous training for certain positions is the requirement. Efficient workers are in demand most everywhere.

This is no less true in the field of religion. There has never been a time when Christianity has needed more laborers in the field than now. The need is more efficient workers in the local churches, as the local church is the unit of Christian influence in the community. The pastor, board of deacons, Sunday School superintendent and his corps of teachers, and the woman's auxiliary workers have their special phases of work to do for the church and the community. But they are not able to do all that is needed to be done now for Christianity.

There is need of special religious training to be given by pastor and good Bible teachers to interested and willing-hearted church members with the view of preparing them to do missionary work in the community. When adequately trained, these Christian men and women, as laborers for Christ, are needed to go out into the community on special occasions, visit the homes in the interest of Christianity. These trained laborers for religious work, in their visits in the various homes, are indeed needed to instruct a great many people in those homes concerning Christ's teachings, right living, the need of becoming church and Sunday School goers. Such trained laborers, through the directive influence of their pastor, and by the help of the Sunday School officials, and also other qualified leaders of the church, can render to the church and the whole community a wonderful service in directing many non-religious people to the way of truth and righteousness.

Through such a corps of religious workers in rural and town churches and communities, the gospel of Christ can be effectively presented to scores of persons who will appreciate their interest and concern for their salvation. A great many people need to be taught, informed of the value of true living, and the purpose for which God created man. By such trained persons of the local church making periodic visitations into the homes of the community each month, or as often as needful, the status of Christianity of said communities will become, in the course of a few months, greatly strengthened and enlarged, because their labors will bring good fruits in the hearts and in the lives of many people, both old and young, whom they have visited and talked with about their soul salvation.

Pastors and their church officials—the leadership of the church—are the ones to start this special type of training in their communities. It can be done by a system of training in their churches at appointed times in the preparation of certain suitable and interested members for this type of work. The time and efforts put forth

for this most needed project will be well compensated for by the returns in the growth of church attendance, increased church and Sunday School memberships, and a greatly raised standard of Christian fellowship and a more noble civic life of the community. The need is certainly great, and let us hope that many of our churches and pastors will begin to train for this kind of work in their communities.

"NO STANDSTILL"

A certain Baptist minister in a certain University town in this country, many years ago, made this remark in his sermon one Sunday evening: "There is no standstill to Christianity; Christians go forward, or else they go backward."

We have often remembered this pointed expression made by that saint of God. And we have been blessed in heart by having pondered its truth many a time. Christianity is a growing religion, and ever expanding force in the world. Its life rests and ever abides in God, for it shall never pass away.

But why do so many church people fail to grow stronger and brighter in this life giving power of God? And yet, we believe that the answer is not hard to find. For example, when persons desire to grow in knowledge of certain things, they study books to gain knowledge of those vital truths. This is true in science, in history, in literature, in medicine, and the like. The man who desires to become a growing, or a progressive former, studies those things that will lead him to become a well-informed agriculturist, though it takes time for him to do this.

As a matter of fact, we believe the child of God, the born again soul, will not "standstill" when it comes to the matter of his religion. He will read the Bible for divine knowledge, spiritual understanding, and growth in sweet fellowship with the Lord. By frequent prayer, deep meditation, and quiet moments of thought daily with God, the true Christian will grow more and more in grace, and in loving favor with God and his fellow man.

To those who sometimes have the feeling that they have no true spiritual joy, or rarely ever does this joy come to their hearts, we have this to say: For Christianity to be a live and growing power in the human heart, the individual is to apply his heart, soul and mind to spiritual thought, religious activities, and moments of deep meditation and study of the Word of God. It is a matter of conscious activity with a desire to grow day by day in spiritual things. A continuous growth in Christianity is the result which the child of God receives from the ever constant application of his heart, mind and soul to those truths that embrace the teachings of Christ.

New subscriptions to the Baptist paper are being received daily, and the list is growing larger and larger. But we want to see more names added to the Honor Roll month after month until we reach 5,000 subscribers.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

NOT WHITE ENOUGH

I heard several years ago of a young girl, let us call her Ruth, who was an attendant of a Sunday School. There she heard of the Saviour who loved her, and of the mansions He had gone to prepare. She thought she would like to go to Heaven and be with Jesus too but she never got ready to go.

It may be that she did not know how to get ready.

One night she had a dream. She dreamed that she died, and as she walked up to Heaven's gate, found it closed. She knocked, and a kind-looking man opened and asked what she wanted.

"I want to come in," said Ruth.

He looked at her sorrowfully and said, "Your dress is not white enough."

Sadly Ruth turned away, and as she walked she found a pool of water. Taking off her dress, she began to wash it, rubbing till she thought it was clean. When it was dry she put it on and returned to the gate.

Again she heard him say, "Not white enough; you cannot enter here."

Thinking that she must not have got all the stains out, Ruth hastened to the pool and rubbed with all her might until to her eyes, it did seem perfectly white and spotless.

Think of her dismay when she again hears the words "not white enough."

Knowing that she could not make it cleaner, poor Ruth saw that all hope of ever getting in as she was, was lost. Heartbroken she sat down and wept.

A man who was just passing, asked the cause of her grief. Whereupon Ruth told her pitiful story. Cheerily the man said, "Well my little girl, I can help you out of your trouble."

Then he told her of a Fountain of Blood that had been opened for all sin and uncleanness, that if she would wash her dress in that it would be whiter than snow.

Oh, how quickly her feet did run to that Fountain! And when she saw how her dress

was made so white and beautiful, her joy was unbounded.

And her heart had reason to believe that she would not again be rejected at Heaven's gate. And right she was, for as soon as he at the gate, caught a glimpse of her dress, he opened wide the gate and let her in.

Then suddenly dear Ruth awoke. That dream! How wonderful! She could not forget it. What did it mean?

Would she be ready to enter those pearly gates? She was told that God looks not on the outside but upon the heart. Then surely he would see a stained heart, and water could not wash the stains away!

She must go to the Fountain of Blood. And her Bible told her this Fountain was opened by the soldier's spear when he pierced Christ's side. It also told her that if we confess our sins, He is faith and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

So in prayer she went to Christ her Fountain, and told him all her sin. And Christ was faithful and just and forgave and made her clean, just as He promised.—M. E. G., in Echoes from the Valley of Blessing.

LITTLE PLACES

"Master, where shall I work today?"

(My love flowed warm and free.)

He pointed out a tiny plot,

And said: "Tend that for me."

I answered quickly: "Oh, no, not there.

Not anyone would see,

No matter how well my task was done—

Not that little place for me."

His voice, when He spoke, it was not stern,

He answered me tenderly:

"Little one, search that heart of thine;

Are you working for them or Me?

Nazareth was a little place,

And so is Galilee."—Author Unknown

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OLIVET HAS CHURCH SCHOOL EXERCISES

Olivet Free Will Baptist Church in Montgomery County, Tennessee, located on Rossview Pike, 4 miles from Guthrie, Ky., and 13 miles from Clarksville, Tennessee, the county seat of Montgomery County, held commencement exercises for Daily Vacation Bible School Sunday morning, June 10.

The school entered the sanctuary as pianist, Mrs. Ed Siler, played a march. Bible bearer, Carolyn Moore, led the procession.

Nancy Murphy was the United States flag bearer, and Billy Moore, the Christian flag bearer. After saluting each flag and the Bible and singing appropriate songs, Ann Nichols gave the Bible School theme, "Come Unto Me," which was followed by the school's theme song, "Hear Christ Calling Come Unto Me."

The devotion was given by the juniors and intermediates.

Each department then contributed to the program with something which was an outgrowth of the Bible School work.

Four beginners: Terry Moore, Gary Coppedge, Ann Nichols and Connie Moore, sang "Jesus Loves the Little Children."

Mrs. Alvin Moore and Mrs. Orrell Nichols were the teachers in the Beginner Department.

The Primary Department had been studying "Basket Boats" and since Moses' Basket Boat" had proven to be their favorite, they dramatized it in costumes. Characters were: Carolyn Moore, Moses' mother; Doris Anthony, Moses' sister Miriam; William Graham, Moses' brother Aaron; Ernestine Evans, the rushes; Lonnie Evans, the river; Sally Anthony, Pharaoh's daughter the princess; Elizabeth Ann White, the Princess' maid.

Mrs. Smith Crockarell and Mrs. J. B. Murphy were the teachers in the Primary Department.

The Junior and Intermediate Departments had made puppets in the handicraft department during the Bible School. Each group gave puppet shows of Bible stories they had studied during Vacation School.

The Junior Department did the story of "Zacchaeus," and then sang "Walking with Jesus," which had been the theme. Nancy Murphy's puppet was Jesus. Those puppets completed the story were Elizabeth Coppedge, Martha Graham, Rita Ann Siler, Mickey Hays and Billy Moore were in charge of stage arrangements.

Mrs. George Allen and Mrs. Ed Siler were teachers in the Junior Department.

The Intermediates had been studying the "Parables Jesus Told," so their puppets acted out the parable of "The Great Supper." Barbara Moore's puppet was the rich man. Barbara Gibbs was the servant.

The Intermediates sang "What You Are," following their puppet show.

Mrs. George Head and Mrs. Hyman Welch (continued on page fifteen)

Middlesex Orphanage

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

It is with humility that I present to you the thirty-first report of the management and operation of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1951. Herein is summarized the work done and the services performed during the year in providing for and the training of our orphan boys and girls.

Institutional Care of Children

Some seventy-eight boys and girls have been cared for at the Home during the past fiscal year. Two boys and one girl were discharged and a similar number admitted during the year. The two boys graduated from High School before leaving. Figure 2 shows the Parental Status of the Children cared for. The enrollment as of August 31, 1951, was seventy-five.

There were seventeen persons employed for varying periods of time in caring for and working with the children. Staff meetings were held at various times for the purpose of giving consideration to the various phases of the program and to determine how improvements could be made. These meetings have proven to be of vital importance to the on-going of the work of the Home.

It has been realized that personal counseling with the children is important in that it is often helpful to the child in solving his every-day problems. Efforts have been made to limit the work activities to the extent that more personal counseling could be done with the children.

There is still a great need of dividing the children of each sex according to definite age groups in order that staff members may work with, teach, and direct the children in a more satisfactory and meaningful manner. The use of the Albemarle Cottage soon should add greatly to the lives of the boys living there because it provides for the segregation of them according to age groups for their sleeping and play activities. Each Cottage Mother will have only the number of boys that she can manage and work with in a personal way satisfactorily.

Emphasis has been placed on the children's dress and personal hygiene.

An effort has been made to serve the children balanced and wholesome meals within the financial means of the Home. More meat and fresh vegetables have been available in preparing the meals this year than last.

Hospitalization Insurance for the children and staff was maintained during the year. Children needing glasses, dental work, sur-

gery, or other medical attention have received these as provisions could be made.

Provision was made for each child to get one or more vacations during the year to visit either relatives or friends. Where the circumstances permitted, the children have also been allowed to visit friends or relatives. The children have also engaged in other recreational activities such as baseball and softball, swimming and fishing, picnics and visits to the nearby or other towns.

Fire Insurance on buildings and equipment has been maintained as a protective measure.

Educational Program

Our children attended the public schools at Middlesex, as usual, during the year. It is felt that the Principal and Faculty have given our children much consideration and considered them, as much as possible, as they do the children from ordinary homes. The relationship between the school and the Home has been very satisfactory. All of our children were served their noon-day meal in the school lunch room.

In cooperation with the school program, and through the assistance of various Woman's Auxiliaries and the Orphanage, eleven of our children were given either piano or voice lessons. The students progressed satisfactorily. These lessons will be continued during this school year and several other children will have an opportunity to take advantage of this training. The Swine Projects for the boys started last year were continued in a satisfactory manner. An employee spent part of her time assisting girls in learning to make clothing for themselves, as well as doing the regular mending of the clothing.

Rev. Wingate Hansley served as pastor during most of the year. Visiting ministers also held a number of religious services from time to time. Sunday School, F. W. B. League were held each Sunday and the children participated in this regularly. There were six additions to the Church with one dismissal.

Extra-curricular activities that the children have taken part in include High School baseball, softball, basketball, Agriculture and Home Economics Clubs, writing articles for the Young People's Friend and the High School paper.

Farming Program

Again the farm was operated with the children, the farm manager and other farm personnel for short periods of time, as needed. The tobacco crop was rented on halves.

Although the year has been unusually dry for farming purposes, our crops have developed and yielded quite well. Yields

(approximate) are as follows: Oats, 56 bu., Barley, 50 bu., wheat 40 bu. per acre. This year's corn crop is a little above average. The large supply of grains produced have helped considerably in meeting our livestock feed needs.

The swine program has proved very profitable furnishing us approximately 9,000 lbs. of pork and a cash income in the amount of \$3,786.46 from the sale of hogs. The herd consisted of approximately 190 hogs at the end of the year. Our daily program was hampered by Bang's Disease which was brought in with the purchase of two heifers. This resulted in the sale or slaughter of the majority of our cows. All cattle sold brought a profit to the Home. Several of the cows have been replaced. A number of good bred heifers have been bought or donated for replacements. All heifers are being vaccinated in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture for the control of the disease. We now have twenty-five head of cattle. The Dairy was completed last winter and a calf barn was built very economically from materials salvaged from the old barns torn down.

The outlook for the tobacco crop is that it will prove profitable.

Last fall eleven acres of permanent ladino-fescue-orchard grass pasture and 6.5 acres of alfalfa were established and have proven profitable.

About 2.5 acres of garden and 3.5 acres of pasture was cleared by bulldozer last fall.

Campus and Building Improvement Program

An effort has been made to maintain the buildings and grounds in a satisfactory condition and make improvements as funds would permit.

The kitchen and dining hall have been remodeled and repainted with electric stoves added. The Eastern Woman's Auxiliary and conference furnished the funds for the stove and part of the floor covering with churches from other conferences and the Orphanage General Fund bearing the additional cost of this project. The dining tables were covered with inlaid linoleum in order that they may be more sanitary.

All buildings have been grouped and remetered for the purpose of economizing on the use of electricity. Plans have been worked up (through Carolina Power & Light Company) for ample campus lighting, but the funds have not been made available for this work to be done.

The cottage is almost completed. This has involved a great deal of work on the part of the administration and others, but its use will be most beneficial to the Home. Some \$18,721.49 has been borrowed (including cash and materials and \$5,000.00 transferred) for the purpose of completing the cottage. Several thousand dollars of this amount have already been repaid. The Albemarle Conference accepted in a definite way loans in the amount of \$14,000.00, while the institution bears the remainder of the cost. This cottage should be ready for use

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF TREASURER OF FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

ASSETS 31 AUGUST 1951
CASH AND NOTES ON HAND: (31 August 1951)

People's Bank & Trust Co:	
Albemarle Cottage Account . . . \$	19.29
Bed Account (Cottage) . . .	821.93
Girl's Building Account . . .	1,233.42
Superintendent's Account . . .	2.53
Capital Account . . .	1,558.34
Cash Undeposited . . .	425.52
McLeod Educational Loan Fund . . .	810.00
War Bond . . .	25.00

Total Cash and Notes on Hand . . . \$ 4,896.03
Petty Cash Fund . . . 100.00

PLANT ASSET:

Land . . . \$	21,997.62
Buildings . . .	167,984.86
Equipment, Furniture, etc. . .	27,728.54
Livestock . . .	5,110.00
Inventory of Supplies . . .	4,562.61
Total Plant Assets . . .	\$227,383.63

TOTAL ASSETS . . . \$232,379.66

LIABILITIES:

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Unpaid bills . . . \$	793.65
Total Current Liabilities . . . \$	793.65

CAPITAL LIABILITIES:

Deed of Trust:

(Prin. \$10,000.00, Int. \$400.00) . . . \$	10,400.00
(\$5,000.00 Transferred to Cottage)	
Albemarle Cottage Notes (cash)	
(Prin. \$14,000.00, Int. \$135.00) . . .	14,135.00
Albemarle Cottage Notes (materials)	
(Prin. \$3,670.48, Int. \$53.95) . . .	3,727.43

Total Capital Liabilities . . . \$ 28,262.43
BOOK VALUE (Duke Endowment) . . . \$203,323.58

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND BOOK VALUE . . . \$232,379.66

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

1 September 1950 through 31 August 1951

Balance on hand 1 September 1950 . . . \$10,558.14

RECEIPTS

Religious Organizations . . .	\$35,204.89
Duke Endowment . . .	3,214.47
Legacy (Church) . . .	500.00
Parents and Relatives . . .	1,621.98
Friends . . .	2,017.70
Refunds . . .	1,257.88
Young People's Friend . . .	140.50
Concerts and Representatives . . .	7,310.19
Cash Sales Farm, Dairy, Garden . . .	7,901.28
Coupons . . .	533.37
Material or Junk Sold . . .	27.22
Transferred from other accounts . . .	156.26
Albemarle Cottage . . .	3,024.63
Money Borrowed (Cottage) . . .	15,051.01
Church Contributions . . .	565.74
Sale of Property or Securities . . .	141.59

Total Receipts for Year . . . \$78,668.71

Total Cash to Account for . . . \$89,226.85

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries . . .	\$12,309.37
Office Supplies . . .	452.34
Telephone and Telegraph . . .	340.44
Insurance (All) . . .	1,770.29

Board and Conference Expenses . . .	1,083.96
Financing and Publicity . . .	1,472.57
Travel (Administrative) . . .	810.58
Food . . .	7,857.71
Clothing and Toilet Articles . . .	5,124.23
Refunds . . .	83.24
Laundry . . .	291.13
Household Supplies . . .	818.71
Recreation . . .	70.32
Travel Relating to Care of Children . . .	159.42
Health and Health Supplies . . .	527.27
Education . . .	740.30
Fuel, light, power, water, ice . . .	5,050.72
Plant Operation, repair and replacement . . .	3,828.59
Farm Supplies . . .	4,779.50
Farm Repair and Replacement . . .	1,699.32
Replacement of Livestock . . .	1,399.79
Travel (Farm) . . .	73.34
Young People's Friend . . .	265.66
Land Improvements . . .	735.00
New Buildings (Cottage \$23,479.21, Church \$1,615.39) . . .	25,094.60
New Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures . . .	3,550.03
Mortgage or Capital Loans Repaid . . .	4,391.89
Additional Livestock . . .	50.00
Annuity Bond Payments . . .	336.00

Total Disbursed for year . . . \$85,165.82
Cash Balance 31 August 1951 . . . 4,061.03

Total Cash Accounted For . . . \$89,226.85

Donated Commodities

Food . . .	\$1,855.10
Clothing . . .	684.89
Household Supplies . . .	1,727.83
Farm Supplies and Livestock . . .	2,642.75
Other (Services, recreation, etc.) . . .	169.45

Total donated commodities value . . . \$7,080.02

Budget Receipts for the Year

Quota	Conference or Association	Raised
\$13,200.00	Eastern Conference	\$12,288.52
13,200.00	Central Conference	9,424.61
10,560.00	Western Conference	9,077.17
5,280.00	Cape Fear Conference	3,293.27
4,400.00	Albemarle Conference—(cottage not included)	1,261.81
4,400.00	French Broad Association	2,116.93
4,400.00	Piedmont Association	1,272.60
1,760.00	Rockfish Association	665.82
1,760.00	Pee Dee Association	735.68
2,640.00	Jack's Creek Association	775.53
2,640.00	Toe River Association	191.77
.00	Western Yearly	52.00
1,760.00	Individuals and Friends	2,517.70
\$66,000.00		—\$43,673.41

The Conference and Association Budget for 1951-52 will be the same as in the previous year of 1950-51.

Concert Class and Representative Receipts

Rev. W. A. Hansley, Representative . . .	743.44
Miss Rosa Taylor, Manager . . .	340.24
Mr. Walter McD. Croom, Representative . . .	203.89
In Lieu of Concert Class . . .	269.79
Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager . . .	\$5,752.83

Total . . . \$7,310.19

WALTER MCD. CROOM, Treasurer.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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shortly after the delayed lighting fixture and boiler parts arrive.

A hardwood floor has been placed in the church, a walk poured and the doors weatherstripped. Funds are still being received for the purpose of completing the church. Only minor repairs have been made to the girls' dormitory, while a coal bin has been made through renovating a basement room. Plans have been made for enlarging the bathrooms, and for the purchase of new chests of draws which are badly needed.

Financing and Publicity

Rev. W. A. Hansley has been employed during the major part of the year to help with the raising of funds for the Home and keeping the orphanage before the constituents.

Regular church conferences, associations, union meetings, Woman's Auxiliary Conferences, etc., have been attended by designated members of the staff when possible, with an effort to keep the orphanage, its progress and needs before our people. Much interest in the Home at these meetings has been shown through their acceptance of a number of orphanage projects.

The Woman's Auxiliary in the various conferences have contributed in a great way in raising funds for the Kitchen and Dining room project, the furnishing of a new supply of linens, etc., and are now in the process of completely furnishing the Albemarle Cottage with new furniture throughout.

The collection and sale of coupons has been increased to the extent that the income from this source more than doubled that received last year.

Three concert groups were trained to present a program in the churches requesting a class to visit them. These were rotated in visiting the churches in order that these visits would not become so tiring on the children. Each church was given a choice between requesting the concert class, a representative, presenting a program with local talent, or taking a special collection for the Home. The income from this source has been less than that received last year, however, a good number of the churches have indicated that their special collections would be taken either in September, October, or November because a larger contribution could be made at these specified times.

An effort has been made to keep the Home before the people through the use of more pictures in the Young People's Friend in a more effective manner.

We have encouraged our church groups to support our home and expressed our appreciation for their contributions and assistance through the use of several thousand letters, postal cards, mimeographs and bulletins. A special bulletin was prepared and distributed to all of the churches in the Albemarle Conference with the purpose

in mind to better acquaint each church member with the Albemarle Cottage Project and increase his interest in and the acceptance of his church's part of the \$14,000.00 loan.

The over-all contributions from religious organizations exceeded last year's contribution by several thousand dollars.

Alumni Association

The Alumni Association expressed again this year its interest in the orphanage. It has sponsored the "Interest in the Home" awards given to the boy and girl making the greatest contribution to the Home. The Alumni ball diamond project was accepted and should be completed in the near future. The idea in mind, as expressed at the meeting of the Association is to provide a diamond and equipment for the children in order that they may profitably use their excess energy to develop their bodies during "off" time.

Institutional Support

Although the economic conditions of our country have been quite changeable during the year, resulting generally in higher prices for manufactured products and lower prices for farm products sold, our contributions from churches and their auxiliaries have increased over last year's contributions. It is felt that making the orphanage contributions a part of the regular church budgets partly accounts for this increase. Through the cooperative efforts of our ministers and laymen we have been able to operate the home during the year without borrowing any money for operational purposes.

The various Woman's Auxiliaries and their Conventions have increased their combined effort to help us make improvements at the home and meet the individual needs of the home. The Auxiliaries have sponsored clothing for the children, the kitchen project, linen drive and furnishings for the Albemarle Cottage. Much food, clothing, money, and other needs have come to the Home through the auxiliaries.

The church fund and girls' building funds have been added to during the year. The Sunday Schools of the Central Conference have been contributing regularly thru their convention for the purpose of finishing and equipping a Sunday School room in the Church. A number of church groups are also becoming interested in finishing the church. The Home has been recipient of a legacy to be applied on the church.

We have enjoyed the visits of our young people singularly and in church groups. We have also enjoyed the services of Doctors, nurses, and others during the year, which we greatly appreciate.

We have endeavored to increase enthusiasm in our orphanage program by giving to our people the facts and needs of our Home. The over-all response and cooperation has been most gratifying.

Needs of the Home

During this year we have been able to make plant improvements to the extent that our over-all needs are not quite so great, however, there still exist the follow-

ing needs which are of immediate concern: (1) Completing the Orphanage Memorial Chapel, (2) Renovating and re-equipping the girl's dormitory, (3) More beautification of the grounds, (4) Increasing our educational loan fund, especially for the girls, (5) Endowment funds to enable us to increase our plant facilities, (6) The incorporation of more Vocational Training for our children in the regular orphanage program.

Our people are becoming more acquainted with the needs of the Home and are anxious to help meet them for the most part. We still have much work to do in connection with bettering our techniques and working out more thoroughly ways and means of raising funds through our people to meet these needs. We believe that our people will continue to respond in an increasing manner, if we can continue to solicit their support through well-planned and cooperative efforts.

As we look ahead into the future, we should give consideration to the long-time objectives in orphanage care because any progressive institution plans well ahead and then makes its plans work. The institution's objectives should be directed toward making better provision for the orphan child and at the same time train him so he can better fit himself into our society as a useful citizen.

More individual training in work activities, personal relationships and Christian activities are greatly needed by the children and every effort should be made to make provision for these types of training as rapidly as possible.

We know that our people are interested in our Home and are ready to work in its behalf as plans are prepared by the orphanage administration and Directors. The combined efforts of our people have resulted in a period of progress for our Home and it is hoped that this can continue on into the future.

I appreciate the opportunity of serving our institution during the past year. Your assistance in carrying on the orphanage program has added to the success of the work of the Home. May we all give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His abiding spirit and look to Him for guidance during the coming year. His Grace is Sufficient.

Yours in His Service,
Walter McD. Croom,
Superintendent

WHAT EDUCATION MEANS

Education does not mean teaching people what they do not know. It means teaching them to behave as they do not behave. It is not teaching the youth the shapes of the letters and the tricks of numbers, and then leaving them to turn their arithmetic to roguery, and their literature to lust. It means, on the contrary, training them into the perfect exercise and kingly continence of their bodies and souls. It is a painful, continual, and difficult work to be done by kindness, by watching, by warning, by precept, and by praise; but, above all, by example.—John Ruskin

HIS MESSAGE

On July 31, 1951, I tendered my resignation to the Board of Trustees as Superintendent and Treasurer of the Orphanage, in order that I may accept a position in my own professional field. Rev. S. A. Smith, my successor, will assume the responsibilities as Superintendent of the Home on November 1, 1951.

Before leaving the Home, I would like to take this opportunity to express to our many Free Will Baptist ministers, laymen, and friends my appreciation for the moral and financial support which you have given the institution during the years I have endeavored to serve you as Superintendent and Treasurer of our orphanage.

Upon accepting the work at the Home, it was realized that it was a great work, requiring the best that was in us and that it would involve sacrifices of our time, energy, personal satisfaction, and means. During these years our love for the children, the Home, and the work that the Home is doing in providing opportunities for orphan boys and girls has afforded us with a satisfaction which has probably exceeded whatever sacrifices have been made.

Together we have been able to expand our work in the following areas:

1. Child Training and Welfare

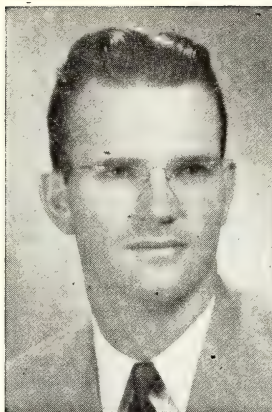
A sewing room with electric machines has been set up with a number of the girls given a sewing course as well as providing for experience in this area. The musical training program was initiated and there are now thirteen children taking special lessons in either piano or voice. Denim livestock projects have been established for several of the boys with them devoting half of the profit made from the management of the livestock enterprise.

2. Buildings and Grounds

The kitchen and dining hall have been painted with new kitchen equipment installed where needed. A grease-proof tile has been laid on the floor of the kitchen. The Albemarle Cottage has become a reality with the new furnishings installed throughout the building. The cottage was planned that the boys could be divided into two more definite age groups with basement playrooms for each group. A nice well furnished study or library is a definite part of the structure. The old barns formerly standing near the Church have been torn down providing an area for the Alumni ball mound. The appearance of the lawns has been improved.

3. The Farming Program

A definite program for the improvement of the farm and its productivity has been initiated. The number of livestock has been increased, new permanent pastures established and a decided increase in the yields of corn and small grains and hay crops has been realized. The dairy barn has been completed and a calf barn built. The over-



WALTER McD. CROOM

all operation of the farm has proved profitable.

In spite of the continued rise in the cost of living we have been able to operate the Home on an economical basis without borrowing money for this purpose.

The fruit of your labors is not only being realized at the present time, but shall have its effect in the years to come upon the lives of boys and girls who shall become our children from time to time.

I personally appreciate the personal consideration that each of you have given my family and me above and beyond that which is in keeping with the office which I have endeavored to fill. My wife and I have enjoyed our visits into your various homes and the associations that we have had with you from time to time. As I assume my responsibilities of my new work in the field of Agriculture, I leave with you and the Home my best wishes for its continued success in the rearing and training of orphan boys and girls.

Again, may I express to you my appreciation for the opportunity to serve you and our Home as Superintendent and Treasurer.

Most sincerely yours,
Walter McD. Croom.

SUBSCRIPTION HONOR ROLL

Mrs J. J. Blizard, Deep Run, N. C.	21
Owen Thomas, Four Oaks, N. C.	21
Mrs John R. Murphy, Snow Hill, N. C.	20
Mrs Franklyn Eaddy, Johnsonville, S. C.	16
W. H. Calvert, Belmont, N. C.	14
Oma Owens, Chipley, Fla.	14
Mrs G. F. Head, Guthrie, Ky.	13
I. J. Blackwelder, Alma, Ga.	12
Mrs Lois Coward, Coward, S. C.	12
Mrs Elton Harper, Deep Run, N. C.	12
Mrs Geneva Pope, Kenly, N. C.	9
J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C.	8
Mrs Carl Barrow, Snow Hill, N. C.	7
Mrs G. C. Carter, Sr., Baxley, Ga.	7
Clarence J. Little, Greenville, N. C.	7
E. C. Morris, Tifton, Ga.	6
Louis H. Moulton, Glennville, Ga.	6
W. L. Moretz, Swannanoa, N. C.	5
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Mrs Hubert Ferrell, Lucama, N. C.	5
Willie Lou Turner, Pamlico, S. C.	5

HOW DO WE BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD?

George Rainey

"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name" (John 1:11, 12).

This important question finds its answer in the above words. We know we are children of our parents by birth. In like manner God becomes our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour through the New Birth. Without it, no one, whether rich or poor, high or low, can enter Heaven or become a child of God, because God is Holy and man is unholy. Man is a fallen creature. He is at a great distance from God, and lost.

Hence if a man is to know God he must have a life and nature suitable to God otherwise he cannot go where God is or enjoy Him. Thus salvation, or regeneration, is what man needs and is offered to all mankind as a free gift through Christ Jesus that he, as a condemned sinner, may live forever. Having discovered the necessity of the New Birth let us learn how we become children of God.

We may have blue blood and come from a line of kings, but in no way will this change our sinful nature. Heredity is a good thing but it is not good enough for a righteous God. "Except a man be born from above, he cannot see the Kingdom of Heaven" (marg.). It is "not the will of men." No act of man or ordinance of religion can impart the new birth or the right to be God's child. Inheritance of Christian parents or baptism or any other human act cannot help to obtain it. It is for all "that believe." The new birth is from God purchased by the death of Christ on the Cross. It is for all who will accept Him. This and nothing more is the new birth or the great change. Only in this way can perishing sinners have eternal life and become children of God. Will you trust the Lord Jesus Christ and become His child to-day? "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I John 5:12).—Faithful Words.

St. Claire Bible Class

M. B. HUTCHINSON, McArthur, Ohio



GOD REVEALS HIMSELF TO MOSES

(Lesson for November 4)

LESSON: Exodus 3:1-15

GOLDEN TEXT: Exodus 3:15

I. The Heart of the Lesson

Our lesson last week contained the story of how it was necessary for Moses to flee from Egypt after his rash and premature act of slaying a cruel Egyptian taskmaster. He went to the Sinai peninsula, became a shepherd for Jethro, married Jethro's daughter Zipporah, and became the father of two sons. One day as he tended his flock near Mount Sinai, Moses saw an amazing sight. A desert bush was aflame, but it did not burn up. Then from the bush there came a voice, and lo, it was calling him! Filled with awe, Moses answered "Here am I." Then, as though to impress Moses with the sacredness of the place and hour, the voice said further, "Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet." Verily the place was holy ground! Then God's announcement concerning himself connected what he was about to do with the covenant made with the patriarchs. God revealed to Moses his purpose to deliver the afflicted Israelites and bring them into the good land which had been promised to them centuries before—Arnold's Commentary

1. The backside of the desert is sometimes the place to which God brings us in order to reveal Himself better to us (Exod. 3:1).

2. God is with us in the fires of affliction, and He is there to burn out the dross in us (vs. 2).

3. Many people are so absorbed in "tending sheep" that they fail to see the God who wants to speak to them (vs. 3).

4. God knows the name that was given to us by our parents and uses it in speaking to us (vs. 4).

5. He who comes near to God becomes aware of God's holiness and his own unworthiness (vs. 5).

6. There is comfort in knowing that the same God whom our parents and grandparents worshipped is personally interested in us (vs. 6).

7. There is comfort in knowing that the God of our parents is fully acquainted with all our experiences (vs. 7).

8. The God who calls us to come is also the God who wants to send us out to bring others (vs. 10).

9. It is a sad condition when the children of God-fearing parents do not know the Name of that God (vs. 13).

10. We are not left in any doubt as to the identity of the God who calls us to represent Him among men (vss. 14, 15).—Selected

11. Israel's cries had been made all those years unto the Lord, and they waited in patience for deliverance. God had a purpose in delaying their deliverance from the cruel Egyptian slavery, as he had a purpose in testing Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. All prayers and supplications of God's people are not answered in a day. God uses his own good time to bring things to pass for his glory and the people's ultimate good. So it was with Moses and the children of Israel.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. It was Moses' responsibility now to convince the people that the same God who had personally led and sustained their forefathers had sent him to deliver them from their cruel taskmasters and lead them out of Egyptian bondage. The God who was directing him was no powerless god like the false gods of Egypt, but a living, eternal God who had definitely exercised and demonstrated His love and power. Moses' task was to convince the Israelites that they were the children of promise, and that the God of the covenant with their fathers was eternal and unchangeable, and had sent him to deliver them from

the land of bondage.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

13. If time permits, your class might list and then consider the reasonableness of each question and statement of Moses to God: (1) "Here am I;" (2) "Who am I?" (3) "What is your name?" (4) "Suppose they will not believe me?" (5) "I am slow of speech;" (6) "Send whom thou wilt." What was God's answer to each and how did God feel about each? Did Moses' hesitancy make him trouble later? (In a later lesson, Exodus 32, we find Aaron making the golden calf which the people worshipped. And in Numbers 12:1 he shows up as a trouble-maker.)—Arnold's.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Nothing too Hard for God

One night recently when I was crossing the Atlantic, an officer of our boat told me that we had just passed over the spot where the Titanic went down. And I thought of all that life and wreckage beyond the power of man to recover and redeem. And I thought of the great bed of the deep sea, with all its held treasure, too far down for man to reach and restore. "Too far down!" And then I thought of all the human wreckage engulfed and sunk in oceanic depths of nameless sin. Too far gone! For what? Too far down! For what? Not too far down for the love of God! Listen to this: "He descended into hell," and He will descend again if you are there. "If I make my bed in hell, thou art there." "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." "He bore our sin"; then He got beneath it; down to it and beneath it; and there is no human wreckage lying in the ooze of the deepest sea of iniquity that His deep love cannot reach and redeem. What a Gospel! However far down, God's love can get beneath it!—J. H. Jewett.

A man should be ashamed to run his own life the minute he finds out there is a God.

—Paul Rader

There isn't a nerve in the body as sensitive as the Holy Ghost.

—Paul Rader

October Is Superannuation Month In North Carolina

"IN AS MUCH"

The loving thought, the kindly tone, Another's need before your own, Sympathy tenderly expressed, Wrong that by us may be redressed: A smile—a thoughtful act—a touch, These little things, they mean so much. To each comes opportunity: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto these, ye did it unto me."

If we are searching for some worthy object to share our blessings with, we can think of no better way to show our gratitude to our heavenly Father for His wonderful goodness to us, who are active and able to serve, than to share them with our superannuated ministers.

They are legally entitled to our very best consideration at all times, for unto us a charge has been given to "bear the infirmities of the weak," so we need to make every provision possible in the support of our Superannuation program.

Some one has said "A Christian is a Mind through which God thinks, a Heart through which God loves, a Voice through which God speaks, a Hand through which God helps."

If we could realize the seriousness of this statement, and make honest application to ourselves, we could not wait for appeals to come to us for benevolent purposes, for we would ever behold the nail-pierced hands of our blessed Redeemer, saying unto us, "Give, and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38).

A few years ago our old retired preachers were referred to as "forgotten men," if at all. This is all changed today because some one caught a vision of these disabled "watchmen" who had spent their lives in willing and sacrificial service, and decided that it was time for action in behalf of these godly men. They needed their latter days to be spent more comfortably, with the hope that they might have the joy of knowing that they are loved and appreciated. We cannot reward them for their many sacrifices and hardships—only God can do that—but we are reminding our people that October is Superannuation month, and that we are being urged to contribute to the cause as liberally as possible.

I was in a business meeting of a Woman's Auxiliary a few nights ago, where I planned to make an appeal for Superannuation, but to my great joy, the 6th Vice-President arose and reminded the group that she was expecting a contribution for our retired ministers. I was glad to see one 6th Vice-

President on her job. The Auxiliary voted to send \$50.00 for this purpose. The next night, I was in a yearly Conference of the church, when there was \$50.00 appropriated for Superannuation. This church is planning big things for the Lord, with His leadership and blessings. What this church and auxiliary has done for Superannuation, others can do, and even surpass this amount. Auxiliaries should send their contributions direct to the State Treasurer, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C., stating name and place of Auxiliary, also conference district. Churches should send direct to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Sims, N. C., Route 1.

The truth of God is marching on. The men of old presented it as they went up and down through dark, filthy slums, in hospital wards, in prison cells and camps, into hovels of poverty, among despairing men and women, binding up wounds, and preaching the truth from the sacred desk, whether it was in the pulpit, some humble home, or by the way-side—wherever the Lord led, they went with the sweet Old Story of Christ and His power to save. By reason of their far reaching labour and influence, the gracious effect of their ministry is felt today among Free Will Baptists everywhere. It does not stop there, it is still bearing fruit for the Master. Let us notice Paul's exhortation, Acts 20:35, "I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Since we have added the widows of deceased ministers to our list, to receive small pensions, there is greater need for us to support our Superannuation program than ever before, in order that we may be able to increase the amount to each one.

May the Lord lead us to "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." Let us do it now, lest we forget.

In His service,
Alice E. Lupton

STOP, LOOK AND READ!

N. V. Avery
Selma, N. C.

No doubt, you have already been reading through the Baptist that October is Superannuation month for the people of North Carolina. Just once a year, or one month of the year you are reminded of this worthy cause for our retired ministers and ministers widows. I am sure you are aware of the fact and will agree that the

necessities of life are at the highest peak in prices that any of us have ever seen and probably will go higher.

Brothers and sisters, can you imagine one of these worn out soldiers of the cross trudging down the side walk of one of our fair cities, gazing into the windows at the nice warm clothing and many good things to eat so temptingly displayed? "Yes, he has a feeling as you and I do. I would like to have this, but my check was too small and I can't afford it." No doubt, he has been looking forward to the time when his check would be increased just a little. Now, dear people, here is where we come into the picture. Let us really put Superannuation across in a big way by letting these retired ministers and ministers' widows know for sure we have not forgotten them. Remember, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Make your offering for the great and worthy cause the greatest you have every sent in. Don't put it off any longer. If you haven't already sent in your offering, do so as early as possible to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Sims, N. C. All ladies Auxiliaries' should send theirs to Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C.

"WHERE AM I GOING?"

One fine summer evening, as the sun was going down, a man was seen trying to make his way through the lanes and crossroads that led to his village home. His unsteady, staggering way of walking, showed that he had been drinking; and though he had lived in that village more than thirty years, he was now so drunk that it was impossible for him to find his way home.

Quite unable to tell where he was, at last he uttered a dreadful oath, and said to a person going by, "I've lost my way. Where am I going?"

The man thus addressed was an earnest Christian. He knew the poor drunkard very well, and pitied him greatly. When he heard the inquiry, "Where am I going?" in a quiet, sad, solemn way, he answered—"To ruin!"

The poor staggering man stared at him wildly for a moment, and then murmured, with a groan, "That's so!"

"Come with me," said the other kindly, "and I'll take you home."

The next day came. The effect of the drink had passed away, but those two little words, tenderly and lovingly spoken to him, did not pass away. "To ruin! to ruin!" he kept whispering to himself. "It's true, I'm going to ruin! O God, help me, and save me!"

Thus he was stopped on his way to ruin. By earnest prayer to God, he sought the grace which made him a true Christian. His feet were established on the Rock. It was a Rock broad enough to reach that poor, miserable drunkard, and it lifted him up from his wretchedness, and made a useful, happy man of him.—Selected.

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

One Sacrifice Sufficient

Millions of people in the world think that they have to keep making sacrifices in order to please God and find forgiveness of their sins, but the only SACRIFICE acceptable with God for the sins of human beings was made on the cross of Calvary when Jesus Christ cried, "It is finished."

"For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things to come, can never with those sacrifices, which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not ceased to be offered? Because that the worshipers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hath thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when he said sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither had pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By which will we are sanctified through the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Heb. 10:1-10).

Our salvation is perfected "once for all" in Jesus Christ. There is no need for other sacrifices for sin. To make a sacrifice for sin now is to "crucify the Lord Jesus afresh."

The 11th verse says: "And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes and same sacrifices which can never take away sins: But this man (The Lord Jesus) after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God" (Heb. 10:11, 12.) This shows that when Jesus took His seat at the right hand of God that His work as our redeemer and only Saviour had completed His work and His glory had been realized and in keeping with His prayer in John seventeen. "These words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that the Son also may glorify thee" . . . "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work

which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thy own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was" (John 17:1, 4, 5).

Jesus finished His work on the earth that He might get back to His work in heaven. His finished work on earth produced a perfect work for all believers in Him. We are warned against men who would spoil us by perverting the Scriptures or by preaching any Gospel save that of the Lord Jesus Christ which gives His assurance of eternal life through God's grace as recorded in Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Thus a complete, perfect, and finished work on the Cross was God's plan for the salvation of man. We read, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of man, after the rudiments of the law, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power" (Col. 2:8-10).

Let me repeat, we are warned against "tradition of men." Tradition is only man's story. God's written word is all sufficient. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:13).

We notice that Paul says, as quoted above, that "Ye are complete in Him." That is, in Christ Jesus we are complete. Completely saved from the guilt of sin. Completely taken out of the bondage of sin. Completely "Born again." Completely made a child of God. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus" . . . (Rom. 8:1).

When Work Is Added

When men try to be saved by works, they get out of God's will. The Jews believed in works for salvation, they trusted in their law for salvation, and they even glorified in the law. But we hear Paul say, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" (Gal. 16:14).

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law. "But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building: neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God" (Heb. 9:11-14).

Christ Our Only Mediator

"And for this cause he is the mediator

of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance" (Heb. 9:15).

"For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one. Is the law the against the promises of God? God forbid for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ; that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:18-27).

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time" (1 Tim. 2:5, 6).

Yes, Jesus Christ is our Mediator and our only Mediator. He is in Heaven. I you are conscious of sins in your life, take your case to the only Mediator who has the power to forgive sins, for John writes: "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only but for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:12).

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Rev. F. B. Cherry, a well known evangelist from Durham, N. C., will begin a revival meeting at Cabin F. W. B. church Duplin County, N. C., on Monday night after fourth Sunday in October, which will be the 29th. The meeting will run on the following week, ending Saturday night, November 3rd.

A cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend these services.

Reporter

He puts one who is orderly with one who is untidy, that both may learn lessons. Of ten our environment is but an answer to our prayers.

Humility leads to strength and not to weakness. It is the highest form of self respect to admit mistakes and to make amends for them.—John J. McCloy.

PROGRAM

Following is the program for the Seventh Annual Session of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists, to be held with Hickory Grove Church, near Malone, Florida, November 2nd and 3rd, 1951.

FRIDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Devotional, Host Church
- 9:45—Welcome Address, Miss Miranda Ditty
- 10:00—Appointment of Credentials, Nominating and Program Committees
- 10:15—Report of National Bible College, Rev. Henry Melvin
- 10:45—Recess for Credentials Committee compile report
- 11:00—Sermon, Rev. Henry Chesnut; alternate, Rev. C. A. Huckaby
- 12:00—Noon Hour

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotional, Malone church
- 1:45—Moderator's message
- 2:15—Credentials Committee Report
- 2:45—Report of Promotional Secretary, Rev. D. C. Dodd
- 3:15—Adjournment

FRIDAY NIGHT

- 6:45—Missionary Service by the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey of Cuba

SATURDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Song Service
- 9:45—Devotional, Rev. J. M. Rich
- 10:00—Report of Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Chester Pelt
- 10:20—Business Session. (Reports from Boards and Committees.)
- 11:00—Sermon, Rev. Ralph Lightsey
- 12:00—Noon Hour

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotional, Rev. I. O. Cook
- 1:45—Continuation of Business Session
- 2:30—Appointment of delegates and report of nominating and program committees
- 3:00—Adjournment

By Rufus Hyman

Secretary of Fla. State Assn.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF GREAT LAKES (FREE WILL BAPTIST) YOUTH CAMP

RECEIPTS

From Campers	\$832.00
From Camp Store	90.30
Mr. B. Chaney	20.00
Miss Hasselbach	10.00
Mr. W. Brady	10.00
Sale of leather goods	8.80
Sale of merchandise	1.59
Total Receipts	\$972.69

DISBURSEMENTS

Rent of Mill Lake Camp	\$158.75
Davis Packing Co. (meat)	92.84
Printing, Postage, A. Ca. fee	80.00
Lee-Cady Co. (groceries)	62.25
Candy for Store	49.00
Utilities (gas and electricity))	43.45
Matkin Poultry Co.	40.62

NATIONAL RADIO COMMISSION FOR FREE WILL BAPTISTS

W. A. Hales, Chm. W. S. Mooneyham, Vice-Chm. James A. Evans, Secy.-Treas.

STATION	CITY	KC.	TIME
KXRJ	Russellville	ARKANSAS 1490	Sun., 9:30-9:45 A. M.
WLTC	Gastonia	NORTH CAROLINA 1370	Sat., 10:30 A. M.
WGTM	Wilson	590	Sun., 8:00-8:30 A. M.
WCAV	Norfolk	VIRGINIA 850	Sun., 8:00-9:00 P. M.

The above listings are programs sponsored by local groups. If you wish your program listed, write to the commission Secretary, Box 203, Wilson, N. C.

Hickory Ridge Dairy	39.05
Groceries bought locally for kitchen use	30.00
Coca-Cola Co. (Camp store)	24.88
Dearborn Leather Goods (materials)	24.43
Materials for teachers	21.10
Guass Baking Co.	18.43
Mattresses spoiled by campers	17.08
Bus and truck expenses (transportation)	23.00
Fresh vegetables	13.65
Rent of trailer	12.50
Refund to campers	12.00
Gifts for cooks	10.50
Dishes	7.00
First aid supplies	3.92

Total Disbursements	\$784.45
Balance	\$188.24

Items Donated

Mr. and Mrs. George Plain	groceries
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dishman	Ice-cream
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Tyler	Use of truck
Mr. W. Brady	Trailer
Woman's Auxiliaries from Hazel Park, Highland Park, and West Wayne Churches	gave canned foods.

P. S.—Several dollars worth of foods, and materials, were left over and are stored for next year's use.

Attendance Record

Number paid campers	81
Partial rate campers	4
Free campers	2
Children not camp age	5
Counselors	14
Cooks	7
Total Attendance	113

Attendance of Campers by Churches

Highland Park Church	35
Hazel Park Church	20
West Wayne Church	12
General Baptist (Pontiac)	7
Evangelical Baptist	5
Ten Mile Road Church	3
No church listed	2
Free Will Baptist Mission	1
Philadelphia Church	1
Zoller Tabernacle	1
Total	87

Your Camp Committee:

Rev. Homer E. Willis, Dir.

Rev. W. T. Newsome, Asst.

Mrs. D. Shaw

OLIVET HAS CHURCH SCHOOL EXERCISES

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were the teachers in the Intermediate Department.

Teachers from the different departments awarded certificates to their pupils.

Mrs. Richard Parham, principal of the Daily Vacation Bible School, recognized all who had contributed to the success of the school, including Mrs. Jesse Hays, who had furnished delicious refreshments throughout the week. Mrs. Parham announced that the children of the school had voted to send their school's offering to the Children's Home at Greeneville, Tennessee.

Everyone was invited to visit the display of work in each classroom.

Mrs. George Coppedge and Mrs. Parham were in charge of handicrafts holding classes in the church basement all during the Bible School.

The entire school sang, "I Love Vacation School," after which the Rev. W. C. Clearman, pastor, gave the benediction.

Inspired by Nationwide Conference

My husband and I, along with another couple, attended the Nationwide Free Will Baptist League Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, in July. We came home with filled souls, and determined to tell the news to every one. We were disappointed at first by their cold shoulders, but were still determined to tell them of the wonderful meeting in Nashville. People will have to attend a meeting like this to really believe what there is in them. We plan to attend every one possible, the Lord willing. We were certainly blessed at the meeting.

Arkansas is far behind with league work, but we are moving upward, with the help of our blessed Lord. We would like to get Arkansas leaguers to open their eyes and see the opportunities at our doors. There are very few reports in our Free Will Baptist papers about Arkansas meetings.

Mrs. Betty Sawrie,
Route 2, Conway, Ark.

PROGRAM

Following is the program for the 1951 session of the Cape Fear Conference, to convene with Bethel Church, Johnson County, N. C., on Thursday, November 1, 1951, at 10:00 A. M. Music directed and planned by Brother Owen Thomas for entire session.

THURSDAY MORNING

- 10:00—Song service by congregation
- Worship led by Rev. S. C. Davis
- Welcome address—Pastor of local church
- Response, Mr. Paul Lassiter
- 10:40—Enrollment of Officers, Standing Boards, Delegates and Visitors
- Appointment of Temporary Committees
- 11:00—Worship, Music arranged by local church
- 11:20—Introductory sermon—Rev. L. R. Ennis
- 12:00—Recess for Dinner

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:30—Worship led by Rev. M. E. Godwin
- Report of churches
- Petition from churches desiring membership
- 2:00—Report of Executive Board
- 2:20—Missions
- Report of Mission Board, Rev. S. C. Davis
- Report of Temperance and Civic Righteousness
- 3:00—Miscellaneous Business
- 3:30—Adjournment

EVENING SERVICE

- 7:30—Worship
- 7:45—Sermon, Rev. Albert T. Coats

FRIDAY MORNING

- 10:00—Worship led by G. S. Stevens
- 10:15—Reading of minutes of previous day
- 10:20—Report of Committee on Resolutions
- 10:30—Report of Orphanage work by Superintendent of Home
- 11:00—Worship
- 11:15—Conference Sermon, Rev. C. H. Coats
- 12:00—Recess for dinner

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Worship led by Rev. Walter Reynolds
- 1:15—Christian Education
- Report of Board of Education
- 2:00—Treasurer's report
- 2:05—Report of Board of Ordination
- 2:10—Superannuation Work and Church Finance Association, Inc., report
- 2:20—Report of Temporary Committee
- 2:30—Miscellaneous business
- 3:00—Adjournment, closing remarks and prayer—Rev. W. H. Lancaster
- Program arranged by Executive Bd.

If you would be electric with influence, go out with the spirit of divine courage.—*Rev. F. C. Scott.*

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Rev. C. L. Patrick will begin a two weeks' revival campaign at Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church on October 22, 1951. The public is invited to attend these services.

Alfred Ginn,
Clerk, Hull Road Church

We pray for more love, and God sends peculiar suffering, and puts us with apparently unlovely persons and lets them say things to rasp the nerves, lacerate the heart and sting the conscience; for love suffers long and is kind; love is not impolite; love is not provoked; love bears, love believes, hopes, and endures; love never faileth (1 Cor. 13:4-8; John 15:9, 10).

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NOTICE

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HICKORY GROVE REPORTS PROGRESS

We, at Hickory Grove Church, had a wonderful revival meeting. Reverend C. L. Patrick of Grifton, North Carolina, began revival services fifth Sunday night in September. Large crowds attended each night. His gospel messages were an inspiration and blessing to all. We had six additions to our church by baptism and three by letter. Mrs. Patrick did splendid work among the young people.

On Friday night we observed "Youth Night," in which the young people took part. Becky and Barbara Patrick, daughters of Reverend and Mrs. Patrick, rendered many beautiful hymns which were thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.

Our Sunday School is also growing and the Lord has blessed us greatly. Our efforts to build Sunday School rooms have progressed so that we hope to start building soon. Our pastor, Reverend Clarence Little of Greenville, North Carolina, Route 1, encourages us and is doing splendid work with us.

We extend to everyone a most cordial invitation to come out and worship with us.

Miss Doris Leggett

Somebody is going to heaven or hell because of our lives.—*Rev. B. Carradine.*

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"Get Me That BOOK"

Although it happened many years ago, I am glad to be able to furnish from a stenographic report still another of those incidents that must challenge the sacrificial concern of world-minded Christians.

Bishop Oldham, a native of India, relates this incident at a student conference at Silver Bay, New York:

"Let me tell you a story. I was a Christian man, living in India, a surveyor in the employ of the Government, and was sent to survey the desert of Rajputana in the Northwest. I entered the desert with the necessary accoutrements. When night came on I would send a message to the little oasis (it is amazing what a number of Hindus can live on a little piece of green ground, supported on less than two cents a day); my servants would go and say, 'Our Master will be here and after the evening meal he wants to see you.'

"They knew I was an official of the Government, and perhaps there was a suspicion that I had a Government message.

"When the time came I stepped out of the tent, and there were the people. There was the great silvery moon, dropping such light as is seen nowhere else as in the tropics. There was the moon, and there were the people, all men. I stood and looked out on that company and was strangely moved. I was six weeks out in the desert, 180 miles from any town in any direction. I suppose my thought was absolutely true that those who were listening to me had probably never once heard the name of Jesus Christ. Let me say that there is a certain high tension of spirit, a certain sense of tremendous responsibility, accompanied with a certain profound gladness, when you feel that those who are listening are absolutely hungry, famine-stricken without the Word of God.

"I talked to those men that night. I spoke their language. At the close of that earnest and perhaps somewhat long address—who could help it?—this happened:

"An old man came forward. He was the son of a king, his long beard flowing down to his waist. He came up to me, leaning on his staff. The young men courteously made way for him. He stood there looking up at me, his strong face alert in that bright moonlight. He said, 'You are a young man, and yet the things you have been talking about—how do you know these things? How do you know them?'

"I answered, 'Father, I have not known these things because of my own personal righteousness or wisdom. But these questions which have troubled your heart and all human hearts—our Great Father has written down the answers in a Book, given to men of older time who struggled with these questions. And the answers to

JAMES R. JOY

these questions were written in a book.'

"Do you mean there is a book with all these things you have been telling us about—about a love that is good, and all the rest of it?"

"Then I said, 'There is a Book. It is God's Book, and the answers are in it.'

"Young man,' said he, 'is that book in my language? You speak my language. Did you read it in my tongue?'

"Yes, I have the Book.'

"I wish you could have seen the old man. He straightened up, and pointing his long finger at me, I shall never forget it, said:

"Get me that book!"

"I ran back to my tent and brought back two copies of the Bible in their language. Forty brown hands were stretched out for them as I returned. I put one into his hand, and when I told him that the answers to the questions were in that Book, the old man looked up and said, 'Sir, how long has this book been in the world?'

"It has been here for hundreds of years; for hundreds of years.'

"Did your people have it?"

"Yes.'

"And I am an old man. All my friends have died hopeless. All my nearly gone myself. And all this time the book was here and nobody brought it to me. Why didn't someone bring us the book long ago?"

"The question of the old man rings in my ears constantly, and I pass this question on to you. I pass it on to Christendom. Why has not that Book been put into every language in the world? Nineteen centuries after Christ came, and two thirds of the human family still says, 'Why have you not brought us the Book.'"—Selected.

PROGRAM

Following is the program for the Georgia State League Rally to convene with Satilla Church, Hazelhurst, Georgia, November 23, 1951.

- 10:30—Congregational singing
- 10:40—Devotions by young people of Satilla Church
- 11:00—Program by St. John League, Columbus, Ga.
- 11:20—Congregational singing
- 11:30—Sermon by Rev. Lewis H. Molten
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:30—Elect officers and organize convention
- 2:30—League Clinic, conducted by Rev. T. B. Mellette
- 3:00—Adjournment

BEAUTIFUL FEET

T. RICHARDSON GRAY

How many children know what the Bible says about "beautiful feet"? Well, here it is, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings." Would you like to have been one of these messengers of gladness? Read this, and you will see that you can be one now.

I visited a good old lady who was bedfast many years. All she saw of our beautiful world was through her small room window. A little schoolgirl neighbor came in with a smile and a flower to visit the weary old woman, whose face brightened as she saw the child, "I love her for thinking of me in my old age. She comes often, and is a little messenger of light and cheer to me," she said.

The Bible . . .

. . . Elizabeth Hill

The Living Word of the Living God

This is the age of skeptics—an age when infidelity is heard from the pulpit, read in the magazines, and met in everyday conversation. The very air is polluted with whisperings of doubt, and heavy with fogs of unbelief and blasphemy. On every hand, the Bible is fast becoming discredited as the inspired word of God, and is regarded, even by many of its professed exponents, as a bundle of myths and legends, though containing here and there, perhaps, a gem of literary beauty, and glinting occasionally with a precious stone of moral principle.

There is no other book in the world which is so abused and maligned by both “friends” and foes as the Bible. Yet it is the most wonderful of all books. But we are not asked to accept blindly the fact of its inspiration. The Book itself admonishes us to “prove all things.” And, indeed, the Bible can be proved, has been proved, beyond all possibility of honest denial.

Two well educated, honest-hearted Englishmen once undertook to attack Christianity and the Book; and in course of preparation, both gave earnest study to the Bible. Result: the attacking lectures were never given, but instead, Lord Lyttelton and Gilbert West became sincere defenders of that very Book which they had contracted to expose as a fraud.

In this brief review, I purpose to examine, from within and without, the authenticity of the Bible’s claim to inspiration. The internal evidences are as demonstrative as the external; and when taken together, they form an impregnable wall around the Word, that neither traitor within nor without can breach. Our first consideration, then, will be the witness of the Bible to itself.

A God-Breathed Book

There is absolutely no doubt as to the Bible’s own claim; for it says, “Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” (2 Peter 1:21). No statement could be more definite or less equivocal. This volume claims to be God-breathed, a heavenly Guidebook; and we read that it “is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Tim. 3:16).

What do we mean, however, by inspiration?—Just this: that the writings, and not the men, were wholly inspired by Jehovah. Moses, David, and Peter, and their own writings plainly and honestly show, were not infallible; yet the language in which they recorded their deeds, good and bad, is undeniably infallible.

Dr. James H. Brookes is authority for the assertion that the phrase “Thus saith the Lord,” or its equivalent, is used in the Old Testament fully two thousand times. Isaiah refers to his writings as “the words of the Lord” no fewer than twenty times; Ezekiel speaks thus of his work sixty times; while Jeremiah has left on record, in over one hundred instances, that “the word of the Lord” came to him.

All the prophets made the same claim, even as Christ did when He said to His Father, “I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me” (John 17:8). The disciples also looked upon their own writings as inspired, for they say through Paul: “That we might know the things that were freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth.” “And for this cause we also thank God without ceasing, that, when ye received from us the word of the message, even the word of God, ye accepted it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth the word of God” (I Corinthians 2:12, 13; I Thessalonians 2:13).

Yes, in spite of the fact that this wondrous Book was written through human agencies, ranging in importance from a king to a plowman, each of whom wrote in his own distinctive style. Inspiration declared the work to be perfect down to the very letter and part of the letter. For instance, Paul bases an all-important doctrine on the present, or omission of the letters. (Gal. 3:16).

Perfection Is Not Human

Nor is the character of this Book any less inspired than its very words and letters. Nothing that humanity has ever produced of itself has reached perfection. Even our watches and chronometers are regulated by God’s great created sun. But the Bible has a moral beauty and perfection unapproached in all the earth’s libraries. Its unity, its impartiality, its purity, and its simplicity, all these are mute testimonies to its divine origin and character.

To state that the Book is inspired is merely to lay down a fact; but to attribute it to the work of imperfect humanity is to imply an utter impossibility. Well might Dr. Authur T. Pierson exclaim: “Where did the writers of the Bible get such conceptions of the one God, while the foremost nations were worshipping dumb idols; while Egypt bowed to the crocodile, and Athens gave sixty women to the licentious rites of Venus; while Rome was adoring the bloody god of war; while even the Parsi got no higher than to turn his face eastward and adore the sun?”

Here also we might ask, Who guarded this Book from the superstitious ideas and fanciful “science” of past ages? How can we account for the astrology of heathenism, and the story of creation, as told in both Genesis and Psalms, does not contain even one of the many scientific errors so prevalent in the days when God’s Word was written? The works of human authors of those centuries present a sad picture of the unreliability of man’s deductions; but the Bible stands out as an unimpeachable witness to the power of God.

Another remarkable evidence of its non-human character is its literary beauty, manifest not only in the way it freely clothes itself in the lan-

guages of all lands, but also in the manner in which it at once becomes the "pearl of great price" in the literature of any country or tribe into whose language it is translated. Take our English version, for instance. Nothing in all uninspired literature is comparable in magnificence of style or beauty of expression to the twenty-third psalm, Isaiah 35, Micah 6, I Corinthians 13, or Revelations 21. Yet each of these literary gems is but a translation from another and very different language. Moreover, these passages lose none of their beauty when translated into flowing French or halting Achinese, and they at once become recognized as models of literary style. Had the Bible a human origin, rather than a supernatural, it could not have surpassed in excellence of diction all the efforts of all men in all countries in all times. Hence it must be inspired.

What the World Says of the Bible

We have already asserted that the Bible is a proven Book, internally and externally; it is also proved historically and scientifically, philosophically and experimentally. Many are under the impression that science is antagonistic to the word of God. Not so. That belief is an invention of the devil to drive people away from the Book of heaven. The Bible has not been exploded by science; its statements have not been demonstrated false by true science, rightly called, is not a maker of atheists and rationalists.

ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

The Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists was held at Mount Zion church in Old Mount Zion Association, with every district association represented. The host church and association did one of the finest jobs imaginable in taking care of the delegates, ministers and visiting friends. The reports were that it was the best State meeting we ever held.

Splendid spirit and good Christian fellowship prevailed throughout the entire session. Rev. E. E. Morris, and Rev. Harvey Treel of Oklahoma Association, and Rev. O. T. Alread of Missouri Association, and Rev. Henry Melvin of the Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, added much help and influence to the association.

Brother Joseph D. Coffman was elected moderator, and Brother R. D. Smith was re-elected clerk, New Hope, Ark.

By the Reporter

Our Church Moving Forward

THE DIFFERENT CAUSES TO BE SUPPORTED

NAAMAN BORDERS

Waverly, Ohio

I am glad that we as a church are beginning to wake up. I am so very glad that our young men are going to college to prepare for the greatest work on earth—preaching the gospel.

If your church had done this very thing one hundred years ago, I believe that we would have been one of the strongest churches in the land. As it is, we are comparatively weak. But, thank God, we are now showing signs of life.

When I read of Brother Willey in Cuba, begging for help, for the trailer-truck, and also of Brother Bloss calling for help in the Home Mission work, and the calling for help at the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, it just made my heart ache. I got up from my seat and walked the floor and prayed, "My God, My God! please awaken our people and cause them to respond to the needs of this great work." I wish I had the money; I would help without begging.

You say, "We have helped and helped, and how much longer must we help?" We are supposed to help as long as God helps us to get the world's goods. I know Brother Bloss personally, and we cannot afford to let him down. He held a meeting at Kenova, W. Virginia, and had more than one hundred conversions. He is able to put the work over, and we cannot afford to let him down.

I know how bad it hurts to be let

down in the midst of a ripe harvest field. And let some other churches come in, and reap the rich rewards. It humiliates and discourages us almost to the breaking point. So, come on, you folks who have an abundance of worldly goods. You will not need very much more in this world, and won't need that very long. What you leave to your children will cause them all to argue over. If you have made a living, your children can do the same. One does not know the value of the dollar until he makes it himself. Children who are handed a fortune usually squander it before they have it very long. So, why not put your money where it will bring rich rewards in the "sweet by-and-by?"

Also, the Editor of the Baptist paper is making an appeal for more subscribers to his paper. Why not, since the paper is the life-line of the Free Will Baptist church? I took the paper forty years ago, when Brother E. T. Philips was editor. I got up subscriptions for it, and I corresponded to the paper. I am proud of our church paper, and I cannot afford to do without it. I save up my papers and give them to our folks, who for one reason or another, do not take it. So, I praise God for our good editor, and his staff, and all who are connected with it.

League Rally of New Hope Association

New Hope Association met on September 30 for the third session at Mt. Bethel Church, Rose Bud, Arkansas. The church was filled to capacity, with eight churches representing. Rev. R. G. Love of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, was the speaker for the eleven o'clock hour. His subject was: "Using the Christian Life." After a soul-stirring message, about forty leaguers came to the altar of prayer to re-dedicate their lives to Christ.

The afternoon was spent in discussion of the theme "Love." The highlight for the afternoon session was the story told and depicted on Flannel Art by seven year old

Vada Ann Wilson. Each church rendered special numbers, as quartets, duets, and solos. The Greenbrier Leaguers presented a playlet, "Cripple Joe, and the League."

Those present for this program went away rejoicing at the progress which the Leagues had made during the past five months. They are looking forward to the next session which will be held on December 30, 1951, at Friendship F. W. B. Church.

MRS. BETHY SAWRIE, *Cor.-Secy.*

Editorial Comments

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD RECEIVES GIFT

Reverend Raymond Riggs, Promotional Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, has informed us of the gift of the "bus chassis," needed in Cuba, by the Norwood Motor Company, Sulphur, Oklahoma. Soon after this call was made known in our church papers, this generous motor company was very kind to make the gift of this chassis for the truck much needed by Brother Wiley and his missionary helpers in Cuba.

As editor of our National Church paper, we wish to thank the Norwood Motor Company for this nice gift, and state that our church people throughout the United States are greatly appreciative of this gift. It will certainly be a blessing to our missionary cause in Cuba by enabling those missionaries to travel more quickly to and from their mission points in the preaching of the Gospel to the lost. Thanks again to the Norwood Motor Company.

MISS BARNARD SOON TO RECEIVE HER CAR

It has been stated that the car for Miss Barnard will soon be on the way to India. This much needed vehicle of travel means much to Miss Barnard and her helpers in that field of labor. Much time and fatigue in travel will be saved when she has the privilege and pleasure in the use of it in her missionary calls. Miss Barnard and her corps of helpers will be able to render a great Christian service to the people in that part of India where they are located than ever before.

CHERRY HOLDS GOOD MEETING AT AYDEN

Rev. Floyd B. Cherry conducted a splendid revival in the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church last week. His messages were deeply spiritual, interesting to everyone who attended the services; they were strictly Biblical, depicting the great plan of salvation unto the unsaved; and they were touching and uplifting to the consecrated Christians who heard these messages.

The attendance each evening was large, filling the church to its fullest capacity; many attending from other churches in the town, and from the surrounding community; the music, led by Mrs. Rosa Little, was greatly appreciated by the congregation, with special numbers from the choir, and the children each evening. The church as a whole was revived in spirit, and drawn closer to the Lord. Many said that Brother Cherry's preaching, and the good music were great blessings to their hearts. In every way it was one of the best revival meetings Ayden church has had in some time. The people liked Brother Cherry's manner of preaching and were pleased that he was chosen to hold this meeting for them.

PROPERTY PURCHASED IN INDIA

News has just come that Miss Barnard has purchased, at the instructions of the National Foreign Mission Board, some property in India for her work there. The announcement is given in this issue of the Baptist by Brother Raymond Riggs, Promotional Secretary-Treasurer.

Brother Riggs is calling for seventy individuals to give one hundred dollars each by January the first, 1952, to reimburse the seven thousand dollars which was used to purchase the property. Substantial church members in seventy churches are offered the challenge to give this money. We would suppose, of course, that individual churches will be privileged to make special gifts to help the individual unable financially to give the one hundred dollars by himself, but can and wants to give as much of it as he possibly can for this purpose.

We believe that this is a splendid way which Brother Riggs has suggested to raise the seven thousand dollars to replace the money used for the purchase of this much needed property. We should like to run in the Baptist paper, between now and January the first, 1952, lists of the names of individuals and churches giving their one hundred dollars for this cause. May Brother Riggs hear from a large number of individuals and churches, stating that they will get busy and send to him in a very short time their hundred dollars, so that he can make known how this challenge is being accepted, by publicising it through our church papers for the people to see how the project is progressing.

GRATIFYING REPORTS FROM MANY REVIVALS

Splendid reports have been coming to this office from various sections of the country regarding revivals being held in a great many of the churches. The evangelists have been successful in holding excellent meetings, many converts coming into the churches, and church members being revived and new interest taken in church activities. On the whole, a great many of these revival meetings during this season of the year show an increased desire on the part of both the old and the young people for a closer walk with the Lord.

But there is room, in a great many of the less active churches, for a renewed zeal and a greater concern for the cause of Christ among a great many people. Some churches still are showing, from all reports, a coldness and the lack of interest in their communities. In such cases, good evangelists are needed to hold stirring meetings to get them to see their indifference and negligence in serving the Lord, and in ignoring the work of the church which is so greatly needed today for the spreading of the gospel among the people living in those church communities. For such churches great efforts should be made to arouse them to the sense of their duties and responsibilities to God.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

THE HONEST GIFT

KATIE W. HAMILTON

Helen curled up comfortably in the hammock as soon as supper was over, two silver dollars in her hand. "I am really too tired to carry my hard earnings upstairs just yet," she remarked, with a watchful eye fixed on Brother Hal, who sat on the piazza steps. She was longing to recount her afternoon achievement, but she did not propose to do it until she was assured of an interested audience. Hal lifting inquiring eyebrows, but said nothing.

"I was earning my missionary money," Helen added casually. This time the bait caught.

"Earning it?" repeated the big brother with incredulous emphasis.

"Yes, sir; that is what I remarked. Father was going to hire some one to clean out the shed—look over the barrels and boxes, sort out all the accumulations of things worth something or nothing, and sweep out the place. That's what I did this afternoon and earned the two dollars."

"All by yourself?"

"Nora helped. She hadn't anything special to do in the house this afternoon, and, of course, if I wanted her help—"

"Oh, I see! I thought it was generally understood that Nora had her afternoons to herself after the housework was done, but, of course, if she wanted to help." Hal paused significantly. "Does she propose to give her contribution to missions, too? Half of it is hers, isn't it?"

Helen's face flushed. Hal was so provoking sometimes! He knew perfectly well that she could not have moved boxes and sorted all the rubbish without Nora's help. That kind of talk did not deserve an answer. Still, even when one does not talk one cannot well stop thinking, and it was a very thoughtful and quiet Helen who, an hour later, stopped where Nora sat alone in her favorite place on the back steps.

"So tired that you didn't want to go any-

where tonight, Nora?" Helen asked with a new keenness of vision as she noted the drooping figure. "Were you going somewhere this afternoon if—you hadn't helped me?"

"Only to my sister's. The little girl's sick, an' she looks for me—when I can come."

Helen dropped a dollar into the check apron. "Here's your half of what we earned this afternoon. I didn't know about your little niece," she said.

Nora looked up with suddenly brightening eyes.

"My! She'll think she's rich when I carry her this for some new shoes she's wanted. I believe I'll run over before bedtime."

Helen went on to her own room with the single coin in her hand. "Now I wonder," she mused, "if that verse about hating robbery for burnt-offerings does not mean more than we think? I've only a dollar for the mission box, but—it's clean money."

—*Pilgrim Visitor.*

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE OF THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION TO MEET

The Ministers' Conference of the Piedmont Association will be the host to the ministers of the Ministers' Conference of the Beaver Creek Association of South Carolina in a fellowship meeting to be held November 3, 1951, at Cramerton, N. C. The meeting will begin at 10:00 A. M., with other sessions convening at 2:00 and 7:15 P. M. A rich day of fellowship has been planned and all ministers are invited. Those selected to bring the messages at various times during the day include Rev. Carl Shook, of Arcadia, S. C.; Rev. E. O. Connley, of Annapolis, N. C.; Rev. Herman Hersey, of Charlotte, N. C.; and Rev. A. F. Lawter of Lockhart, S. C.

Herman Hersey, *Clerk,*

Ministers Conference of
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Missions

Rev. R. B. Spencer	\$ 5.00
Marlboro Sunday School	5.19
2nd U. M. West. Conf.	8.00
Portsmouth, Va.	10.00
Hopewell Sunday School	3.43
Hickory Chapel Adult League	8.00
Hickory Chapel Inter. League	1.00
St. Mary's, New Bern	48.00
Davis	25.00
Mrs. J. L. Marriner	3.00
Free Union S. S., Beaufort Co.,	
Primary	7.00
Robert's Grove S. S.	1.00
Gum Swamp S. S.	3.00
Rocky Mount S. S.	2.56
Marlboro S. S.	6.60
Hopewell S. S.	4.63
Folkstone L. A. No. 1	12.00
3rd Eastern U. M.	20.00
Whaley's Chapel	51.56

Total	\$224.97
Less expense	79.84

Balance	\$145.13
50% to Foreign Missions	\$ 72.57
50% to Home Missions	\$ 72.56

Expenses

John R. Crawford, Bond premium \$	12.50
Board meeting travel expense	37.50
J. W. Alford, fee, stamps, etc.	29.84

\$ 79.84

Home Missions

Balance forwarded	\$2,669.64
Langwood Chapel	2.50
Whaley's Chapel	5.00
Gethsemane S. S.	15.00
Whaley's Chapel	1.00
Pleasant Hill League,	
Pitt County50
Credit overpaid F. M.	54.78
50% Missions	72.56

Total	\$2,820.98
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Disbursements

J. A. Evans, Rural	
Church Institute	\$25.00
Bad check	6.00

Total	31.00
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Balance	\$2,789.98
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Mrs. Stevens

Barnardsville	\$ 2.00
Avery's Creek	2.00
Anderson Branch	10.00
Old Fort	24.00
Union Valley	30.00
Leurelton Chapel	4.00
Walnut	6.00
Shoal Hill	24.00

Total	\$102.00
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REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE
HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

PROPERTY PURCHASED IN INDIA

As per the authority of the Foreign Mission Board, Miss Barnard has purchased property for the India Free Will Baptist Mission, and she and Miss Wilson are now occupying our own Free Will Baptist property in India. I'm sure all of us are grateful for this good news. The opportunity came to buy this desirable property before the board actually had enough money to purchase with, but the Lord intervened and through the Co-operation of all the Missionaries in India who realized this need, once again they moved by faith and the transaction was made. To be sure it was made at a sacrifice and now we must trust God to re-imburse each fund that was drawn upon for this much needed project and pay off the balance. We need seventy (70) people who will give \$100.00 each, thus making the \$7,000.00 which is the authorized purchase price. If you cannot give it all personally, ask your church to do it. We would like to dispose of this special project by January 1st. Remember, this is in addition to our regular budget. I'm going to take the lead and pledge \$100.00 for this project to be given between now and January 1st. Will you add your name to this list? If so, send it in now. Let's watch the list grow.

Raymond Riggs

"Deep in the Mines"—Barnard

"As you see from the above, we are actually in "Westfield", our very own Free Will Baptist Mission property. We shall get you a snapshot as soon as possible, but the rains are on and weather not favorable for photography. It is a lovely place, too large for our personal use just now, but then we have not acquired it for personal use primarily. At last I have enough office space, while at Shamrock it was sometimes embarrassing. As days pass I shall try to write you other details about it all. There is much to do—I keep telling Volena I'm going to find her a man to look after things for the Mission! We shall just have to do what we can month by month in order to make the place serve our purposes to best advantage. Anything else we might have bought would have required much more work, ever so much more expenditure and that immediately. Each succeeding day seems to confirm His guidance in this purchase.

I enclose you herewith our latest financial report. All others to date have gone to you by sea mail. You will note we have

recalled from reserve funds every "pie" (not an edible!) that we had and have begun all over again. Brother Woolsey has very generously refunded from Purnea, having received a great deal along from family and friends at home. Besides, we destroyed our repatriation fund (and all others) and made the transaction.

We are keenly aware that to friends at home a casual perusal of our financial sheet would indicate a healthy balance. But it won't be necessary to repeat to you here our position with regard to the Indian Government. You will recall that as each new missionary is given permission to enter the country the Government makes me liable for one passage to America. More, actually. I must guarantee repatriation funds plus any support that might be required during possible internment awaiting repatriation. So before the Government of In-

Rev. Raymond Riggs
Promotional Secretary
242 Victor Avenue
Highland Park 3, Michigan

Dear Sir:

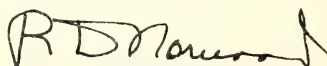
In your bulletin of August 1, 1951, I read that the Foreign Missionaries in Cuba need a one Ton Chassis for a bus. We could furnish you a one Ton Dodge Chassis at no cost to the Mission Board. You could take delivery of the Chassis in Detroit.

If this Chassis is still needed, please let me know by return mail.

I am sure that you would want a four-speed transmission; and the Chassis comes in two different wheel bases, one 16 and one, 26. Also, please specify tire size, dual or single rear tires. Most likely, you would prefer the single rear tires with the mud-type tread.

If you would like more information than I have given you, you may go to any Dodge Dealer or Bus Company in Detroit concerning the proper Chassis.

Very truly yours,



R. D. Norwood
Norwood Motor Company

dia I am responsible for having within my reach at all times sufficient cash for 6 ocean passages home. Although our present balance does not provide for this, and perhaps I may always have to face this possible embarrassment, I surely do not feel we can allow our funds to run any lower than at present. This is the irreducible minimum, surely.

The week-end we were packing to move here, the man baptized while Dan was here passed away. He had given a beautiful testimony during the two months the Lord left him with us, and the funeral has been a great witness. It was an inspiration to observe the son's radiant faith and his unusual courage, as he engineered all arrangements for funeral, even to leading the pall bearers right to the grave. All recognized he was being helped by an unseen Hand. After all was over he said, "I have only to rejoice that my father died in Christ. All my sorrow is overshadowed by the knowledge of this." As I think of all the well-meaning friends who advised against my returning at this time I humbly bow before Him who kept His faithful hand upon me and led me back just at that time. He could have saved Chinnusamy without my presence, but he designed to use my coming, as He knew as I did not know until I arrived, that Chinnusamy was saying, "Let the Missamma come back and show me the

Way and baptize me!" It is wonderful to be "in His place." And in this way the Lord of Life and Glory is working daily in our midst. Never have I had anywhere people seek me out and ask to be led to God as I have been experiencing these last weeks since I returned. Again I plead, "Brethren, pray for us!" And, Brother, you hold on to the ropes over these—we're down deep in the mines!"

Yours in His glad and faithful service

Laura B. Barnard

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PAPER

Dear Brother:

I am 76 years old, never belonged to any other denomination, but the Free Will Baptist. I have been taking your paper for some time, and I want to say that it gets better every year. We enjoy everything you print in it. We always read it just as soon as it comes. Keep up the standard of your paper.

Mrs. and Mr. R. N. McInval
Idéal, Georgia, Daily 1

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Dear Editor:

I have been trying to solicit more subscriptions to the Baptist paper, and please pray that God will move the hearts of every Free Will Baptist in Arapahoe who are not subscribers to the paper.

Dear friends, words cannot describe the blessings which we receive from this paper. We trust that God will bless every writer to it. We receive great blessings from each article in the paper, and do admire the boldness of those who are fearless enough to proclaim the truth, both in the pulpit and in the denominational papers.

We do love the paper and may God bless the Press at Ayden, and enable it to reach greater heights for God's glory.

Your Sister in Christ and Co-Worker,
Mattie Mae Beacham,
Arapahoe, North Carolina

WARFARE

E. M. NEIGHBOR

*My tongue a tiny member is
That most unruly seems,
When I would have it sound most sweet,
In bitterness it screams.*

*When I would wish to help that friend
By soothing words and kind,
It always goes to "backing fire"—
Right words it does not find.*

*When I'd be sweet amid much din,
It clamors to be heard,
And rushes in with flaming sword
With nary a kind word.*

*I'd like to sing when sorrow's waves
Sweep over me and mine;
But it somehow exhibits then
A tendency to whine.*

*Just one good remedy, I see
Will cure this traitorous ill—
And that's to let Christ have control
And bend it to His will.*

GOD is LOVE

Sometimes young people see pictures of Christ crucified. Terrible pictures they seem, too, with His dear head crowned with thorns, and the cruel nails through His feet and his hands. I have known little boys and girls afraid of "Jesus crucified." Sometimes, when they are older, they think of Christ with His terrible wounds, and they feel that His salvation must be a sad one, and that He comes to take away the brightness of life. Nothing could be further from the truth than that.

Let me tell you a story, which will help you to understand how really beautiful the wounds of Christ are.

A little girl climbed on to her mother's knee and snuggled into her arms. "I love you, Mother dear," she said. Then presently, "At least, I love your face and I love your eyes, Mummie, but I don't love your hands!"

At this, Mother looked at her hands with a sigh. They were indeed sad to behold. They were shriveled and bent, and there was very little use in them.

"Would you like to hear the story of these hands?" the mother asked gently.

"Why is there a story about them?" cried little daughter. "Oh, do let me hear it."

Then Mother told her how years ago, she (little daughter) had aroused everybody in the house by fearful shrieks, and Mother, flying upstairs, had discovered the little bed on fire, and had beaten out the flames with her hands, and so rescued her darling. Ever since, those loving hands had been almost useless.

There was a deep silence in the room when Mother's story was ended. Then little daughter raised the poor hands to her little lips, and said softly, "Oh, Mother, I love your dear hands the best of all!"

In the same way, young people, if we recall how Christ received His wounds, they will become, not ugly, but beautiful in our sight.

"He died that we might be forgiv'n,
He died to make us good."

His wounds are wounds of honor, made beautiful by the great love they prove. When we see how true this is, it gives us great courage, too.

A young French soldier, lying in a hospital said, as he looked at a picture of Christ crucified: "I do not feel my wounds when I look upon His."

So let the sight of Christ wounded speak to you in the future, not of sorrow and trouble and dolefulness, but of love, the beauty and joy of perfect unselfishness.

Remember, then, Christ received His wounds in His effort to show to us all that God is life. We know, therefore, from His love, how great God's love is. Will you just quietly think about this? Say to yourself, "The love of Jesus for everybody is God's love for me. For me!" Wait quietly, and I am sure you will sense God's love stealing through your heart.

If you love God, you will, of course, want to do things for Him. It is not enough simply to love Him in words. I remember hearing of a little boy, whose mother said to him: "You have told me you love me, but now let me see your love get into your legs and feet. Run upstairs and get my work-basket."

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven" (Matt. 5:16).—Upward.

The older I grow the more certain I am that morality is dependent upon the spread of religious conviction in the government and civilization of this country.

Pres. William H. Taft

Oh, Lord, grant that we may not despise our rulers; and grant, oh Lord, that they may not act so we can't help it.

—Lyman Beecher

Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

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NEW BERN, N. C.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE CONVENTIONS

Alice E. Lupton

News from the various district conventions are very encouraging. It brings much joy to the hearts of those who are real "labourers together with God" to those who are ever faithful and true to Him in their service, in their prayers and their interest in the promotion of the work of the Lord. We had good news from Florida a few days ago, of several churches in one district where the auxiliary work is needed. Already plans are being made to reach these churches and to organize the women for real service. News from other states and districts stand out prominently in the work of the Lord, thru their missionary activities and benevolences, as well as through the promotion of the good work of our Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee. Surely, the Lord is blessing in a wonderful way, the efforts we are making in the interest of Christian living and activities.

We hope to have in October 31 issue of the Baptist paper the programs for the Week of Prayer, which our auxiliaries are supposed to observe from Monday, November 12, through Friday, November 16. The Topic for our study, consideration and application, (we trust), will be "Some Evidences of True Discipleship." We hope that each auxiliary in the State of North Carolina, and elsewhere, will set aside this week, and dedicate it to the Lord, by devoting as much time as possible to earnest prayer, and in Christian service, and that we may study more diligently how we may become better stewards, and that we may have a greater zeal in helping to bear each other's burdens. Let us pray sincerely that our vision may be enlarged, and that as new and larger visions come to us, that we may come

humbly to the throne of grace for strength, courage and wisdom to accept our individual responsibilities, and as groups, in the spread of the gospel.

As the Third Vice-President of the N. C. State Auxiliary Convention, we recommended to the Convention in its last session, that our auxiliaries take up the Acts of the Apostles as their Mission Study Course sometime during the year. Also that "His Name Among All Nations" be used either in missionary classes as a study, or as a review. Already, I have received enquiries relative to where a book on the Acts can be obtained to help in the study classes. I suggest that the first application be made at the F. W. B. Printing Press, in Ayden. If they do not have it in stock, I feel sure they will order it, or give name and address where it can be obtained.

The auxiliaries that have already conducted classes, using Miss Barnard's book, "His Name Among All Nations," would do well to review it, for we need to refresh our minds often with spiritual food that will help us to grow and to apply our hearts unto wisdom, that we may become "Strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might."

If we fail to use the talent or talents that the Lord has given us, we may be sure we shall lose them, so may we be faithful to every opportunity that is ours, knowing that the "night cometh when no man can work." It may be nearer than we think—may we unite in prayer for our missionaries, ministers and all Christian workers, and keep ourselves "unspotted from the world."

YOUNG LADIES AUXILIARY

The young ladies of Bethany Free Will Baptist Church held its October meeting at the home of Mary Lou and Virginia Bingham. The theme of the program was "Faith." Those on the program were as follows:

Scripture—Mary Lou Bingham; Prayer—Sara Granger; Poem—Bobby Pigate; Story—Annie Dell Phillips; Song—What a Friend We Have in Jesus; Prayer—Lord's Prayer.

After the program new officers were elected for 1952. President, Dorothy Granger; Vice-President, Joyce Langston; Secretary and Treasurer, Betty Ann Tedder; Reporter, Sara Granger. Other committees were appointed such as: card and sick committee.

We have started a new project this month to help the junior girls to organize a Go-Tell Society. We are still working on our old project to help the Orphanage to secure tile for the dining room floor.

Twenty one members were present and we had one visitor. Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

By Reporter

THREE AUXILIARIES OF OLIVET FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENT SPECIAL PROGRAM

A special program was presented recently before the Olivet Free Will Baptist Church by the Woman's Auxiliary, the Young People's Auxiliary and the Go-Tell Junior Auxiliary.

Mrs. Jesse Hays, Woman's Auxiliary president, introduced Mrs. Smith Crockarell, Fourth Vice-President, as program chairman of Special Programs. Mrs. Crockarell stated that this program was designed to give the church a better understand of one of the auxiliaries main projects for the year, which was a "Church Library." She emphasized the powerful influence of good books.

The devotional was given by the Young People's Auxiliary. Bobby Welch as the Reader, gave the value, love and appreciation for good books as Mrs. Walter Head entered with a huge book, lettered "Holy Bible." Mrs. Head opened it for the group to see in it large type "Study to Show Thyself Approved to God . . ." (II Timothy 2:15). Miss Barbara Moore entered carrying another huge book lettered "Solomon's Words" and opened it to show "Train up a Child in the Way He should go . . ." (Prov. 22:6). Alvin Moore, Jr., led in prayer.

The Go-Tell, Junior Auxiliary, gave

a flannelgraph story of Polly Cinders which made clear that the best book for any library shelf is the Bible. Those participating in this part of the program were, Rita Siler, Betsy Crockarell, Elizabeth Coppedge, Nancy Murphy, and Billy Moore. Terry Moore and Connie Moore sang as a duet "The Bible," and Betsy Crockarell sang as a solo "The Bible Is the Best Book."

Mrs. Hyman Welch, chairman of the library committee and also librarian for the church, represented the woman's auxiliary and spoke on "Why We Need a Church Library." She pointed out that a church library is necessary for future training of spiritual leadership for this country, and that this is the way to bring America back to Christ.

Mrs. Ed Siler, a member of the library committee, and ass't. church librarian, spoke on the topic, "How We Expect to Get a Library Started." She, in a very clever way, brought out that we had not intended to leave the men out of this special program and were at this time going to give them a chance to participate in giving. Billy Moore and Mickey Hayes served as ushers and \$25.00 was the offering taken to start the library.

Mrs. Smith Crockarell
Publicity Chairman

OLIVET GO-TELL GROUP MAKES BANKS; BEGINS CONTEST

Members of the Go-Tell Auxiliary of the Olivet Free Will Baptist Church has recently completed tithe-box banks that members are making from attractively designed salt boxes. They have a metal pouring top in the lid, making a slot which can be opened and closed and are covered with wall paper with the name of the child designing it on it.

The Auxiliary has recently worked out a plan whereby each child at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Greeneville, Tenn., is to be remembered on its birthday.

Two new groups were set up at the last Go-Tell meeting for an interesting contest. One side is headed by Rita Siler with Mrs. Ed Siler as the sponsor. Betsy Crockarell heads the other team with Mrs. Smith Crockarell as sponsor.

Betsy's group gave the opening program. The theme was "Found Faithful Witnessing to India." Calvin Clearman, Terry Moore, Nancy Murphy, Billy Moore and Marie Clearman took part on the program. A missionary study course was conducted

on the Free Will Baptist missionaries in India.

Rita's group used the subject, "Found Faithful in Decisions." Those appearing on the program were Lois Clearman and Elizabeth Coppedge. A special stewardship study course was started on "Getting the Most from My Money."

Points from Betsy's side so far total 29.

Mrs. Smith Crockarell,
Guthrie, Kentucky

SUBSCRIPTION HONOR ROLL

Mrs J. J. Blizard, Deep Run, N. C.	21
Owen Thomas, Four Oaks, N. C.	21
Mrs John R. Murphy, Snow Hill, N. C.	20
Mrs Franklyn Eaddy, Johnsonville, S. C.	16
W. H. Calvert, Belmont, N. C.	14
Oma Owens, Chipley, Fla.	14
Mrs G. F. Head, Guthrie, Ky.	13
L. J. Blackwelder, Alma, Ga.	12
Mrs Lois Coward, Coward, S. C.	12
Mrs Elton Harper, Deep Run, N. C.	12
Mrs Geneva Pope, Kenly, N. C.	9
J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C.	8
Mrs Carl Barrow, Snow Hill, N. C.	7
Mrs G. C. Carter, Sr., Baxley, Ga.	7
Clarence J. Little, Greenville, N. C.	7
E. C. Morris, Tifton, Ga.	6
Louis H. Moulton, Glennville, Ga.	6
W. L. Moretz, Swannanoa, N. C.	6
Mrs James S. Boyd, Plymouth, N. C.	5
Mrs Hubert Ferrell, Lucama, N. C.	5
Willie Lou Turner, Pamplico, S. C.	5

PRAYER

Prayer is helplessness casting itself upon power. It is infirmity leaning upon strength, and misery wooing bliss. It is unholiness embracing purity; hatred desiring love. It is corruption pointing for immortality, and earthborn, claiming kindred in the skies.

Prayer is flight of the soul to the bosom of God, and the spirit soaring upward, and claiming nativity beyond the skies. It is the restless dove on drooping wings, turning to its loved repose. Prayer is the soaring eagle, mounting upward in its flight, and with steady gaze pursuing the track till lost to all below.

It is the roving wanderer, looking toward his abiding place, where are all his treasures. It is the prisoner pleading for his release. It is a mariner on a dangerous sea, upon the reeling topmast, desecrating the broad and quiet haven of repose. It is the soul oppressed by earthly soarings, escaping to a broader and purer sphere, and bathing its plumes in the ethereal and the eternal.

Naaman Borders,
Waverly, Ohio

REVIVAL AT WHALEY'S CHAPEL

This is to announce that Reverend J. J. Brooks of Elizabethton, Tennessee, will conduct a revival meeting at Whaley's Chapel in Jones County, beginning on Monday night, November 5, at 7:30 P. M. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Yours in Christ,
R. N. Jarman

Searching Questions for

"BORN AGAIN" PEOPLE

Do you speak of the faults of others unnecessarily?

Do you love to hear others praised when God has worked through them?

Can you rejoice to see another succeed when you have failed?

In every heart there is a supreme place—a sort of throne. Who sits in yours, an Idol, Self, or God?

Can you pretend to love Christ, without exerting yourself for the spiritual welfare of those for whom He died?

Do you give hard judgment on sins to which you have never been tempted, while you are full of excuses for your own?

Do you impute the lower motive in any case of ambiguous conduct, instead of "hoping all things," as love demands?

Can you recollect SIX times in your life that you ever denied yourself to the extent of REAL INCONVENIENCE from love to God?

Do you come up even to the Jewish standard of giving a tenth part of your income to God's service?

Do you try to find out subjects of sympathy, instead of dwelling on and aggravating the points on which you differ from those around you?

Do you ever pretend to greater knowledge than you possess? Or take unworthy means to hide your ignorance, or appropriate undeserved praise?

Can you be said really to believe in God, when the presence of a human being is a greater restraint upon your actions than the fact of His all-seeing eye?

Have you thought how much greater is the shame you feel when a sin is discovered, than when it was hidden from the knowledge of others, although God saw it all the time?

Do you get real pleasure from your prayers, reading and meditation on holy things; or do you get through them to satisfy the demands of conscience, and are secretly glad when they are over?

("Search ME, O God." Psalm 139:23.)

A COLORED WOMAN'S PRAYER

"Jesus prop him up! Jesus prop him up!" Bernard Baruch, a Jew and not a Christian, tells us that, in all the long years of his experience, that particular prayer moved him the most of all. When a heavy governmental responsibility was placed upon him, he heard that prayer being offered for him, under her breath, by a humble colored woman, a member of his household staff. Who would not cover a prayer like that?—*The United Presbyterian.*

St. Claire Bible Class

M. B. HUTCHINSON, McArthur, Ohio



THE PEOPLE INFORMED

(Lesson for November 11)

LESSON: Exodus 5 to 15. Exodus 12:30-31; 14:15-31.

GOLDEN TEXT: Exodus 15:2.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

Through Moses and Aaron the Lord presented to Pharaoh arguments why the children of Israel should go to worship Him. These statements of fact were accompanied by miracles. After Pharaoh failed to heed the word and believe the signs, God sent ten plagues.

First the water was turned to blood (Exod. 7:14-25); second, He sent frogs (Exod. 8:1-15); third, lice (Exod. 8:16-19); fourth, flies (Exod. 8:20-32); fifth, murrain of cattle (Exod. 9:1-7); sixth, boils (Exod. 9:8-12); seventh, fire and hail (Exod. 9:13-35); eighth, locusts (Exod. 10:1-20); ninth, darkness (Exod. 10:21-29); tenth, death of the first-born (Exod. 11 and 12). These plagues were definite blows against the idolatry of Egypt; they were judgments upon the gods of Egypt.

Israel did not suffer from these plagues, because the Lord put "a difference between Egypt and Israel" (Exod. 8:22-23; 9:4; 10:23; 11:7). God instituted the Passover and Israel was delivered from Egyptian bondage. The Israelites, protected by the blood of the lamb because of the promise of God, did not suffer the first-born, but all the Egyptians, from the house of Pharaoh down, suffered this tremendous loss. Little wonder, therefore, that the Egyptians bade the children of Israel to leave. Little wonder that in their eagerness to get rid of them they gave them of the wealth of Egypt.—Moody Monthly.

1. Darkness, death and anguish of soul will be the lot of all who persist in disobedience to God (Exod. 12:30).

2. Although Pharaoh at last became willing to let Israel go, it was impossible to bring back to life the first-born who had died (vs. 31).

3. Prayer should be coupled with a willingness to do what God asks, and not merely a cry of despair (14:15).

4. What God promises is so great that the human mind cannot see how He can possibly perform it (vs. 16).

5. The destruction of the wicked does not contradict the love of God, but honors His holiness (vs. 17).

6. Some men like Pharaoh say, "I know not the Lord" (5:2), but they will know that He is the Lord before He is through with them (14:18).

7. The Lord will always put Himself on the side from which danger threatens us the most (vs. 19).

8. The same God who brings light and deliverance to the believer brings darkness and confusion to the unbeliever (vs. 20).

9. God can and will perform that which seems impossible if it is for His glory and the good of His people (vs. 21).

10. Every test which we have successfully endured will make us stronger in the faith (vs. 31).

11. In answer to prayer, God revealed to Moses and the Israelites, in dire distress, a sure and speedy path of deliverance from the pursuing enemy. Yes, to them he was wonderful. Indeed, he will deliver today individuals from the bondage of sin if they will only seek him through prayer and supplication. Out of the midst of darkness of sin, sorrow, and grief God does give light, freedom, and joy to those who call upon him.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. When the statement is made, as it is often made in the Old Testament, that God hardens the heart of man it means that He permits it and allows man the privilege of exercising his own free will in the matter of disobedience. In this case God allowed it to be so that He might get honor to Himself through the de-

struction of the enemies of His people. The people would remember it as God's intervention in their behalf, and honor Him through the generations for His favors and benefits to them.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

13. People remain in the bondage of sin because of Red Seas. How great the difficulties appear, and how impossible the crossing seems, when the soul in bondage is told to flee from Egypt! Man is, as one has said, quick to see the side of his condemnation and slow to see the side of his hope. With God all things (what a sweeping assertion!) are possible. There are no seas too wide or too deep for him to make a path through them, through which his people may walk dry shod.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

A Modern Passover

Our lesson includes the story of the Passover (Exod. 12). Blood from a lamb without blemish was sprinkled on the side posts and on the lintel of the Hebrew homes. Those homes were passed over by the Lord, whereas the first-born in all Egyptian homes were smitten.

Something similar to this occurred in India during the terrible strife and period of murders and lootings and destruction of property that accompanied the division of India in 1947 into Pakistan and the Dominion of India (now the Republic of India). Though Hindus fled for their lives from Pakistan, and Moslems likewise fled from India, and countless homes were burned, yet the homes and persons of Christians were untouched. It was truly amazing. The symbol which meant safety to the Christians personally and to their property was the cross. Crosses were worn by Christians, and crosses were placed on the walls of their houses. Says one writer:

"The Christian minority seemed to be on an isle of safety in a sea of strife. It was a modern Passover. Two Christian missionaries en route to Lahore in Pakistan at the time of the partition, tell us that when they finally arrived at their home, they discovered that every house on their street which had belonged to a Hindu had been looted by Moslems. Furniture, clothing, and other valuables had

been taken away in broad daylight. But not a single Christian house or person had been touched. If a Christian family lived in a house owned by a Hindu, the Moslems notified them to vacate, if they planned to burn the house.

"Only Christian motor drivers were allowed to cross the border from either side. The prestige of the Christians and the protection given them were almost incredible. With that symbol of Christianity, the cross, they were safe. Meanwhile the Christians were not idle nor insensitive to the suffering around them. Christians helped in both refugee camps. Christian women nursed the wounded and sick of both groups.—Arnold's Commentary.

A PACKAGE OF MIXED SEED

"Have you any seeds of kindness, for sale?" a little boy asked at a seed store.

"Seeds of kindness, what are those?" said the seedman.

"Why, in our Sunday School we sing:

"Then scatter seeds of kindness,

For our reaping by and by."

"I have a little garden, and I want to plant some kindness seeds."

"Oh, those come in a mixed package," said the seedman, as he took a big book from a shelf.

"That looks like a Bible," the little boy thought, and sure enough, it was.

"Let me see, I think I will find that package of seeds in II Peter, chapter one," said the man. "Yes, there it is; see if you can read it for me, beginning with the fifth verse."

So the boy read: "'And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity."

"Eight kinds of seed in this package, you see," said the man.

"But aren't there any real seeds?" said the boy. "Does it just mean you are to be kind to folks?"

"Yes, that is what it means," said the man; "but kindness, and charity, and faith are real things, and if you plant them in your heart they live and grow just as seeds grow in the garden."

"What is the reaping by and by?" said the boy.

"It means that if you are kind, people will be kind to you," said the seed man, "and, better than all, it means that God, who is kind to the unthankful and the evil, will be pleased with you."

"I shall find that package of mixed seed in my Bible when I get home," said the boy, "and it may help me to remember to be kind all the time."—*Classmate.*

Micro Bible School and Youth Revival Sponsored by Woman's Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of Micro F. W. B. Church sponsored a Bible School and Youth Revival which was held from August 20th to August 25th, 1951. Although the tobacco season was not over in our community and people were very busy, yet we feel and know that this proved to be an opportune time for a spiritual awakening among our youth.

We had 26 beginners with Mrs. Walton Edgerton and Mrs. Norma Smith in charge and 10 primaries with Mrs. E. O. Hatcher working with them. These two groups were instructed in Bible drill, memory work, stories and handicraft.

Working with the 39 young people, in the youth department, was Bobby Jackson, a young minister from the F. W. B. Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. Those who attended this department can testify to the inspirational messages and just plain heart to heart talks that characterized each meeting.

After a short recess and refreshment period, each day the whole group gathered in the Sunday School assembly room. At this time Mr. Jackson led in singing choruses and testimonies, after which he gave a 10 minute sermon. It was really worth the time of the whole meeting just to hear these simple appealing messages. Visitors came

MRS. J. E. CREECH

Micro, N. C.

in from day to day just to hear this part of the program and went away feeling that they had been spiritually refreshed.

We were also glad to have with us our pastor, Rev. K. C. Gaskill, Rev. Roy Ricard, who was conducting our revival at night and Rev. Herman Hershey of Bob Jones College who helped with the music.

A short commencement program was given on Saturday night before the regular church service, after which 51 attendance certificates were presented to those attending 4 days out of the six.

As a result of this special week of services, we had 10 new converts to be baptized, 3 girls pledged themselves to full-time Christian service and one girl entered Bible College this fall.

For this week of spiritual blessings, we offer praise to our Heavenly Father, who knows our needs and will supply them when we humble ourselves and call upon him.

We pray that the work begun in our hearts will bring forth fruit that will mean much to His kingdom's work in our church and community.

State F. W. B. League Convention

On September 15, delegates from seven leagues and four churches met at Piney Grove church, south of Chipley, Florida, to organize a League Convention for the State. Edward Baxter led the morning devotions. The preaching service at the eleven o'clock hour was by Rev. Arvil Retherford. His subject was: "Strength of Youth." He brought out many good points and the young people were encouraged to organize themselves into a convention. One hour was given for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened with a song and prayer, and short Scripture reading was by a member of Hickory Grove League. Short discussions followed as to whether to organize a district or a State League convention. It was passed to organize a State League convention. Then Brother Rufus Hyman proceeded to organize the convention. Brother Chester A. Huckaby was elected president. Then he proceeded with the election of the following officers: Vice-president, Brother Edward Baxter, Malone, Fla.; recording secretary, Miss Miranda Ditty, Bascom, Fla.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Bernard Owens, Chipley, Fla.; and for the treasurer, Mrs. A. F. Squires, Bonifay, Fla.

It was moved and carried that the convention meet annually. The next meeting

will be held on Saturday before the first Sunday in September, 1952, at the Youth Camp, near Cottondale, Florida. The congregation was then dismissed until the next annual meeting.

We are requesting that every district convention send delegates to the State Convention next time. If your church does not have a district convention, then please send delegates direct from your League to represent your League in the next State Convention.

Everyone is requested to be making plans now to attend the next session which I am sure you will enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. BERNARD OWENS, *Cor.-Secy.*
Chipley, Fla., Route 4

Let every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life and every setting sun be to you as its close. Then let every one of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing done for others, some goodly strength or knowledge gained for yourself.

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

"GET UNDER THE LIMB"

After the wind had blown a large number of pecans off from my neighbor's trees, and I had the privilege of picking up as I liked, the old hired man (negro) said to me: "Rev. if you want to find them look up and get right under the limb where they falls." I said, "That is right." But another thought came to me immediately. God's delicious fruit is falling every day, but we have to get under the right limb and look up to see where it falls."

Many have been the times perhaps when we were looking for blessings and we were too busy looking around and scratching among the leaves, when if we had looked up first, and then began to scratch around on the earth, we would have obtained the blessing. But it seems to be our trouble, in a great measure, to scratch around first and then as a last resort, begin to look up. In fact, we know not how to scratch until we have looked up with a perfect confidence that we will find when we begin to scratch. "Look unto me," says our Lord. Again the Psalmist says, "Be still and know that I am God" (Psa. 46:10). Paul says, inspired by the Spirit, "We know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit himself maketh intercessions for us with groanings which nobody can utter" (Rom. 8:26 R.V.).

There are too many people in the world that are like the hog that keeps his nose on the ground all the time looking for the acorns and never looking up to see where they come from.

MINOR GIRLS ARRESTED

According to the reports as given out by J. Edgar Hoover, "Arrest of minor American girls for offences against common decency rose 12.6 per cent in the first half of this year, as compared with the corresponding period a year ago." The offences were defined as prostitution and commercialized vice, and other sex offences, disorderly conduct, etc.

This is an alarming condition and certainly shows the state of sin and corruption which we are in, and from all reports it is continually growing. It used to be adults who were hardened in sin and disrespect for God and righteousness who were caught by the net of justice in committing crime, but today we are bound to say that "Child delinquency has outstripped the adults."

But after all who is to blame? We are bound to place the blame on the fathers and mothers in a large measure. Parents who live in sin themselves need not to think that their children will go right when the children never hear a prayer nor a scripture read. Millions never are taken to church and Sunday school, some times a Dad that stayed out late Saturday night at the club, gambling, and who gets in late drunk or half drunk, and a mother who comes late from her brawl and liquor drinking spree on Saturday night, while the children are left with a "baby sitter" (often an unsaved person) who knows nothing about God and who rather look at the "Funnies" than to teach the children something about the Sunday lesson. Well, What do such mothers and fathers do? The answer is, they lie in bed, until it is too late for the children to get off to Sunday School and church; and, if they go, they have to be fixed up by a hired girl. That good-for-nothing father calls out, at the last minute, "Children, you better hurry, you will be late." Then the mother says, "Yes, hurry!"

Only about 55 per cent of the American people claim any religion at all. When the number of real CHRISTIANS are sifted from the ranks, you have a mighty small number, comparatively speaking, who are real CHRISTIANS. How can you expect children to live right, when they are brought into the world by parents who are steeped in sin and filth? Then, after born, never taught anything righteous. An UN-GODLY mother and father cannot "bring up children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Like begets like. If the parents say ungodly things around their children, they need not expect their children to say good things. Millions of children are indulging in the use every day of profanity, lies, drunkenness, filthy conversations, obscene pictures and books that are only fit for the fires of hell. Yes, the real trouble lies with the adults and not with these youngsters who are caught. They were born in sin, and taught by sinful parents.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE

Certainly there are exceptions. Sometimes godly parents will have a "black sheep" in the family. But in many of these exceptions if you will get right down to the bottom of the case, the boy that turned out bad was allowed to keep company with a school mate, or a next door neighbor's boy who knew nothing about God and righteousness.

A little boy was heard by his mother, who was a godly mother—a real CHRISTIAN—using curse words. This CHRISTIAN MOTHER said; "Son, where did you hear such words as you are using". "The little boy who played with me in the back yard, and the driveway between the dwellings." The little cursing boy had a cursing and swearing daddy. If he ever read the Bible and led his family in prayer, it was not known. So environments make a difference, sometimes. Brother and

Sister, if you are a real child of God, born of the Spirit, you had better watch your neighbor's children and see that your child is not led astray.

A certain father and mother who read the Bible and taught their children against the ball-room and Sunday baseball, and rotten shows and things of the world were told by their neighbor (or the one who lived next door): "Your father and mother are too narrow to train children." Certainly that was what the devil wanted these children to think! "Your parents are too narrow." Yes, the Devil will seek to destroy righteous teaching, often through those ungodly people who live next door. Sometimes they enjoy seeing the child of CHRISTIAN PARENTS go down in shame, so that they may say, "I told you so."

Some years ago, a certain man said, in speaking to a minister: "What makes preachers' boys so mean?" The preacher said, "Because they have to associate with yours at school and around home." There is something to it; the preacher had something. Environment will tell. The old adage is: "If you lie down with a dog you may expect to get his fleas." If our children are allowed to associate with the ungodly, some of them very likely will acquire the traits and characteristics of the ungodly, and it takes a lot of prayerful service to keep the unsaved boy from accepting the ways of the unsaved with whom he associates. Parents are wise who select the right kind of associates for their children.

AFFINITY WITH EVIL

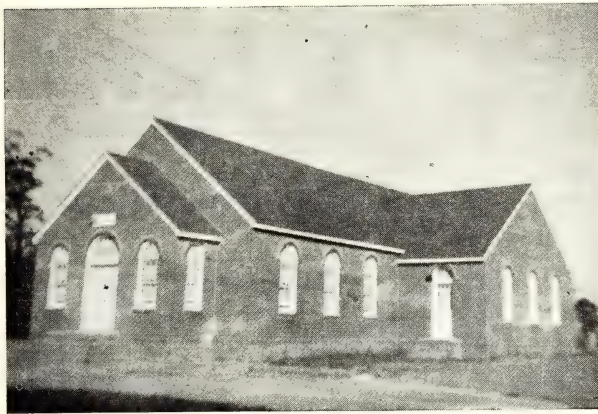
In the eighteenth chapter of Second Chronicles we learn of a sad story of a righteous man joining "AFFINITY with an evil man." Jehoshaphat joined in with Ahab, and the affinity was not pleasing to the Lord, for in the 19th chapter we read: "And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace in Jerusalem. And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said unto king Jehoshaphat, Shouldst thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the Lord" (2 Chron. 19:1, 2).

We are taught to not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" (2 Cor. 6:14).

DEEPER THAN CLOTHES

"Isn't he a fine-looking fellow?" you have heard folks remark about a boy who has passed by. A statement like this is a fair estimate of character. A boy who does not respect others enough to keep clean and neat, does not have much respect for himself. There are times, of course, when a fellow cannot look like a fashion plate. But he need not worry. True worth goes deeper than clothes.—*Publisher Unknown.*

Eastern Conference Meets at Deep Run



Free Will Baptist Church, Deep Run, N. C.

The Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist Church of North Carolina met with the church at Deep Run October 24 and 25, 1951, in their regular annual session. Sixty-four churches represented, and the estimated attendance of delegates and ministers for the two days ran around six hundred.

Reports from the churches and church projects showed some gain over the past year. The spirit of the conference concerning the program for the ensuing year promised a continued progress in all departments of the denominational work.

Rev. S. A. Smith, Moderator, of Beaulville, presided over the meetings, while Rev. J. W. Alford, Columbia, Clerk, kept rec-

ord of the proceedings. Devotional leaders and speakers for the meetings included Rev. David Hansley; Rev. Clinton Lupton; Rev. Sam Kennedy; Rev. L. C. Johnson, President of the F. W. B. Bible College; Rev. M. L. Johnson, state promotional secretary; Mr. Walter Croom, superintendent of Middlesex Orphanage; Mr. C. K. Dunn, manager of the F. W. B. Press, and others.

In the closing session, Rev. Clifton Rice, Kinston, was elected moderator for the ensuing term of two years. Rev. J. W. Alford was re-elected clerk. The place for the 1952 meeting was not decided upon, the matter being referred to the executive committee of the conference.

WORDS OF WARNING

A few more words of warning, I wish to bring, to the readers of the Baptist paper. Say, dear people, Did "John" ever confess Christ and join the church? Answer, "No I don't think so."

Well, he is dead; poor fellow. A dead man cannot repent. "The way the tree falls, there it will lay," so says the Word.

Have "Jack and Henry" confessed Christ? The answer, "Don't think so; they must desire to go on the same ship John went on." But they better not wait too long to accept Christ, for the Word says: "There is no other way under heaven whereby a man can be saved but by the blood of Jesus."

According to the reading of the papers, we must be losing about one thousand of our young men per month in the Korean war. What if the third war is started? Then, we would be very lucky if we did not lose over one thousand per day.

Oh, mothers, are you praying for your sons while they are being shot down on the

battle fields? Boys, if you do not have parents who are praying for you night and day, I am sympathizing for you, and I am asking the great God of heaven and earth to visit you with His Holy Spirit, while you are trying to defend your country. You can rest assured that if we will do our part, then God will do his.

Dear people, do not be stubborn with God, for he says that it is not his will that any man should perish, but that all should come to the knowledge of the truth of salvation, and be saved. If you will accept Christ, he will not turn you down. He is a wonderful God, and there is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than there is over ninety-nine just persons who do not need repentance. I know that you had rather be saved than to be lost, so do not put off your salvation until it is too late.

Your brother in Christ,
B. E. Coxwell

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Total received for Mrs. Stevens	102.00
Total received for Miss Wilson	75.00
Total check to Raymond Riggs	\$754.56

J. W. ALFORD, Treasurer
Columbia, N. C.

We pray for patience, and God sends those who tax us to the utmost, for "tribulation worketh patience" (Rom. 5:3).

When you leave this world, leave it better by your having lived in it.—S. A. P.

AN EARNEST TESTIMONY OF A CONVERTED JEW!

By C. M. HAZZARD, in *Chapel Chimes*

I can see him now. I shall always see him—A young Jewish business man, familiarly known to his friends as "Nate" Sharp. He was speaking at the 6:30 service in the main auditorium on Fairmount camp ground.

I scanned the great tabernacle for a possible seat but it was filled to capacity. I crowded in as near as I could get at one of the side openings and stood with a score of others to see and hear what I could. I had heard his voice over the P. A. system and recognized the burning heart of the speaker.

He was telling of his conversion from Judaism. How totally unaware of his spiritual need and unacquainted with the Scriptures, he was accosted by a minister who told him of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, a minister who loved him, one who cared.

I told him repeatedly to get out of my store; when he persisted I told him I would have him arrested. He would not give up; at last the light came and he found Jesus Christ.

His cry was an impassioned appeal to that great congregation to go to his people. Not with the Church and their doctrine, but with Jesus Christ and a heart of love. Said he, "My people do not know the Bible; they are in darkness. You have what they need. My heart is breaking for my people. They are lost.

Do not mind if they persecute you—They have spit in my face; I have been slapped in the face; I have been cursed, but what does that matter? Go to my people. How can you be indifferent about it? God forgive you.

"How can you see them in darkness and do nothing about it—Won't you tell them? Let them know you love them! Put your arms around them and tell them you care. Oh will you go to my people!"

On and on with a broken heart the young Jew begged for help. I watched the faces of those standing around me. Some of them were general evangelists; some young people. Faces grew more grave. It was registering. God was speaking.

The born-again Jew had been a vehicle of the Holy Spirit. He had reached our hearts. I can never be the same again. I have a new mission to my Jewish friends. God help me and teach me how to win them. —Reprinted from *The Wesleyan Christian Advocate*.—*The Civic Bulletin*.

There is in the life of a holy man or woman, one who walks and lives with God, a secret, indescribable reserve power and influence that impresses people.—*Rev. John Pennington*.

COULD YOU QUALIFY?

If the membership of your Church were limited to one hundred people, would you be in or out? Suppose you had to "run" for Church membership, would you win or lose? Suppose membership were good for one year, and re-election depended on the good you had done in the church during

that time, would you be re-elected? Suppose every member of the church did as much for the church as you are doing. Would more seats be needed, or would the doors be closed?—"The Church Clock," Haverhill, Mass.

"Out of ten who begin to drink, an average of three become regular habitual drunkards."—DR. CHARLES MAYO.

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Lifting and Leaning

There are two kinds of people on earth today,
Just two kinds of people, no more, I say.

Not the good and the bad, for 'tis well understood
The good are half bad and the bad are half good.

Not the happy and sad, for the swift-flying years
Bring each man his laughter and each man his
tears.

Not the rich and the poor, for to count a man's
wealth,

You must first know the state of his conscience
and health.

Not the humble and proud, for in life's busy span
Who puts on vain airs is not counted a man.

No! the two kinds of people on earth I mean
Are the people who lift and the people who lean.

Wherever you go you will find the world's masses
Are ever divided in just these two classes.

—Anon.

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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

NEWS FROM CORINTH CHURCH

We have just closed our revival meeting and the Lord did bless in a marvelous way. There were twenty souls saved who were to be baptized. Three were restored, and three came by church letter. This was one of the best revival meetings that we have had in years. We do thank God for all the good that was done in this meeting.

The evangelist who held our meeting was Rev. K. V. Shutes from Camilla, Georgia. Brother Shutes is a fine speaker, and we do thank the Lord for him. We have a good Sunday School at our church each Sunday morning and a young people's League on Sunday evening at seven o'clock. Our preaching services are held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday night before. Elder Coy Watson is our pastor. We are asking that everybody pray for us, and visit us whenever opportunity avails itself.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Mrs. M. M. Franks,
Tifton, Georgia,
Route 4

P. S.—I am a subscriber of the Free Will Baptist paper, and read it with pleasure. We do enjoy it very much and look forward to getting the paper each week.—M. M. F.

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REPORT OF THE SECOND UNION OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE, N. C.

The Second Union of the Western Conference convened at Rose Bud church in Wilson County on September 29, 1951. The union opened at 10:00 o'clock with the singing of hymn, "In the Garden." Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. C. Varnell. Welcome address was given by Mr. Frank Sawyer and response by Rev. L. H. Boykin.

Moved and seconded that we grant the visiting ministers a seat in this union.

Mr. Ernest Petway and Mr. Frank Sawyer were appointed as Devotional Committee. Finance Committee were Mr. W. P. Bunn and Mr. Marvin Edwards.

The union sermon was delivered by Rev. W. A. Hansley.

A collection of \$32.34 was taken for the orphanage.

Lunch was spread on the church grounds and enjoyed by all.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The union re-assembled at 1:00 o'clock with singing by the congregation. Devotions were given by Rev. L. H. Boykin.

Moved and seconded that we receive Rev. R. E. Clegg, and Rev. W. L. Paythress in our union in full fellowship.

List of churches called with sixteen churches representing.

Various committees made their report as follows: Sunday School, by R. E. Clegg, Temperance, by L. H. Boykin, Education, by W. P. Bunn, Missions, by J. B. Ferrell, Auxiliary, Mrs. W. P. Bunn, and orphanage by W. A. Hansley. All reports were accepted. Appropriations committee made their report as follows:

Education, \$10.00
Superannuation, \$10.00
Missions, \$10.00
Orphanage, \$10.00
Widows, \$6.00
Incidental Expense, \$6.00
Treasurer, \$.50
Total, \$52.50

There were two petitions for the next union. They were from White Oak Hill and Free Union. It was voted that the Union would meet with White Oak Hill. Committees were appointed for next union. A rising vote of thanks was extended Rose Bud church for the kind hospitality shown this union. Closed with Praise and Prayer.

Z. C. Bisette, Moderator

Luther Bisette, Secy.-Treas.

We pray for victory, and the things of the world sweep down upon us in a storm of temptation, for "this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (I John 5:4; 4:4).

We pray for unselfishness, and God gives opportunities to sacrifice ourselves by thinking on the "things of others" (Phil. 2:4).

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED IN COTTONDALE, FLORIDA, OCT. 14, 1951 AT 3 P. M.,

By Rev. Rufus Hyman

On Sunday, October 14, 1951, at 3 P. M., a group of Free Will Baptists met in the High School Auditorium to organize a Free Will Baptist Church in Cottondale, Fla.

Rev. Rufus Hyman had been holding services in the High School Auditorium for a short while. Rev. I. O. Cook, Vice-Moderator of the Salem Association was present and brought the afternoon message. The executive committee of the Salem Association was present to assist us, and the following ministers: Rev. I. O. Cook, acted as moderator and Brother W. W. Eiland acted as clerk for the council. After the sermon the Moderator asked Rev. C. A. Huckaby to proceed with the organization, which he did by requesting all those who wished to become members to sit on the front row. Then Rev. John M. Rich presented the Bible to the new congregation, and Rev. Rufus Hyman read the Church covenant from the National Treatise. The consecration prayer was offered by Rev. A. H. Retherford. Then the Council and the visiting people from the various churches gave them the right hand of fellowship.

After the organization of this new church, the Council of Ministers ordained Brothers W. C. Pettis and Otis V. Hayes for deacons.

A revival followed for the week after the constitution of the new organization, with the Rev. C. A. Huckaby of Chipley, Fla., doing the preaching, with Rev. Rufus Hyman, pastor, assisting. Our days for services are on the first and third Sundays. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Preaching services at 11 A. M. and 7:00 P. M.

We have 14 charter members and 30 in Sunday School. We are requesting all the churches that the writer has served as pastor or held revivals for in the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama to make up an offering to help us. We have to start from the bottom and would appreciate help from any church or person. We are planning to buy a lot and build just as early as we can get enough money to begin with.

We feel like there is a good future for our church. We are going to support our State and National programs, as set up in the Unified program of the Florida State Association. We ask the prayers and financial aid of all who will assist us.

Mr. Otis Hayes is Treasurer, and Mrs. Otis Hayes is clerk. The Board of Deacons are composed of Bros. Walter Eldridge, Otis Hayes and W. C. Pettis.

More often we go blindly onward, not knowing when we meet or pass the soul to whom we might have ministered.—*Constance Conrad.*

How potent an influence, if every time you touch life you have God with you.—*Rev. George Calvert Carter.*

TO VARIOUS CHURCHES AND FRIENDS OF THE LATE REV. J. C. ELDRIDGE AND RUFUS HYMAN

We have organized a church in Cottondale, Florida, with 14 charter members and 30 enrolled in Sunday School.

We feel like there is a bright future for the newly constituted church, but being few in number and poor laboring people we are asking the churches that have been served as pastor or evangelist by the famous Rev. J. C. Eldridge and Rev. Rufus Hyman to make up a special offering and send it to Mr. Otis V. Hayes, treasurer, Cottondale, Florida.

Mr. Walter Eldridge, the baby boy of the late Rev. J. C. Eldridge, has taken such an active part in the organization of this church, we feel that the churches that have been blessed so much during the days of Rev. J. C. Eldridge's ministry will want to help us.

The writer has spent 28 years in the ministry of the Free Will Baptist denomination in the states of N. C., S. C., Ga., Fla., and Ala.

Come on friends and let's put over the job of building a new church in the towns and cities.

Your friend and brother in Christ,

Rev. Rufus Hyman, Pastor
Slocumb, Ala.

Mr. Otis Hayes, Treas.
Cottondale, Fla.

P. S.—The ministry of the late Rev. J. C. Eldridge was mostly in southeastern Alabama and North West Florida, namely, the State Line of Alabama, Salem and Liberty Associations of Florida.

CHILDREN'S BAND ORGANIZED IN THE WOODROW COMMUNITY

Wednesday, Oct. 24.—A "Go Tell Band" was organized with about fifty children composing four groups at Ruth's Chapel Free Will Baptist church in the Woodrow community Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. J. C. Griffin was in charge of the organization, and plans were made to meet each Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Teachers were elected as follows:

For Junior boys, Mrs. James L. Jarvis; for Junior girls, Mrs. Robert L. Fulcher and Miss Barbara Bell; Primary class Mrs. Robert Moore and Mrs. M. M. Fulcher; Beginners, Misses Effie Lamm and Katherine Sanderson, Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Mary Cole are to be assistants to all teachers as needed to carry on the work.

Wm. B. Glover

We pray for humility and strength, and some messenger of Satan torments us until we lie in the dust, crying to God for its removal (II Cor. 12:7, 8).

A UN DAY MESSAGE

FROM NASROLLAH ENTEZAM

As President of the Fifth General Assembly of the United Nations, it gives me great pleasure to avail myself of the opportunity to address the religious leaders represented by the readers of the **World Alliance News Letter**.

As an interfaith organization, founded with the aim of furthering international peace and world order through the major religious faiths of the world, The Church Peace Union and World Alliance are, I am sure, playing a very important role in encouraging the development of a more universal support for the United Nations.

I realize, however, that this role and this responsibility are more difficult to discharge today than in the past.

In the present stage of crisis in the world it is sometimes difficult not to become discouraged. There is a great deal of confusion and misgiving. Moreover, in addition to this, there are, unfortunately, many voices which preach despair and imply that no effort of the human race to consolidate its great achievements and improve its conditions can succeed in the face of what are loosely termed the "realities" of the situation. In some ways these prophets of failure and despair are even more destructive than the open opponents of international organization, for they undermine the confidence in and destroy the momentum of a growing institution.

But this is definitely a time for resolution, not for retreat. It is more important than ever that in the present state of affairs peoples and their leaders everywhere in the world should close their ranks against the forces of skepticism and should per-

sist in their great—but seldom spectacular—task of making possible a peaceful world.

In far too many instances, peoples have been led to believe that the United Nations is only a debating society passing paper resolutions which embody laudable principles and ideals but which produce few practical, concrete achievements that can be easily measured by the simple standards of the common man.

Yet an objective review of the record of its six years of existence will show that to millions of people everywhere the United Nations is a source of direct help in their everyday lives. To some it is a case of food, or a bundle of books, or the magic of learning how to read and write; to others it is a doctor who vaccinates their children; it is the expert who shows them how to raise more rice, or more wheat, on their own land; it is the flag that marks a haven for the refugee or which means a meal to a nursing mother.

And beyond these material things, the United Nations gives support to the spiritual values of men's lives; it assists dependent peoples in their progress toward self-government and helps new nations to preserve and

develop their freedom; it strengthens the concept of the dignity and worth of human beings. Though seldom making headlines, these humanitarian activities are definitely "realities," as real as were the cases of Iran, Greece and Indonesia which the United Nations had to face in the very first week of its existence. Later came the question of Syria and Lebanon, Palestine, Kashmir, the Corfu Channel, Berlin, and the Italian colonies.

In all these situations the United Nations method of meditation and conciliation, patiently and persistently applied, eased the tension, prevented war, or halted actual hostilities, thereby saving thousands upon thousands of lives.

Now there is Korea, a landmark in the history of international relations: the first time an international organization has acted, and acted swiftly, to meet aggression with collective force.

All in all, this is a good record; one of which all those who helped achieve it can be proud. But it is not enough. It cannot be good enough unless and until every individual, no matter what part of the world he lives in, no matter what race he belongs to, or what faith he follows, does his share in the common task of earning universal peace.

There are battle fronts in the fight for peace just as there are battle fronts in war. We must all continue to man these battle fronts of peace, not one day each year, not tomorrow, but today and every day. We must fight together to erase the causes of war, poverty, prejudice, ignorance and fear.

We must not let these enemies of peace win a victory anywhere in the world, for in the long run it would mean their victory by default over all of us.

Let United Nations Day this month, as well as every day thereafter, be an occasion for peoples everywhere to reaffirm their faith and work in the cause of building upon the foundations of the United Nations Charter a peaceful world with security and independence for every nation.—World Alliance News Letter.

To Love Is to Obey

When Mother has a job for me
I must not ask her why,
Or say, "Some other time would be
Much better." I must try
To do my best so she can see
I love her more than I love me.

When God's voice whispers in my ear
I must not make believe
I am so deaf I cannot hear
For then my Lord would grieve.
No, I must show I love Him, too,
By doing what He wants me to.

—Selected

Be Still Before the Lord

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him" (Ps. 37:7, marginal reading).

Thus wrote the ancient bard of several thousand years ago. The admonition is no less timely today. To be still before the Lord is faith's greatest and most difficult accomplishment. There are so many things that would disturb that holy stillness.

The World Is Ever Restless

But more so now than ever. Certainly there has never been in the history of the world such a noisy and restless generation as ours. The cry is: faster, faster—on land and on sea, over the earth and under the waters!

The Heart of Man Is Ever Restless

But more so now than ever. It seems as though men fear stillness and solitude. They appear to have entered into a tacit agreement to help one another avoid stillness.

We Christians, too, are deeply affected by the noisiness of our age.

One is tempted to ask if there has been at any time in the past 19 centuries a generation of Christians as noisy and turbulent as ours.

To a generation feverishly occupied with external things comes the admonition, "Be still before the Lord." Is there any message we need more than this?

He who dwells in the eternal stillness beholds our noisy distress and longs to be permitted to impart to us the eternal joy and power which comes through stillness. He whispers therefore in a friendly way to all restless, exhausted shallow and spirit-forsaken Christians, "Be still. What you need is stillness."

The Lord was not in the wind, not in the earthquake and not in the fire; but in the still small voice. This voice cannot be heard unless one permits one's self to be drawn into quietude.

Seek the Secret Place of Prayer

Seek to enter therein oftener than

O. HALLESBY

you have done. Remain in the secret place of prayer until you become still before the Lord. If the bustle of the world and restlessness of soul follow you thither, then let the Lord examine you and point out to you what is wrong in your relationship toward Him.

We should make careful note of this fact: if we cannot become still before the Lord, there is something wrong with us somewhere. There is some sin upon which we are not willing to have the light of God focused. Or there is something in God's dealings with us in which we refuse to acquiesce.

Seek Stillness While at Work

It awaits you. Even amidst the noisiest surroundings and during your most strenuous labors it is possible for you to live and move in the stillness of the eternal realm, before the face of the Lord.

Seek stillness as you walk down the street or the road. Let quietude become your friend, your daily companion.

Seek Stillness While You Rest

Then you really will rest and gain strength for body, mind and spirit.

The greatest blessing connected with stillness is that we can hear eternity; we can hear the voice of the Eternal One as He speaks to our conscience. Sin becomes a living reality: it begins to loom large before our eyes and to weigh us down. What grace thus to know sin! How it drives and draws our souls in their unendurable agony to the Great Physician!

In stillness we hear the message of the Eternal One to sinners: the message concerning the Son, the substitute, the Cross and the blood. We hear God as He speaks words of peace and mercy to our bleeding, trembling souls. No one can mistake that voice after he has once heard it.

It takes only a quiet word like that from Him to bring peace and assurance to our souls and to make us courageous and strong.

Be still before the Lord when adversity and suffering bring worry and anxiety upon you; when impatience, self-willfulness and fear of suffering arise within you. At such a time seek stillness before the face of the Lord.

Seek It Often

Remain long in solitude with God; it will bring stillness to your soul. There you will hear wonderful things from the Lord. When He speaks to you about suffering, He will speak in such a way that you will never forget it. Henceforth you will look upon suffering in an entirely different light.

He who in stillness before the Lord learns obedience by the things he suffers, has won the greatest victory which man can win. Even of our Saviour it is written that He was made perfect through the obedience which He thus learned.

Be still before the Lord when the joy of success attends you on every hand. Seek stillness and acquire poise of soul by which to gear the praise, honor, respect, confidence, influence and power which success brings you.

May our young people see that the problem which confronts them today is not so much to expand our program of Christian work, to increase the volume of our labors or to speed up our work. Our problem is rather to develop and strengthen the inner side of the Christian life, to pray forth and to wrest forth a less strained, a more real and substantial type of Christianity, one which will better stand the test of daily living.

One thing worse than a quitter is the man who is afraid to begin.

Editorial Comments

THANKS TO THE NATIONAL MISSION BOARDS

As editor of the Free Will Baptist paper, we desire to thank, in a special way, Brother Raymond Riggs, and his staff of workers of the Foreign Mission Board for their splendid cooperation in sending to us regularly their reports and messages from the foreign mission fields for publication in our national magazine. It is through their untiring interests and ever increasing faithfulness that the editor is able to keep the readers of the Baptist paper informed concerning the needs, the progress, and the future outlook of this department of our denominational work. We are indeed thankful, and greatly appreciative to Brother Thomas H. Willey, and his corps of workers in Cuba, and also to Miss Barnard, and her corps of workers in India for their alertness in furnishing from time to time Brother Riggs and his office workers the news from their fields of labor, so that Brother Riggs, in turn, is able to keep the editor furnished with the proper information which our denomination needs. It is a pleasure to this editor that this is the case with our Foreign Mission department of our denominational program.

In addition to this gratifying result of the Foreign Mission Board, we wish also to thank Brother Bloss and his staff of workers with the National Home Mission Board for their alertness and loyalty in furnishing the editor with the needs, the progress, and the future outlook of the Home Mission work here in the home land of our National work. They are doing a good job in pushing forward this most needed work among Free Will Baptists throughout the United States. They are seeking to keep the Free Will Baptist ministers and the laity of the various churches, through the columns of the Baptist paper, posted as to what the National Home Mission Board is doing toward the work of waging mission campaigns in cities and certain rural centers, and in the establishment of new mission points and also new Free Will Baptist churches. We as editor want to let Brother Bloss and his corps of workers know that we do sincerely appreciate the efforts that they are putting forth to build up a strong Home Mission work here in the United States. This work is vitally necessary to the growth and expansion of the Free Will Baptist denomination in this country. It must be supported, encouraged, and backed by the loyalty of the Free Will Baptist ministers in every state where they hold pastorates.

As a concluding word, this editor is urging all the pastors, Sunday School superintendents, and leaders of the Woman's Auxiliary work throughout the denomination to give both the Foreign and the Home Mission Board of the National Association their hearty support by stressing the need of publicizing in their localities, and among their local people the greatness of their sig-

nificance to the denomination, and also by personal giving and soliciting funds for these two outstanding phases of the work of the National Association.

WHAT ABOUT THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE BOARDS?

What are they doing, through the denominational papers, to make known their work and needs as National organizations of the Free Will Baptist denomination? These two national organizations are certainly important to the denomination.

Sometime ago, this editor made known his desires concerning receiving, from time to time, publicity matters from these two National Boards for publication in the Free Will Baptist paper for the interest and the information of the readers of the Baptist paper. The editor's purpose was to keep the readers of the paper posted on what the National Sunday School and League Boards were doing to build up and strengthen the national work of these two departments of our denominational work.

As a result of the editor's call for co-operation from these two National organizations, through his editorial page, some response came, and he set up in the paper a suitable heading for these departments. They were used so long as he was furnished with adequate publicity materials from the various churches in the United States by these Boards' official staffs, or helpers. The editor was made happy from that good beginning, but it did not continue, as he had hoped it would through the years. Certainly this type of national work is needed, as well as it is true of the Foreign and Home Mission departments of our denominational work. As they are progressing by their untiring efforts, and are being constantly made known through the columns of our church papers, why should not the National Sunday School and the National League Boards get busy and furnish the denominational papers, in like manner, with the news of their achievements, desires, and needs for future growth and development? The denominational papers are in serious need of such information from these Boards for the readers of our papers.

This editor believes there is no greater work, in the way of proper publicity for our Sunday Schools and Leagues, than for the leadership of these two national boards to do to keep the Free Will Baptist people informed, through the columns of their church papers, what these two national organizations are doing and what they hope to do in the future by the help of Free Will Baptists everywhere. This editor, urges, therefore, that the leadership of the National Sunday School and the National League Boards set up workable plans by which they can, through their official staffs, and the enlistment of other interested Sunday School and League workers

in the various sections of the United States, and put into operation adequate publicity programs for both organizations that will greatly improve their functioning as national bodies, and at the same time make known to the Free Will Baptist people everywhere what they are doing, what their purposes are, and what they need in the way of money and workers to do the job well. The reason, for example, why the Foreign and the Home Mission departments are moving forward with success is due to the fact that they are making known to our church people their needs, their goals, and their future expectations. As a result, they are doing things, because the people are willing to help them.

Lowell Free Will Baptist Church Moved In Great Revival

The Lowell Free Will Baptist church has surely been stirred by the mighty revival just closed there. The evangelist was the Rev. Johnny E. Franks of Black Mountain, N. C. All of those who were privileged to hear Rev. Franks agree that he is truly a powerful servant of God. Highlights of the revival were as follows: On one night there was a man walked into the church without saying a word to anyone, walked right down to the front of the church and fell at the altar, the minister was interrupted in the message; after prayer the man loudly proclaimed that he, the Prodigal son had returned. Then there was the mountain-top experience of the Sunday past at the morning service. The evangelist was preparing to read one verse of scripture when, before he had time to read one word, the altar began to fill up. There were approximately four souls reclaimed that A. M., including a young minister that the church had prayed many months for. The attendance was very good with 5th Street of West Gastonia cooperating by calling off two of their regular meetings, Cramerton, North Belmont, Mt. Holly and people of other denominations cooperated nicely. Our thanks are extended to the pastors who promoted this fine cooperation. There was fasting and prayer offered to God; God heard our petition, saw our tears, and answered accordingly. Visible results of the revival were as follows: twenty-seven professions and rededications, and eleven addi-

tions to the church. We of Lowell are praising God for the great revival. Our pastor is Rev. Mitchell Davis. The new members brought the total to slightly below three hundred. We of Lowell Free Will Baptist have much to thank God for. Our pastor upon accepting the work here at Lowell had only sixteen members, shortly thereafter not more than three or four months our church moved Brother Davis to full-time pastor at fifty dollars per week. Our pastor has enjoyed a substantial raise since then. God has given us a new 1951 Ford bus, and we are building an auditorium at present to seat four or five hundred.

Our pastor can be heard over station WLTC at Gastonia, N. C., 1370 KC at 10:30 to 11:00 each Saturday A. M. Please pray that God will continue his favor on his flock at Lowell Free Will Baptist church. It is our opinion here at Lowell that any church securing the service of Rev. Franks for a revival will be fortunate indeed. Brother Franks' address is Route 1, Box 249, Black Mountain, N. C.

Rev. Billy Yawn

We pray for the Lamb life, and are given a portion of lowly service, or we are injured and must seek no redress; for He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and opened not His mouth (Isa. 53:7).

God has given to every one of us the power to be spiritual, and by our spirituality to live and enlarge and enlighten the lives we touch.—*Phillips Brooks.*

Now, in conclusion, Why can't the National Sunday School Board and the National League Board get gratifying results from our church people over the country? The answer is: They will when they get busy and do as the above named departments are doing. They need not look to others to do the work for them; they must do it for themselves, with the co-operation of the denomination as a whole. As a final word, the editor of the Baptist paper, and also the editor of the Youth's Banner, solicit for these church publications valuable and worthwhile publicity matters for the columns of these papers from the National Sunday School Board and also from the National Young People's League Board. Will you get busy and do something about this matter?

REV. C. B. THOMPSON RESIGNS

Rev. C. B. Thompson has resigned as pastor of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, and accepted the pastorate of Evergreen Church near Bryan, Texas. Brother Thompson formerly pastored Evergreen Church for eleven years and this church will allow him considerable time for evangelistic work which he enjoys so much, because there is nothing he is more interested in than winning the lost to Christ. Of course, most of the Free Will Baptist know his ability in this field.

It was four years ago this month when the Lord led Brother Thompson here to assume the pastorate of our church, under his leadership the membership of the church has increased 61 per cent and the majority of this increase has been on profession of faith. He will be greatly missed, especially by the sick and shut-ins with whom he spent much time in prayer and giving spiritual advice. A number were led to Christ in this way.

Rev. Charles Thigpen, instructor at the Bible College, has been called to pastor our church for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Rose Davis

DIGEST REPORT

Following is a digest report of the First District Union Meeting of the Western Conference which convened with Spring Hill Church in Wayne County on September 29, 1951, with 24 churches reporting.

Number enrolled in churches, 3,840
Given to missions, \$79.38
Education, \$258.03
Cragmont, \$105.72
Orphanage, \$996.92
Superannuation, \$73.50
State Promotional Service, \$294.98
Finance Association, \$66.00
Local use, \$4,949.55
Number enrolled in Sunday School, 3,487
Number enrolled in Ladies Auxiliary, 607
Number enrolled in Leagues, 197
Number enrolled in Youth Auxiliary, 151

Mrs. Luther Kirby

Woman's Auxiliary Department

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NEW BERN, N. C.

Auxiliary Week of Prayer

Theme—Some Evidences of True Discipleship.

Bible Text for the Week: "Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God." Phil. 4:17.

Monday, November 12

"FAITH AT WORK"

Opening Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us."

Introduction: In the troubled times into which our nation, and the world at large has been plunged because of SIN, in big letters, it behooves us to face the situation honestly, as soldiers of the cross of Christ, and use our every effort to make all adjustments possible in our spiritual lives. Paul, in speaking to Timothy said, "In the latter days perilous times will come," and it seems the proper time for us to realize that "The Time has Come—when Christ Should be glorified," through real, sincere faith in Him, who is able to help us "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." Mark 12:17. If in the study of the Word during these days, we find a need of spiritual surgery, may we humble ourselves, confess our faults and submit to the "knife" of the great Surgeon, that we may become profitable servants in His vineyard.

In the study of these lessons, we take for granted that our auxiliary women are born again Christians, and if so we are "Walking in the Light, as He is in the light and we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son cleanseth us from all sin. I Jn. 1:7. Hymn: My Faith Looks up to Thee.

Prayer—As the Lord directs.

I. THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW

a. We must hang out the "lantern" of Faith in God, because faith is an indispensable element in Christianity. "But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Heb. 11:6. (may we visit for a few moments, the great picture gallery of by-gone saints, as recorded

in Hebrews 11.) How does our faith compare with these once great ones?

II. ACTIVE FAITH IN GOD IS ESSENTIAL

a. Fundamental duty:

b. It is vitally essential in prayer: Mark 11:24, "Therefore I say unto you, whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

c. Faith is the Christian's shield of defense: Ephesians 6:16: "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one."

d. It assures success: II Chron. 20:20, "Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established: Believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper." See Mark 11:22 also.

e. It promises justification and peace: Rom. 5:1, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

III. SOME RESULTS OF A WORKING FAITH IN GOD

a. All things are possible: Mark 9:23, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

b. No task too hard, for faith grows as we use it: Neglect it and we not only suffer loss ourselves, but some soul or souls that we might have won to Christ, drifts out and down to endless death. What shall our answer be, if we neglect so great salvation?

IV. SPECIAL PROMISES TO THOSE WHO EXERCISE FAITH IN GOD

a. It brings answer to prayer: Matt. 21:22, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

b. Power is given: Jn. 14:12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also: and greater works than these shall he do: because I go unto my Father." see Col. 1:23.

c. A spiritual inheritance is promised: Jas. 2:5, "Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which He hath promised to them that love Him."

d. Rest for the soul: Hebrews 4:9, "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."

e. Victory: not only at the end of the journey, but we can enjoy peace with God through our Lord, in whom we "live, and move, and have our being, for as we go forth bearing precious seed, we shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing

our sheaves with us." Ps. 126:6. God's "well done" brings victory at the end of the day as well as at the end of the journey.

f. Regardless of all the wiles of the evil one, we have a Father in heaven, whose beloved Son, and our Saviour, passed this way, and was tempted to the limit, yet without sin. Let us feel the sustaining power of the Blessed One who said in Psa. 125:1, "They that trust in the Lord, shall be as Mt. Zion which cannot be moved, but abideth forever."

May we exercise our faith in all of our undertakings, and accept as a personal application from the apostle Paul, who said "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." I Cor. 16:13.

Hymn: Faith is the Victory." Altar service. (Optional)

Benediction.

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 1951

PRAISE AND PRAYER, EVIDENCES OF TRUE DISCIPLESHIP

(It is suggested that in the study of this program of Praise and Prayer, that the members select Bible verses pertaining to the subject, and commit them to memory. At some time during the program, let each one stand and recite these Scripture verses as a testimony unto the Lord, and for encouragement to each other.

A little Chorus, or a recitation may be used also.)

Bible text: Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Luke 21:36.

Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him. Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving.

Scripture lesson: Acts 12:5-17. Psa. 107:1, 2.

Hymn: Sweet Hour of Prayer.

I. PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

A perpetual evidence of true Discipleship. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Other reasons:

a. We are a chosen generation.

b. We are a royal priesthood.

c. A holy nation.

d. A peculiar people: I Peter 2:9 "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people: that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."

II. IT IS THE WILL OF GOD FOR HIS PEOPLE TO OFFER PRAISE UNTO HIM

In I Thess. 5:18, we find these words, "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

a. True Discipleship is always found glorifying the heavenly Father: (1) in spiritual unity: (2) by consecration of self to Him daily: (3) In praise, prayer and thanksgiving: (4) In becoming real workers to-

gether with Him. Rom. 15:6 reads, "That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Note I Cor. 6:20: "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

III. EXAMINATION

In our examination of true discipleship, we find prayer is a great stand-by, for it is through this method that we have communion and fellowship with our Lord. It takes prayer—earnest, sincere prayer—for a true disciple to remain true and faithful. It is a real source of joy. It demonstrates our love to Christ and to one another.

a. We are not to mistake "lip service" for prayer: He knows the dross from the gold; He knows that if we will, we "shall know the truth, and that the truth shall make us free," and that "of ourselves, we can do nothing." It is due largely to our constant contact with the Father, through prayer and supplication, that the world can see the Christ shining out through our lives.

The story is told that a young Harvard University student once asked his professor, "What is your definition of a Christian?" The Professor looked out the window for a few seconds, then said, "I do not know the true definition of a Christian, but there goes Phillip Brooks." Such a godly life could well be pointed out as the definition for a Christian. Jesus said in Matt. 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Phillip Brooks did just that. May we watch our own lives and yield ourselves to God in all manner of prayer and supplication, with praise and thanksgiving.

b. Perhaps some of us have discovered that there are prayers out beyond mere words, and that sometimes the most effective prayers are not petitions for certain things, or personal blessings, but rather are acts of devotion, or a new dedication of our own wills to Him. "Not my will, but thine be done."

Hymn: Let Your Lower Light be Burning; Benediction.

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1951

THE LIFE OF A TRUE DISCIPLE IS CONTROLLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Bible text for the day: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:6

Hymn: Holy Ghost, with Light Divine.

Prayer for our Bible College and its officers and teachers.

Scripture lesson: John 14:16-26.

Hymn: Holy Spirit, Breathe on Me. (Let us make it our prayer.)

I EVERY TRUE DISCIPLE INDWELT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

He comes in when we believe and yield ourselves wholly and completely to Christ: Ezek. 36:27, "And I will put my spirit with-

in you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments and do them." Note Acts 15:8, "And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as He did unto us."

a. When the Holy Spirit dwells within our hearts, He guides us into all truth, and reminds us daily of the commandments of our Lord. Read Jn. 14:26, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you."

II. THE WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT

a. He bears witness to our salvation; Rom. 8:16, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God."

b. He controls our movements, our conversations, our very lives, when we are obedient to His leadership: Read the story of Peter's vision on the house-top in Acts 10, and be convinced that when we obey, we are made a blessing to others. He spoke to Peter in the 20th verse of this chapter, saying, "Arise, therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them."

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT AN ABIDING POWER IN LIFE OF BELIEVER

a. He gives power: Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

b. He confirms our hope of heavenly citizenship: Phil. 3:20, "For our citizenship is in heaven: where also we wait for a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ."

c. The true disciple of Christ must live as Paul did when he said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live"—He was led of the Spirit, lived in the spirit and died in full assurance that a crown of righteousness awaited him at the end of the journey. II Tim. 4:5-8.

d. We know that the Spirit also helps our infirmities, for He often makes intercession for us with groanings: Rom. 8:26, 27. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

e. Perhaps the words, "with groanings which cannot be uttered," are passed over too lightly. May we think deeply and seriously of the sufferings of our Saviour while He was on earth, and may we also pause to meditate on the agony He must endure when His "love gifts" from His Father stray off the right path, and grow careless, indifferent, and lazy in the work of the Lord.

"There is only one baptism of the Holy Spirit, but many fillings" some one has said. But many to believe that we can be true disciples without daily going to God

for a new supply of the Holy Spirit to direct us in our every work and effort. May we be in the mind of Peter when he said, "We ought to obey God rather than man." Acts 5:29.

Hymn: Take Time to be Holy Benediction.

Thursday, November 15

LOVE, PROOF OF DISCIPLESHIP

Bible thought for the day: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Jn. 15:13.

Hymn: Love Divine.

Prayer: That the love of Christ may so fill our hearts that we may be able to reach out with helping hands to all the earth in this great missionary need.

Scripture lesson: I Jn. 3:11-24.

Hymn: More Love to Thee.

Introductory: The pre-eminence of love is to walk in love, as the Lord Jesus gave commandment. "And walk in love, as Christ has also loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour." Eph. 5:2. There are many kinds of love—family love, neighborly love, love of nature, love of the beautiful wherever we see it, and love for self, which latter can ruin every other love we may possess. The two great loves of our lives should be love for God and for our neighbor. For God so loved—John 3:16. May we note God's love for us: In citing John 3:16, we should make it personal; God so loved me that He gave his only begotten Son—"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon me, that I should be called the son of God." I Jn. 3:1.

II. THE EXTENT OF GOD'S LOVE

Who can measure it? Who can understand it? By faith we accept His word as true and past all disputings; He speaks in Jer. 31:3, saying, "Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee." Again Rom. 5:8: "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

III. OUR LOVE TO CHRIST

Only one proof is asked, that is that we keep His commandments: He said in 14:23, "If a man love me, he will keep my words." In I Jn. 4:8 we read, "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

Our love to Christ is not proven in mere words, but it has to be manifested by our service to Him. When we love a person, we take great delight in doing things to please him, so it is with our love to Christ—we must show forth His praises in the lives we live and in the things we do.

IV. BROTHERLY LOVE

Brotherly love is the badge of true discipleship. The test of our love to God lies

in the fact that we love one another. John 13:35, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if you have love one for another."

a. In so doing, we demonstrate the fact that we are "new creatures in Him." In Jn. 3:14, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren: He that loveth not his brother abideth in death."

V. THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

a. God should come first; "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness: Matt. 6:33. Again in Matt. 22:37-40, "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

May we be consistent in our profession of faith, that we may live successfully and victoriously, a life of love in Him.

Hymn: My Jesus, I Love Thee. Benediction.

Friday, November 16

FRUIT-BEARING CHRISTIANS

Bible thought for the day: Psalm 112:1, "Praise ye the Lord: Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments."

Hymn: Sowing in the Morning

Pray for our Missionaries and for all Christian workers.

Scripture lesson: Jn. 15:1-8

Hymn: "O Master, Let me Walk with Thee."

Bearing spiritual fruit is the product of our love to Christ and in wisdom, given by Him in directing the right kind of seed to sow, which must be sowed in good ground, if an abundance of fruit is to be the result. Matt. 13:8, "But others fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some a hundred fold, some sixty-fold, some thirty-fold."

MAY WE NOTICE:

I. There are many varieties of fruit, as well as conditions to be met.

a. In natural life—which includes all phases of physical and material life—but our interest is in spiritual fruit, consisting of the following: "Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance—"

b. To bear such fruit we must realize that we are branches growing in the "vine," which is Christ, and that it is the branches that bear the fruit. "I am the vine, ye are the branches."

c. There are degrees in fruit-bearing: "Fruit, more fruit, much fruit."

d. The main condition of this is "Abiding in Him:" "He that abideth in me, and

I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." Jn. 15:5. This means that this abiding in Christ, trusting in Him, obeying His word, loving Him as our Redeemer, we reach the place of bearing fruit to his glory, more fruit and much fruit, denote the strength of our faith and our willingness to follow Him." "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit: so shall ye be my disciples. Jn. 15:8.

II. TIMES OF PRUNING

a. In the Christian's walk and warfare, the Master has often to use his "pruning hook" in the way of chastisement. "Now no chastisement for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." Heb. 12:11.

b. Sometimes misfortunes come upon us in the way of illness, death, loss of property, disappointments, etc., which many times seems heavier than we can bear, but in this, we have a sure promise that He is still with us and loves us. Note Rom. 8:28, "And

and weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:6.

b. To be an evidence of true discipleship, we must have "faith in God," must "pray without ceasing," to have the witness of the Holy Spirit, to love without ceasing," to have the witness of the Holy Spirit, to love without dissimulation, (hypocrisy) and to bear fruit in the vineyard of the Lord.

A Little Poem, Author Unknown

"Only a seed—but it chanced to fall
In a little cleft of a city wall,
And taking root, grew bravely up
Till a tiny blossom crowned its top.
Only a thought, but the work it wrought
Could never by tongue or pen be taught:
For it ran through a life like a thread of gold,
And the life bore fruit—a hundredfold—
Only a word—but 'twas spoken in love,
With a whispered prayer to the Lord above:
And the angels in heaven rejoiced once more,
For a new-born soul "entered in by the door."

Whether it be little or much, our very best must go into our fruit-bearing, for we "are labourers together with God."

Hymn: I Surrender All.

Benediction.

SHILOH AUXILIARY ANNUAL REPORT

Shiloh Auxiliary met with Mrs. Dennis Foreman, Friday night, October 12, closing its year's work and observing its 30th birthday. The group joined in singing "Bringing in the Sheaves." Scripture was read by Mrs. Ethel Waters, and Prayer by Mrs. Delsie Waters. The program from the Year Book of Programs was used with several of those present taking part. Officers for the ensuing year were elected or re-elected as follows:

Mrs. Nancy Foreman, President
Mrs. Alla Rae Foreman, 1st Vice-Pres.
Mrs. Annie V. Boyd, 2nd Vice-Pres.
Mrs. Blanche Boyd, 3rd Vice-Pres.
Mrs. Mildred Leggett, 4th Vice-Pres.
Mrs. Sally Foreman, 5th Vice-Pres.
Mrs. Ethel Waters, Treasurer
Mrs. Delsie Waters, Secretary

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Nancy Foreman, our oldest and most loved member. Mrs. Mary V. Boyd was present to blow out the candles on the lovely cake which the hostess provided.

Disbursements for the year were \$94.51 for various causes from the regular treasury.

\$166.67 has been given to the church building fund.

On hand \$45.31.

Mrs. Delsie I. Waters, Secy.

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we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to His purpose." We are to be patient in tribulations, because we are told in James 1:3, 4, "Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience: But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

III. USE OF TALENTS

By the rightful use of our talents, we shall be able to become fruit-bearing Christians. If we do not use them for God's glory, we lose them. Note the parable of the talents in Matthew 25. In these lessons this week, we know that faith is the foundation of our good works, because they go hand in hand. Note I Thess. 1:3, "Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father."

IV. THE BEST FRUIT

a. Soul-winning: Prov. 11:30, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life: and he that winneth souls is wise. "He that goeth forth

We pray for union with Jesus, and God severs natural ties and lets our best friends misunderstand or become indifferent to us (John 15:2).

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

THE APPLE TREE MEETING

Roma Leonard

When the old apple tree was being cut down, the Brown children had to stay in the house. Now there was no longer danger from falling limbs, and Billy, Jimmy, Sue, and Marie were out exploring. Mr. Brown had the children help him pile the branches into brush piles, and at last all that remained of the old apple tree was the forked trunk and the stump in the ground.

"Let's play something," suggested Sue. "That old tree would make a nice bench."

"School!" shouted Billy.

"This stump looks like a pulpit. We'd better play church," said Jimmy.

"All right," agreed Billy. "You be the preacher."

Seeing that the Brown children were having a good time, other children came to join the fun. The girls sat on the tree trunk, while the boys perched on the fork that stuck up.

"That isn't any way to act in church," protested Marie. "They ought to sit down here with us."

"That can be our church gallery," explained Jimmy from behind his stump pulpit. "Quiet now, and altogether on the singing."

First they sang, "Everybody Ought to Love Jesus." The girls knew "At the Cross," and the boys were able to follow along. They sang, "Brighten the Corner," and "Give Me Oil in My Lamp." In unison they said the "Lord's prayer." Next Jimmy began to preach.

"We have been singing 'Give me oil in my lamp,'" he said. "That means that we have what it takes to get to Heaven. The five wise virgins had oil in their lamps and in their vessels. The foolish ones did not. When the bridegroom came, they were not ready. They said, 'Give me oil in my lamp.'"

"Oh, no," said the wise virgins, "We have only enough for ourselves. Get your oil somewhere else."

"When they went to buy the bridegroom came and the wise virgins went along. The door was shut when the foolish virgins got there."

"Lord, Lord, open the door and let us in, and they knocked and knocked. But it was too late. He said, 'I don't know you.'"

"God says that is just the way the Kingdom of Heaven will be. Some people will be expecting to go to Heaven, but they will not be ready when the time comes."

Jimmy stopped speaking. He looked at the boy on the highest limb, then at the next one, and on down to the last girl on the trunk of the tree. "Are you ready?" he asked.

Mabel was the last one on the improvised seat, and she supposed that Jimmy was speaking to her alone. She flushed. "I don't believe what you say," she exclaimed. "Anybody who wants to can go to Heaven if he dies."

There was a grunt of disapproval from the other children. Mabel's face reddened as she saw the children all looking at her. "Well, I'll just go home and ask Mother." The gate clicked behind Mabel and she disappeared in the house.

"Let's stand and be dismissed," ordered Jimmy, trying to at least finish the service properly.

They waited around the trunk of the apple tree, but Mabel did not return. She came outside, but sat dejectedly on her own porch, a picture book in her lap.

"Mabel's just pretending," said Sue.

"Why do you say that?" asked Marie.

"Because that picture book is upside down," replied Sue. "I'm going over to be friendly. The rest of you go ahead and play, and don't notice us."

A moment later Sue had joined Mabel. "What did your mother say?" she asked kindly.

Mabel batted back a tear. "She said I ought to listen to our pastor more—that she didn't know I was growing up such a little heathen."

"Oh, it isn't that bad," comforted Sue.

Now the tears came freely. "I don't care how bad it is—but I would—would like to be ready for Heaven. Mother didn't tell me—and I don't understand how—how to get oil in my lamp—"

Sue's arms were now about Mabel. "Let's pray. The oil is the Spirit of God. And anything we really need, we can get from Jesus if we ask in the right way." Sue was able to help Mabel because she herself had been saved from sin; and there on the porch steps the darkness in Mabel's heart became light.

The apple tree meeting proved so profitable that it was not the only service held by the Brown children and their young neighbors. Mabel always took a helpful part in the services after that, and she now also listened attentively to the preaching in the large brick church where she attended on the Lord's Day.—The Children's Friend.

JIMMY HELPS THE LORD

"But, Mother," Jimmy argued, "you and Father always give me my offering money."

It was Saturday night and Jimmy had earned his first money that same week. He had mowed two lawns and had been paid twenty-five cents for each job.

"Son," Mother answered, "the Bible teaches us that we should give a tithe of our money to the Lord. Until this week, you have never earned any money of your own, so we have given you some of ours to give."

"Well, how much am I supposed to give of my fifty cents?" asked Jimmy.

"You should give one-tenth of your money earned. That would be five cents this time," Mother said.

So Jimmy counted out five pennies and on the next morning, when the offering plate went around he placed them with the other money on the plate.

The following week, Jimmy earned more money. He earned three dollars before the next Saturday night came around. But he also spent all the money except seventy cents. When he got his pencil down and did his figuring, he found he must put thirty cents into the collection plate the next morning.

"Mother," he called, "couldn't I just put in ten cents tomorrow? That would be more than I put in last Sunday."

"No, Son," Mother answered, "When you make a dollar, the Lord's part is ten cents. When you make ten dollars, the Lord's part is one dollar. God's plan is the perfect plan. If you earn much, you pay a larger amount, but no larger share than you paid when you earned little. We must never use the Lord's small share for ourselves."—Herald of Holiness.

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LAWS FOR THE NEW NATION

(Lesson for November 18)

Lesson: Exodus 18-23; Exodus 19:7-8; 23:1-13.

Golden Text: Exodus 19:8b.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

A period of about fifty days separate this lesson from our last. In that interval the Israelites had been led from Egypt by the pillar of cloud; they had passed safely through the Red Sea; they had been fed with the manna and delivered from their enemies. Now at Mount Sinai they rested and God proposed to give them laws and to organize them into a nation.

The giving of the law to Moses was commemorated by the feast of Pentecost. It was at this feast, many hundred years later, that the Holy Spirit was given (Acts 2). The giving of the law was the occasion for the death of 3,000 sinners, but when the Holy Spirit was given 3,000 sinners found life.

1. It is a great blessing to a nation when its God-given leader lays before them all the words of God (Ex-19:7).

2. It is easy to pledge obedience to God, but in our own strength we will never be able to keep our pledge (vs. 8).

3. Gossip is the taking up of false reports and passing them to others—a practice forbidden by God (23:1).

4. The evil things accomplished by mobs show how easy it is to be carried away to do evil when we go with a multitude (vs. 2).

5. It is good to defend the poor when he is in the right, but not if his cause is unjust (vs. 3).

6. God knew that men would have enemies, and He gave instructions to treat them with love (vss. 4, 5).

7. God expects His people ever to

take the side of the innocent and the righteous (vs. 7).

8. Keen sight is essential to the administering of justice, but it can sometimes easily be blinded by the offer of rewards (vs. 8).

9. It is easy to be prejudiced against strangers (foreigners) unless we have been considered foreigners ourselves and know what it means (vs. 9).

10. The Sabbath commanded in the Law show that God wants His whole creation to enjoy rest as well as work, and are a type of the eternal rest (vs. 10).

11. No prouder words were ever spoken than when Israel boasted, "All that the Lord hath spoken we will do"!

No words were ever more quickly repudiated, as Israel set the pattern for many future backslidings by erecting the golden calf.

12. And before we condemn the ancient people for their failure to persevere and keep their pledge of obedience, let us examine ourselves to see that we fall not into like disobedience! As Israel stood before Sinai and accepted the Law of old, so we have stood before the hill of Calvary and made an identical pledge and consecration of self. To what extent, as we look back over the years of our Christian pilgrimage, have we remembered and implemented our promise, "All that the Lord hath (said) we will do"? Before we speak in harsh terms of the sad failure of Moses' following, let us make sure that we are not in like defection from the vows we made in the first flush of our conversion.—Selected.

13. We find instruction given here concerning the Sabbatical year. The six years of sowing and reaping were to be followed by a year in which there were to be no planting and gathering. The ground was to be left unseeded and uncultivated. What

nature produced without the aid of man was to be for the poor and needy, and for the beasts of the field. The same rule applied to both the vineyards and oliveyards. (vss. 10, 11).—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

14. The Jews at a later date were carried into captivity for seventy years as a punishment for ignoring the law regarding the Sabbatical year.

15. God greatly desired that his people Israel be true to him in their religious faith, in their devotions, and in their personal dealings with one another, because he meant for them to be just and honest in their secular and religious relationships. Obedience to the divine law was required if they were to reap the full benefits of God's loving care, and divine protection. Specially did God speak against their worshipping false gods, and offering sacrifices to pagan images.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Water from a Rock—No. 2

There has been recently reported a case of the providential supplying of water similar to the water gushing from the rock at Rephidim on the way to Sinai, and somewhat similar to the remarkable appearance of Providence Spring in the South in Civil War days. On the island of Fogo, one of the Cape Verde Islands off the west coast of Africa, there has been a great water famine for the past four hundred years or more. Each family in the city of Saint Filipe has in the past received only four gallons of water daily as its allotted quantity for all purposes.

"A few months ago practically everyone at this place was converted, and led by their pastor, Luciano Gomes de Barros, they prayed for relief from the awful famine of water. God heard and answered their prayer. High up the side of a rocky cliff, ten thousand feet above sea level, God suddenly opened up a fountain of water and it runs day and night. It was almost too good to be true, and there is no explanation possible other than a miracle of God." This incident is reported in **Twenty Mission-**

ary Stories by Basil Miller, page 94.
—Arnold's Commentary.

They Got There

Four foolish young fellows, all out for a "high old time," had been drinking heavily, and as a result, were even more reckless than usual. Driving up to a gas station, the owner of the car ordered "enough gas to get to hell!" Then the car careened crazily down the road, a drunken speed demon at the wheel. The four were singing vulgar songs.

Suddenly the speeding machine leaped out into space and plunged, somersaulting down a cliff. Then it burst into flames on the rocks below. Four young lives were snuffed out in a few agonizing minutes. Unprepared, they had gotten the request of their driver. — Roy J. Wilkins in Youth Today.

A PRAYER SELDOM HEARD

Almighty God, as I sit here by the fire this lovely Sunday morning, surrounded by the Sunday paper, and half listening to one of the preachers over the radio, it has just come over me that I have lied to Thee and to myself.

I said I did not feel well enough to go to church. That was not true. I was not ambitious enough.

I would have gone to my office if it had been Monday morning. I would have played golf if it had been Wednesday afternoon in summer.

I would have attended my luncheon club if it had met this noon.

I would have been able to go to a picture show if it had been Friday night.

"But it is Sunday morning, and Sunday illness covers a multitude of sins.

God have mercy upon me. I have lied to Thee and to myself.

I was not ill—I am lazy and indifferent. Amen."

Author Unknown.

We pray for submission, and God sends suffering, for we learn obedience by the things we suffer (Heb. 5:8).

We pray for quietness, and everything within and around is confusion, that we may learn when He giveth quietness no one can make trouble (Job 34:29).

OLIVET CHURCH CALLS NEW PASTOR

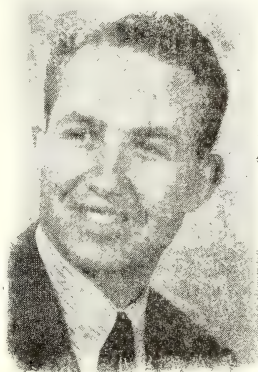
Rev. Charles Sapp

The Rev. Charles Sapp, newly called pastor of Olivet Free Will Baptist church on Rossview road in Kirkwood Community preached his first sermon to the Olivet congregation as pastor, Sunday morning, Oct. 7, at eleven o'clock.

A student at the Free Will Baptist Bible college for the past two years, the Rev. Sapp has served as pastor during that time for the Free Will Baptist church at Columbia, Tennessee.

Prior to this Rev. Sapp served for three years as a pastor in Oklahoma. Leaving a pastorate at Lexington, Oklahoma to continue his schooling at Nashville, Tennessee.

Rev. Sapp was born in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He attended the Capitol High School and upon graduation



REV. CHARLES SAPP

received the Civitan Citizenship reward. In high school he was active in religious activities of his school and church.

The Rev. Sapp was actively engaged in Youth for Christ work in Oklahoma City and was an occasional speaker at their rallies.

Upon completion of his high school work, the Rev. Sapp entered the Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Rev. Sapp is married to the former Ynette Culey of El Reno, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Sapp will continue to live at 390 Normandy Circle, Nashville, Tennessee until Mr. Sapp is out of school. Mrs. Sapp is a nurse at Vanderbilt Hospital. They have one son, Charles Michael, age 2 years.

Mr. Sapp succeeds the Rev. W. C. Clearman who is now pastor at the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, district 10, Montgomery County.

During the short time that the Rev. Sapp has been at Olivet Church he has organized weekly Wednesday evening prayer meetings, followed by choir practice. He has also submitted plans for reworking the church basement which has been unsatisfactory because of its wet condition.

Mrs. Smith Crockarell
Guthrie, Ky.

"MAXIMUM SUNDAY SCHOOL MONTH" TO BE OBSERVED BY OLIVET FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The month of November has been set aside as "Maximum Sunday School Month" by the Olivet Free Will Baptist Church in Kirkwood Community, Montgomery County, located on Rossview Road.

The campaign will open Sunday, November 4, with a special program at Olivet Church presented by a quartet from the Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville.

The congregation of Olivet Church will put forth special efforts to make the Sunday School a 100 percent Sunday School. Every member is encouraged to not only be present, but to be on time, bring an offering, bring Bible, study lesson, and stay for preaching.

Everyone is requested to bring a visitor with them each Sunday during the drive.

The Sunday School Department making the best record during the month will receive special recognition.

The Rev. Charles Sapp is pastor of Olivet Church. Doyle Moore is Sunday School Superintendent. Other officers and teachers include: Smith Crockarell, Assistant Superintendent; Frank Murphy, Secretary; Joe Allen, Assistant Secretary; Bobby Welch, Treasurer; Jim Reding, teacher Adult Department with Mrs. Richard Parham as assistant; Hyman Welch, teacher Young People's Department with Mrs. P. T. McGregor as assistant; Mrs. George Head, teacher Intermediate Department with Mrs. Hyman Welch as assistant; Mrs. George Allen, teacher Junior Department with Mrs. Jesse Mays as assistant; Mrs. Smith Crockarell, teacher Primary Department with Mrs. John B. Murphy as assistant.

The above group of officers and teachers urge everyone to use the theme "See You In Sunday School" throughout the month of November.

Mrs. Smith Crockarell, Reporter

A broken home is the world's greatest wreck.—W. O. Love

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Conferences Attended

It was my happy privilege to attend the Western Conference which convened at Marsh Swamp church, near Sims, N. C., the 17th and the 18th of October, and to have fellowship with the people that I first fellowshiped in my early ministry. However, there were only a very few of those on hand with whom I associated with when I was ordained. A large number of those of my age, and even much younger, have gone to their reward. But it seemed very good to have fellowship with the few remaining ones and with those with whom I have kept in touch all along.

The conference was well attended, with nearly all the churches representing. There were eight new ordained ministers received into the conference. Two of these were received from other conferences. The reports, as we observed, were very good, showing growth in the service.

The people of Marsh Swamp with their efficient pastor did an extra good job in taking care of their guests. Our hearts were made to rejoice as I shared with them the blessings of the Lord.

The Eastern Conference—The Eastern Conference which convened at Deep Run was the most largely attended that we have seen in years. A large number of the churches were represented by delegates, and then there were a large number of visitors in attendance. The various reports were encouraging. The fellowship was of the highest type with everything going off smoothly.

The Deep Run congregation went all-out in the feeding and entertaining of the guests. The pastor, Rev. L. E. Ballard, was on hand looking after the matters pertaining to the

best interest of all concerned. One of the outstanding things in this writer's mind was the information brought to us by Rev. L. C. Johnson, the very efficient President of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. He pictured "the overcrowded condition," and stressed the need for more buildings, saying: "We are looking for more than two hundred students next year, and we must have room to take care of the increase." So, let us get on the JOB and make the ROOM a REALITY.

Letting Our Light Shine

Jesus said, "Let your light shine, before men." The only light that a man can have, spiritually speaking, is that Light that comes by association with Christ. "He is the Light of the world." All that there is in man is "darkness." Jesus said, "Men love darkness, because their deeds are evil." If you desire to SHINE, get right close to the Lord. His word teaches, "If we draw nigh to God He will draw nigh to you." Great many people who claim to be Christians—that is they belong to some denomination—know absolutely nothing about the reality of FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST. They are actually afraid to get close to the Lord, due to the fact that they do not want to turn loose their pet sins. They never pray, "LORD SEND A REVIVAL AND LET IT BEGIN IN ME." That would not do, so in reality many of them do not want a revival. They never seek a "closer walk with God." There is no reflecting light in their life at all. You would never know that they belonged to a church, by their actions.

Some of these fellows—women as well as men—take God's name in vain. They drink beer, wine and whiskey. They go to places of corruptness, sin and shame. They do not like for the pastor to preach on foreign missions, nor home missions, nor on anything that calls for money to carry on the program of the church. They are in down-right darkness, if they were to come in contact with a RAY OF GOD'S SPIRITUAL SUNSHINE, they would be frightened half to death—they might think that an atomic bomb had been exploded somewhere near. If the goodness of God were let loose

and they be turned into heaven, they would be speechless when the Master came close to them, and they would soon be leaving, in search of their kind. One of those fellows slipped into a wedding dinner and when the Master came in and saw him, the startling question was propounded by the King, "Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the King to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 22:12, 13).

This fellow was unfit for the association of those who were dressed for the occasion. Dear reader, there is coming an event when those who have lived in sin and have failed to let the Lord Jesus dress them in RIGHTEOUSNESS will hear the voice of the Lord when He says: "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41). And again "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment" (Matt. 25:46). Don't let the devil's henchmen, as he works through them, decoy you into HELL FIRE by getting you to believe the lies of SATAN when he tells you that "God is too good to punish his child in hell." And many other lies have been invented by the devil, and spread over the world by "Ruselites," who changed their name in these last days to "Jehovah's Witnesses."

Neither let any of the short term HELL crowd fool you by preaching "Brush-heap" punishment. If the devil cannot get you to believe one lie he will try another. Get my Booklet, "HELL OR ENDLESS PUNISHMENT OF THE WICKED." Order from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., for 15 cents per copy, postpaid. Better order 100 copies for EIGHT DOLLARS, and help your pastor to fight the devil through the printed page. The NO HELL GANG cannot get around the TRUE WORD OF GOD. "For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid; yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; (Rom. 3:3, 4).

The goodness of God did not pre-

vent the flood from destroying the wicked in the day of Noah. The flood came on the unbelievers. The goodness of God did not prevent the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah by fire. BUT THE GOODNESS OF GOD took LOT OUT. He was saved because Abraham had prayed for him (Lot). "And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt" (Gen. 19:29).

Death and Hell

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20: 11-15). "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8). Let us go back and read the sixth verse of chapter 20.

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with him a thousand years" (Rev. 20:6).

God is merciful now, THE DOOR OF HEAVEN IS WIDE OPEN for all who will accept the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and ONLY SAVIOUR. But when the door is closed by the Lord, it will be JUSTICE then. MERCY ceases with the JUDGMENT. God will save you today, my lost friend. God will KEEP that which you SUBMIT TO HIM. But the justice of God will not suffer the CHRIST REJECTING SINNER to share the blessings of the LORD in that House not made with hands.

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Only the New Birth Makes Us Children of God

"Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech: even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lust of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:42-44). After this, Jesus said, "And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not" (Verse 45). People are still believing the lies of Satan. It will pay you to stop and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and become a child of God. "Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God" (I Peter 1: 21).

WORDS

Where did they go,
Those words which I, unthinking,

To another said?
Did they but for a moment live
Then fall back dead?

Or, borne on ether waves
To some vast place,
Do they await the judgment
And God's grace?

If this be so,
I pray Thee, Lord, for mercy
In that day;
And help me guard with care
Each word I say.

—SELECTED.

The best place to be on the Lord's Day
is in His house.—L. L. K.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists.

Receipts

Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1951\$637.83
Regular receipts for Sept. 103.71

Total to account for\$741.54

Disbursements

Paid to Superannuated
Ministers\$225.00
Paid to widows 182.50
Operating expense 115.68

Total disbursements 523.18

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1951\$218.36

Receipts Itemized

Black Jack\$ 2.00
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Friendship (Johnston Co.) 1.00
N. C. Aux. Convention 27.00
Rose of Sharon League 1.25
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Sweet Gum Grove 10.00
Cramerton Auxiliary 5.00
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Robert's Grove S. S. 1.00
3rd Eastern Union Meeting 20.00
Gum Swamp S. S. 3.00
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Rocky Mount S. S. 1.79
Core Creek S. S. 8.92
Watson's Grove 5.00

Total\$103.71

Signed:

M. L. JOHNSON,
Chairman-Treasurer

WANTED

All Free Will Baptist people who have relatives or friends living in or near Richmond, Virginia, who will be interested in a Free Will Baptist Church being organized in that city, to forward names and addresses to Mr. Marvin Howard, 129 Roanoke Street, Richmond 24, Virginia.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

JAMES D. HARPER PASSES

On Wednesday morning, November 29, 1950, the death angel visited our home, and took from us our loving father, James D. Harper. Papa was born August 30, 1882, and died on November 29, 1950, making his stay on earth 68 years, two months and twenty-nine days.

On August 13, 1903, he married Lulu Harper who died on June 9, 1918. On September 16, 1919, he married Susie Stanley who died March 25, 1939.

He was a kind and loving father, always ready to help anyone he could in time of need. I did everything for Papa that I could do, even staying at his side until the last breath left his body. I want to live such a life here on earth that when I have gone the last mile of the way, and the Lord says, "It is enough," that I can go to meet Papa, for I am sure he is up there waiting for me.

I feel certain that Papa is in heaven for Rev. Chester Stanley visiting him a short while before he died, and asked him if he was still trusting in the Lord, and Papa nodded his head "Yes," to him. Papa could not talk to me, nor walk for four months before he died, but praise the Lord, when we get up there in heaven, where the angels sing, and where the sun does not have to shine, Father can talk to me, and walk, too.

Papa is not dead. He is just sleeping until the resurrection morn, when he shall rise to be with Jesus. He was a member of Lee's Chapel where his funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Cadmus Coates, and Rev. Rufus Vann. His body was laid to rest in the Williford Cemetery.

He is survived by one son, four daughters, one sister, and several nieces and nephews.

Written by his son, Robie Harper, Dunn, N. C., Route 5

RIVENBARK TO HOLD MEETING IN PORTSMOUTH

The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark of Durham, North Carolina, will begin a revival meeting, the Lord is willing, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Va., November the 11th. No date has been set for closing this meeting, as we want the

meeting to continue as long as the Lord leads to do so.

Rev. J. A. Alexander, pastor of the church, will assist the evangelist in the meeting. Bro. Jimmie Carry, a young man 21 years old, and is on fire for the Lord, is expected to lead the singing.

The church desires your prayers for the success of this meeting.

L. F. Strickland,
821 Forth Street,
Portsmouth, Va.

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God's Gift of Peace

One cycle more with rich fruition crowned,
Hastes to fulfilment of its perfect round;
Great year of wonder and of vast emprise,
For all its gifts, aye, let Thanksgiving rise!
The hero's prowess—bloodless victory won;
The martyr's patience, sternest duty done;
Yet, loftier paeans still, for war's surcease,
For God's best gift—the precious boon of peace!

For garnered opulence of flock and field,
Joys ever new, revolving seasons yield;
For those bright presences of radiant night,
The garment hem of glory infinite;
Blithe speech of birds and bloom of sunny bower,
Health, home and love—the best of earthly dower;
Yea in thy gracious time of strife's release,
Thank God, ye people, for His gift of peace.

—J. Zitella Cocke.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1951

NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

LET'S GO TO OUR ORPHANAGE THANKSGIVING

LET'S REMEMBER: That plans are being made for a great day, at our Orphanage, at Middlesex, N. C., on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22, 1951. The invitation is going out to ALL Free Will Baptist people in the state, and their friends, to be present on that day. The Program for the day will begin at 10:30 A. M. During the day there will be two special features, as follows: The new Superintendent, Rev. S. A. Smith, will be officially installed and, in the afternoon, the new Albemarle Cottage will be officially opened.

Every one is invited to bring along a well filled lunch basket and share with the children and workers of the home at noon time.

LET'S ALSO REMEMBER: That while we are going to the Orphanage on Thanksgiving, it will be a very good time to take along our Thanksgiving offering and a nice load of produce. May we make this one of the greatest days in the history of the Orphanage.

M. L. Johnson,
Promotional Secretary
for North Carolina

ORPHANAGE THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Middlesex, North Carolina

Thursday, November 22, 1951

10:30—Song Service, conducted by Rev. R. N. Hinnant

10:40—Welcome Address, Dr. M. Hinnant, Chairman of the Board

—Greetings from former superintendents

—Congregational Hymn

—Greetings from Board Members

—Installation of new superintendent by H. M. Mallard

—Remarks by new superintendent, Rev. S. A. Smith

—Remarks by Mr. R. G. Fitzgerald

—Offering

12:00—Lunch

1:30—Official Opening of the Albemarle Cottage; conducted by officials of the Albemarle Conference.

NOTE—Tables will be prepared for use during the noon hour. Every one is asked to bring lunch, to spread on the tables and invite the children and workers of the home to be our guests at that time.

By the Program Committee

EDGEWOOD FREE WILL BAPTIST DEDICATION SERVICE

The dedication service of the Edgewood Free Will Baptist church in Edgecombe County will be held at the church on Thanksgiving day, November 22, 1951. The following program has been arranged, with all former pastors taking part.

10:30—Devotionals, Rev. J. D. Vernelson

10:55—Welcome, Rev. E. E. Edwards

11:00—Dedicatory Sermon, Rev. E. L. Abrams

11:30—Sermon, Rev. D. W. Alexander

12:00—Benediction, Rev. P. C. Wiggs

12:15—Lunch on the grounds

1:00—Devotional, Rev. J. D. Vernelson

1:30—Sermon, Rev. L. B. Manning

2:00—Burning of the mortgage by Rev. P. C. Wiggs and president of the Woman's Auxiliary

2:30—Benediction, Rev. E. E. Edwards, pastor

We are planning a great service on that day and we cordially invite everyone to attend, to help us rejoice and give thanks unto God for giving us a debt free church.

Rufus H. Harrell,
Church Clerk

SPEAK OUT FOR JESUS

You talk about your business,
Your bonds and stocks and gold;
And in all worldly matters
You are so brave and bold.
But why are you so silent
About salvation's plan?
Why don't you speak for Jesus,
And speak out like a man?

You talk about the weather,
And the crops of corn and wheat;
You speak of friends and neighbors
That pass along the street;
You call yourself a Christian,
And like the Gospel plan—
Then why not speak for Jesus,
And speak out like a man?

Are you ashamed of Jesus
And the story of the cross,
That you lower His pure banner
And let it suffer loss?
Have you forgot His suffering?
Did He die for you in vain?
If not, then live and speak for Jesus,
And speak out like a man?

I'd like to tell the story sweet
Of Jesus. Wouldn't you?
To help some other folks to meet
Their Savior. Wouldn't you?
I'd like to travel all the way
To where I'd hear my Jesus say:
"You've helped my work along today."
I'd like that. Wouldn't you?

—Selected by Mrs. Delsie Waters

"I cannot, I dare not, go up to judgment till I have done the utmost God enables me to do to diffuse His glory through the world."—Dr. Asahel Grant, Persia.

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Awake, Church of God!

It Is Near Twelve! . . . Peter Wiseman

St. Paul, in his letter to the church in Rome, said, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awaken out of sleep" (Rom. 13:11).

The slowness of Christian people to realize the time is, in itself, startling and distressing. The scientific world appears to be more concerned over the situation than the religious world is. Outstanding scientists, with their knowledge of the danger of atomic destruction, said some time ago that it was 8 minutes of 12. Since the Korean conflict, some of them have moved up the hands a bit, but the Church still sleeps!

The sweeping advance of atheistic Communism is alarming. It has spread so rapidly that one cannot help but wonder if the way is not being readied for the Antichrist to come. But the Church still sleeps!

The creeping paralysis of this Laodicean Age is having its deadening effect on spiritual people. Instead of the Church realizing this, and guarding against it by doing something vital about it, she still sleeps!

The trouble with the church of the Laodiceans was her complacency. She said, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." God said, "Knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see." The church was neither cold nor hot; and that was to God a sickening thing (Rev. 3:14-18).

We listened to a radio broadcast recently, a broadcast contacting the great centers of population in America, seeking to know what preparations are being made to cope with probable atomic-bomb attacks. The revelation as to what has been done

and what is being done is heartening indeed; but the conclusion as to the probable loss of life during such attacks was most distressing: approximately 50 per cent, provided a warning had been given. In the case of sneak attacks the percentage of loss would greatly increase. I could not help but wonder what the churches in such centers are doing about a greater loss, that eternal loss of the soul. Who is concerned about this? But for a few earnest Christian people here and there, the Church still sleeps!

If you have not a deep concern over present conditions in the world and in the Church, will you not ask God to put such concern on your heart? Will you not ask God to give you a new vision of the need and the possibility? Then, act!

What is the time? and what are we going to do about it?

God's visitation here and there among us reveals His willingness to pour out His Holy Spirit in mighty revival power when we meet the conditions. But will the Church really awake to this fact? Will she awake

GRAY BRANCH TO HOLD THANKSGIVING SERVICES

A special Thanksgiving dinner will be observed at Gray Branch church on Thursday, November 22, 1951. The Reverend Walter Carter will be the guest speaker. The service will begin at the eleven o'clock hour, after which an old-fashion picnic dinner will be served on the church grounds.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service and to bring full baskets of good things to eat. Brother Carter will also bring a message Thanksgiving night at 7:30. He will bring his quartett with him from Rockingham. There will be other special singing during the day and the night services.

Yours in Christ,

Walter King,

Deep Run, N. C.

to this opportunity which presently may pass, never to return? Will she? It is true "that in the last days perilous times shall come" (II Tim. 3:1-5), and it seems clear that "the last days" are upon us; but it is equally clear that "in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh" (Acts 2:17). We are still living in one of the "days," "the last days" of which the day of Pentecost was the first, and during which days God has promised to pour out His Spirit!

Read the challenge of the Almighty, "If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (II Chron. 7:13, 14).

"And being let go, they went to their own company . . . and when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul; neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all" (Acts 4:23-33).

The impossible becomes possible when the believing Church gets down to God's order, down to business for God!

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FULL SURRENDER . . .

• • J. EDWIN ORR

Why is it that hundreds of well-meaning Christians attend conventions and conferences for the deepening of the spiritual life, enjoy the ministry there given, return to life's vocations with a feeling of improvement, yet speedily lapse into their former ways of back-sliding and defeat? There are many reasons, but one of the least noted is the matter of incomplete consecration, the sin of broken vows. Too many Christians make a bargain with God and fail to pay their part of the price. This is sin.

A striking example of the failure of Christians to keep their word is found in the story of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5:1-11. It is not my intention to dwell upon the judgment aspect of the story. The days following Pentecost were days of revival, and in such times the Holy Spirit operates in unusual blessing toward the obedient and unusual severity toward the disobedient. In the narrative are lessons for all to learn at all times.

It should first be noted that Ananias and Sapphira made a voluntary act of consecration. As the Apostle Peter said, while the land remained unsold, it was the owner's undisputed possession, and after it was sold, the money realized thereby was the owner's undisputed acquisition. No one told Ananias and Sapphira that they must sell their property in order to remain in Christian fellowship. No one compelled them to offer the proceeds to the general fund of the infant Christian church. Their maximum inducement was the power of godly example and exhortation. They saw others making a financial sacrifice, so they thought of a way whereby they might gain the approval without making the full sacrifice entailed.

Consecration a Voluntary Act

Likewise, the acts of consecration made by Christians today are all vol-

untary. No one is told that he must spend so much time in prayer in order to remain in fellowship. Nor is anyone told that he must give a tenth or more of his income in order to be recognized as a Christian; or told that he must witness to so many people each week in order to prove that he is a true believer. These things are done, but on account of godly example and exhortation rather than by compulsion.

Another noteworthy fact is that Ananias and Sapphira were unaware of the seriousness of their offense against God at all. Peter told the husband, "You have not lied to men, but to God!" One cannot imagine that Ananias and Sapphira sat together in conference and planned to tell a lie to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was far from their thoughts. The Apostle asked them how they had schemed such a thing in their hearts, but it does not seem likely that either husband or wife fancied themselves in a battle of wits against the Holy Spirit. They were unaware of his involvement.

So it is with Christians today. They scheme and plan and cheat and deceive in ways that involve the Holy Spirit, who cannot ignore broken vows. But the offenders are generally unaware of the offenses. They think that it concerns themselves alone, and that failure is their own affair. Yet, by keeping back part of the price of consecration, by making vows that are speedily broken, many Christians are guilty of provoking the Holy Spirit. No wonder they are making little or no progress in spiritual things. The fact that they have not suffered severely is but an evidence of the long-suffering of God in times of spiritual decline.

Breach of Fellowship

There is difference of opinion as to the future state of the erring church members. Some preachers declare that Ananias and Sapphira were both genuine believers who offended the Holy Spirit and suffered a temporary judgment unaffecting their souls'

eternal destiny; others affirm that, as Satan had filled the hearts of Ananias and Sapphira, they perished in judgment and went to perdition. There is neither time nor space to explore these lines of argument. There is agreement that the offenders suffered immediate breach of fellowship with God and His people; and that is what happens today to Christians who commit the same offense.

Fellowship, spiritual fellowship, is both vertical and horizontal. "If we say that we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth." The vertical fellowship with God is broken by cheating in consecration, by broken vows. Everyone who has fellowship with God has fellowship with children of God. When the vertical connection is broken, the horizontal lines are snapped as well. Fellowship, spiritual fellowship, between Christians is broken as the result of broken vows.

Fellowship is a word which is used in a sloppy way by Christians. They seem to think that ordinary social fellowship between believers is fellowship in the spiritual sense, because both parties are professedly spiritual. This is not so. Spiritual fellowship is the presence of the Holy Spirit between believers. When one or both or all parties concerned have grieved the Holy Spirit, there is no real spiritual fellowship. It is noteworthy that a couple of Christians offending the Holy Spirit sustain their fellowship on a carnal level, generally by criticizing maliciously the lives of other believers. They have no fellowship in love, but rather in common and carnal antipathies.

The penalty of trifling with the Holy Spirit is breach of fellowship. For a while, the friends of the offenders may not notice that he no longer walks with God. For a while, the offender himself may be unaware

of his breach of fellowship with God. The eyes accustom themselves to walking in the twilight of the sun that has set. But when judgment comes, the one who has trifled with God begins to realize that it is chilly after the sun has set, that he walks alone, and that he is stumbling in the murky darkness.

Grieving the Spirit

"Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin." If a man's tongue promises more than he fulfills, he thereby grieves the Holy Spirit. And the moment a man grieves the Spirit, he suffers a loss of sustaining grace, of which the tempter is well aware. The wolf attacks the straggler, not the sheep that stays close by the shepherd. Broken vows bring spiritual weakness, and spiritual weakness brings temptation, and temptation sin.

What, then, are the vows that Christians customarily make to God in times of blessing and on special occasions? More time in prayer, more intercession for others, more devotional reading, more study, more personal witness, tithing of talents and money, better example to others, patience with children, personal purity, self-denial—these are the vows that are made in watch-night services, prayer meetings, evangelistic campaigns, deeper-life conventions, missionary meetings and the like. These vows go unfilled. Part of the price is kept back.

Until broken vows are mended, it is difficult to make progress along the way of consecration. Before seeking blessing from God, one should consider carefully in retrospect one's previous dealings with Deity. It is not enough that no offense was meant. It is not enough that no deceit was planned in advance. The sin against God arises from the most serious transgression of any commandment, that of nursing a coldness of heart toward God Himself.

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We trust, we are helped, our hearts greatly rejoice (Ps. 28:7). This is the secret of I Thessalonians 5:16—"Re-joyce evermore"—trust evermore.—C. S. H.

Remembrance of the fact of whom one is serving removes drudgery from the most menial tasks.

PROGRAM OF THE GEORGIA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Georgia will convene with the Glennville Free Will Baptist Church, November the 13th, at 1:30 P. M. The morning session will be used for business of the State convention of the Free Will Baptist churches. The women are having the afternoon for their program and business. We pray the Lord will be with us to have a good day serving Him. The Executive Committee of the auxiliary will meet Monday evening at 8:30 to transact some business. On the afternoon of the 13th the following program has been planned with Mrs. Edith Shiver presiding.

Theme: "The Accepted Time"

- 1:30—Song (Ready), Congregation
- 1:35—Devotional, Mrs. Rilly Giddens
- 1:45—Welcome, Glennville Auxiliary President
 - Response, Mrs. Lottie Lairacey
 - Special Song: "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee," Glennville Auxiliary
- 2:00—Special speaker, Mrs. Doris Sheffield
- 2:20—Minutes of last meeting read, State Secretary
 - Reports from the first, second, and third State Vice-Presidents
 - President's message, Mrs. Edith D. Shiver
 - Reports from the fourth and fifth Vice-Presidents
 - Reports from the President and Field Workers
 - Reports from the different committees
- 3:30—Song by Congregation

We ask all to pray for us in our work that we may be laborers together with our Lord. We invite all to come be with us in our meeting.

Mrs. Edith D. Shiver,
State President,
Woman's Auxiliary

SPECIAL REQUEST TO PARENTS

Feeling that, perhaps, it would be beneficial to all college students located in and around Raleigh, and who are members of Free Will Baptist churches elsewhere in the state, we would appreciate it if all parents would mail the addresses and names of those students to us.

Our purpose in contacting these students is two-fold: We feel that we can be of help to them, and that their attendance at a F. W. B. church might help them spiritually, and will boost our growing organization here in the Capital city.

We earnestly solicit the prayers of all for our work here in Raleigh, and please, parents, send the names of your boy or girl to Rev. Hermon Wooten, 802 Bloodworth St., Raleigh, N. C. Thank you.

Hermon Wooten

SOUTH CAROLINA CONVENTION

The South Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the Lockhart Free Will Baptist Church at Lockhart, S. C., on October 13. Delegates from several local churches, and also from the district conventions were present. The ladies of the various auxiliaries were encouraged to see several of the ministers present indicating their interest in the auxiliary work.

The roll call of the auxiliaries was given and committees were appointed in the morning business session, after which Mrs. Dillard Cody of the Arcadia Free Will Baptist Church brought the morning message. The thought of her message was: "God has a place of service for each of us and our duty is to find that place and strive to be all that God would have us to be."

Mrs. Weatherford of the Darlington Free Will Baptist Church opened the afternoon service with a devotional; after this a very effective drama was presented by the Girl's Auxiliary of the Lockhart Church. Following this the business session began and the reports of the various vice-presidents and the committee reports were given. Mrs. Julius Vause from the Free Will Baptist Home for Children gave her report on the orphanage work and told how they appreciated the fine work done by the auxiliaries and especially urged the Girl's Auxiliaries to help in buying the covering for the floor in the dining hall. Reverend L. A. Holliday gave a report on the Foreign Mission work in South Carolina and gave pamphlets to the delegates to take back to their churches and auxiliaries. As a result of his report Mrs. R. D. Taylor of Darlington, S. C., was appointed promotional worker among the woman's auxiliaries for some of our missionary candidates.

As the final item of business the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. L. A. Holliday of Manning, S. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Seldon Bullard, 331 Syracuse St., Darlington, S. C.; Treasurer, Mrs. Dewey Jones, Pamplico, S. C.; Field Worker, Mrs. Paul Kettelman, Pamplico, S. C.; 1st V.P., Miss Geneva Sawyer, Whitney, S. C.; 2nd V.P. Mrs. Lester Wise, Hyman, S. C.; 3rd V.P. Mrs. Dillard Cody, Arcadia, S. C.; 4th V.P., Mrs. Luther Sanders, Rt. 1, Florence, S. C.; 5th V.P. Mrs. Henry Russell, Clover, S. C.; 6th V.P., Mrs. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C. The meeting was adjourned until the 1952 session.

Mrs. Luther Sanders, 4th V.P.,
Florence, S. C.

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT

"How will even Heaven be Heaven where there are no Nestorians to be led to Christ?"—Dr. Perkins, Persia.

"If I thought anything could prevent my dying for China, the thought would crush me."—Rev. Samuel Dyer.

Editorial Comments

A GOOD CONFERENCE

The Central Conference of North Carolina Free Will Baptists convened last week at Rose Hill Church in Pitt County. It was indeed a great gathering of ministers, delegates, friends and visitors who had assembled for the occasion from the various churches not only of the conference, but also from the neighboring conferences.

The local church people, and many from the nearby churches, entertained the conference in a splendid way. The hospitality was all that could be expected by anyone. The church auditorium is large, and with the Sunday School rooms opened up at both sides down at the front, the seating capacity is around five hundred or more. Every seat was filled each day of the conference. The dinner for both days was certainly bounteous and delicious for all to enjoy out on the church grounds at the noon hour. The fellowship was all that anyone could wish to enjoy.

The first day's session consisted of special music, with a most appropriate Introductory sermon at the eleven o'clock by Rev. M. L. Johnson, State Promotional Secretary, and a member of the Western Conference. It was a timely message, and everyone seemed to have been greatly benefitted by the spiritual truths brought out by the speaker.

In the afternoon session, the people enjoyed good music, and the business that was transacted for the good of the conference was carried out in a splendid manner. Peace and unity prevailed throughout the day in all of the phases of the work of the conference, and everyone went home greatly pleased with the day's accomplishments.

The second day of the conference was even greater than the first, with more people present to participate and to enjoy the proceedings of the day's activities. The special music was uplifting and thrilling to everyone. The eleven o'clock message, the Conference Sermon, was delivered by Rev. Rashie Kennedy, pastor of the Greenville Church. He gave a well arranged and outlined message on Evangelism which was most appropriate for the occasion.

The business matters of the day were handled in an excellent way, and the various reports showed that progress had been made in the various phases of the denominational work throughout the conference district during the past year. The ministers and delegates took an active part in the discussions of matters of grave importance, and thereby showed great interest in the cause of Christ and the work of the conference as a strong unit in the State work of Free Will Baptists. All in all, it was one of the best conferences we have had in the Central for years.

THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 22, is our National Thanksgiving holiday. On that occasion, our church people over the nation will assemble, and to thank and praise God for his manifold blessings and tender mercies which he has shown the people during the past year. Special Thanksgiving programs will be given in many churches, celebrating this great event in American history, and paying tribute to God for all that he has done for his people. Ministers will deliver special sermons on this day, and the congregations will bow their heads in prayer and thanksgiving for every blessing shown to them by the Almighty God during the past year.

Christian orphanages, and other institutions of benevolences in this country will have special occasions on this Thanksgiving day to commemorate the historical events in the lives of those public organizations, and to thank God for all that he has done for them in the care, love and protection for them through their loved ones and faithful supporters by means, prayers, and a deep concern for them and what they stand for in the way of the care of the poor and needy. Our own orphanages in the different states will invite the people to assemble at these children's homes to hear their programs, see their children, view the buildings and grounds, and to make offerings for the support of those institutions.

PEACE NOT YET IN SIGHT

In the economic and political world, international peace is not in sight yet. From what we read, and hear by radio over the air each day, international peace seems to be far from us. The East is far from the West as to how world peace can be achieved. The ideologies of the two opposing world powers, Communism and Democracy, are so different that political-minded men, economists, educators, and scientists of these two world powers, it looks as if they will never get together on any terms of world peace. The more they seek to negotiate, the more they seem to become further and further separated on the question of world peace.

There is at least one fundamental thing lacking in these attempts to establish peace, unity and harmony between these world powers, namely: taking God into their negotiations and asking him to direct in the establishment of world peace. And without God's direction, power and influence being sought and relied upon by these two world powers, there will be no lasting peace between the nations of the world. Man's wisdom alone is too limited and insufficient to effect a lasting peace for the people of the world. And should these two world powers seek to fight to bring a settlement of their differences, and one or the other win the victory, then the world would be left in ruin and chaos in many lands, with innocent and helpless people wandering about in despair, disease, and broken hearts.

We MUST Think Like CHRISTIANS

• • A. W. TOZER

This is a critical moment in American affairs of state. Political and military giants are squaring off in a battle of words that may have consequences not only at home but throughout the whole world for years to come.

The issues that divide our leaders are so important that few Americans can remain neutral. Almost everyone has a pronounced opinion, and is sure he is right. That men equally wise and good take the opposite side does not seem to occur to any of us. Feeling is running high, and most of our thinking is being done with our emotions.

"Our American way of life" is a phrase constantly heard these days. It is a good phrase, and to many sincere and honest persons it means liberty of conscience, freedom of individual enterprise, and the right to worship God after the dictates of our own conscience; it means the rule of law instead of the rule of tyrants; it means a minimum of interference from the state and a maximum of liberty for the individual citizen.

To millions of others, however, it means little more than the right to sin to their heart's content without molestation by the civil authorities. The Constitution may be, as Gladstone said it was, the noblest document ever struck off by the mind of man. But we must remember that there are countless thousands of Americans who use it merely as a place to hide when they are caught in some act of iniquity.

Liberty as used by the American founding fathers meant freedom to do good; many today conceive it to mean freedom to do evil, and they work it for all the traffic will bear.

One thing must be kept in mind: We Christians are Christians first and everything else after that. Our first allegiance is to the kingdom of God. Our citizenship is in heaven. We thank God for democracy as a way of life. But we never forget that we are sons of God and citizens of another city whose builder and maker is God.

For this reason we must not identify the Gospel with any political system, nor make Christianity to be synonymous with any form of government, however noble. Christ stands alone, above and outside of every ideology devised by man. He does not join any of our parties nor take sides with any of our great men except as they may come over on His side and try to follow Him in righteousness and true holiness. Then He is for them, but only as individuals, never as leaders of some political faction.

The true Christian will be loyal to his country and obedient to those in authority, but he will never fall into the error of confusing his own national culture with Christianity. Christianity is bigger than any country, loftier than any civilization, broader than any human ideology.

It may shock some people to be told that Christ is not an American. Nor was He a Jew merely. He was born of the seed of Abraham of the line of David, and His mother was a Jewess of the tribe of Judah. Still Christ is vastly more than a Jew. His dearest name for Himself was "the Son of man." He came through the Jewish race, but He came to the human race. He is Everyone's countryman and Everyman's contemporary. He is building a kingdom out of all nations and tribes and tongues and peoples. He has no favorites, "but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."

Let us remember that the Gospel is a divine thing. It receives no virtue from any man's religions or philosophies. It came down to us out of heaven, a separate thing, like Peter's sheet, wholly on its own. It is something given of God. It operates in the individual heart wherever that heart may be found. It did not wait for Columbus to discover America nor for the Federalists to conceive the beautiful form of government our country has enjoyed for so long. It saved men under Nero, and is saving them now under Stalin

and Franco. Even from the interior of poor oppressed China news is leaking out of the working of the grace of God in the lives of believing men and women.

Any form of human government, however lofty, deals with the citizen only as long as he lives. At the graveside it bids him adieu. It has made his journey a little easier, and all lovers of the human race will thank God for that. But in the cool earth slaves and free men lie down together. Then what matter the talk and the turmoil? Who was right and who was wrong in this or that political squabble doesn't matter to the dead. Judgment and sin and heaven and hell are all that matter then.

So, let's keep cool, and let's think like Christians. Christ will be standing upright, tall and immortal, after the tumult and the shouting dies and the captains and the kings lie stretched side by side, the "cause" that made them famous forgotten and their whole significance reduced to a paragraph in a history book.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Home Mission Board of the Free Will Baptists will have a special Board Meeting, December 4th and 5th, 1951, at the Loyal Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia, Tennessee.

This meeting is very important, and the Board is asking every National Home Mission State Director to meet with the Board in this meeting.

Many great things have been accomplished by the sponsorship of the Home Mission Board since the National Association in July.

Through the sponsorship of the Board there have been seven new churches established.

A new church at Babbitt, Nevada, is our first Free Will Baptist Church in that state.

Also a new church has been established at Buhl, Idaho. This is the first Free Will Baptist Church in the state of Idaho.

Yours for greater missions,

Rev. Harry E. Staires,
Clerk and Treasurer.

Searing the Conscience

"Having their conscience seared with a hot iron." I Timothy 4:2.

We have herein the above scripture the thing that is being fulfilled today. Paul was writing to Timothy in regards to the walk of a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ. Here he was referring him to the false teachings that the Christian world has confronting it today. And the very acts, as mentioned before and after our text, has been since that time a force to the world.

Today, we have had quite an experience of so-called Christians and their rough, crude characteristics as to how little they actually care about humanity. Satan has such a wise and courageous way of leading people into mockery of the real true Christian that it is pathetic. In many cases it has caused so very many lost sinners to reject the Lord as their Saviour. There are very many of this type of people who are really possessed of the Satanic influence. There may be a question as to what we do mean by that statement. There are people who are not willing to be followers of better leaders. There are those who expect to be brought into the house of God, and no matter how few or many there are who are capable of leading, they jump up to the very highest degree and walk over the heads of the real humble Christians who want to work for God; but they do not push the wolves, so to speak, aside to lead for God in God's own leading way. The idea, "If I can't utilize every talent, I'll go just where I can. There are lots of churches who want me." But remember, the way up, is to start at the bottom for God.

Really and truly, there is no excuse for any person to have that nature unless he or she is possessed of Satan. No born-again Christian will have that nature. We also find those who are so professionally-minded that they care not to take time to really plan, rehearse or study to show them-

selves approved unto God. We are taught by the very life of Jesus that we must stay humble and yet be ready when called to service for God.

These conditions exist quite frequently where people are not willing to follow. We truly need leaders and followers. We need many capable leaders in our churches today. These conditions are looked upon by poor, lost sinners who feel that they're happier out of the church than in. And truly they are much better off, if they are looking for a job in the house of God. However, when we are saved and really born again, we'll not allow these things to get in the way. Thus when a message is preached, no matter how convicting it may be, it helps to sear the conscience of people with this attitude. The attitude

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should be unity for Christ. Christ for all! A Saviour for every person. With that in mind, we'll be willing to follow when the time comes, and when the time comes, we'll lead when necessary. There is plenty of work for all to do.

Shall I use the illustration of the choir. If every member wanted to sing alto, there would be no melody. There would be no higher pitch for harmony or beauty of the tune that the song writers emphasized when they wrote the songs. The same goes with true leadership or just leadership.

If we will just pray that God will remove the malice and jealousy for those who can do a little better and a nicer work for God, we'll grow much more spiritual and powerful.

There is also another condition which exists in various communities. That is the satisfied attitude about my soul, or the complacency about

the future of my soul. We find some folk with the attitude of even forgetting that they have a soul. Because their name is on the church book, the attitude is that it is on the Lamb's Book of Life. There will be a surprised group of people when the Son of Man comes to claim His Bride, the Church. Many who are so cold and indifferent about that Day will be crying out to God then in earnestness but it will be too late. When the Lord made man, he granted unto him, each one, a talent in that he made man a living soul.

Every man has a talent with which he can use to glorify God and to enjoy the joys of the Lord, or lose it for keeps. So many folk are so worldly-minded and so high-minded in that they have no time for God's work, except perhaps once a month or twice a month. The Word of God says that we must find ourselves assembled together upon the first day of the week, in service for God. There are also many so-called ministers of the Gospel who would tear down the full-time programs of any church, if it were humanly possible.

Then the story that Jesus told about the man who went on a long journey and to his servants He gave one five talents, another two talents and another one talent. When he returned the man with the five had gained another five talents, and the one with two had gained another two, and remember how pleased he was that they had used his talents and gained. He blessed each one by giving to them the talents and the gain. But the one who had the one talent was afraid to invest it, and he hid it. He also was jealous and stubborn about it. He lost his because the Lord took it and gave it to the one with the five.

We see in this lesson that we must completely yield ourselves to God. Give to Him our time, talents, and wealth. After all, we belong to Him. We were aliens without hope, without a Saviour, nothing but lost sinners but Christ came into the world,

and He died that we might live. He purchased our lives by the shedding of His own precious blood. "Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission for sin."

When God made man in His own image and likeness, He expected more fellowship from man than He got. Then the poor lost human being, or shall we call him a heathen, disappointed God. For instead of turning to God in any of the times that God dealt with him, he went farther and farther away from Him. Then God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ to put upon Himself the form of a man. He humbled Himself by dying on the cross and hanging between heaven and the earth. It was the Roman's method of death. Thus the Romans made it in this way, thinking that He had no more power after His death, and that His name would be blotted out for all eternity. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all manner of man unto myself." What really happened, it strengthened the believers and followers. It strengthened them because He had promised to pray the Father who would send another comforter. The Holy Spirit came after the returning of the Saviour to the Father. Christ is gone to prepare a place for us, a real dwelling place. His going back to the Father also gave them added strength, by causing them to realize that the work was on their shoulder to preach the Gospel to every creature. We can notice from history that whenever one dies a martyr's death, the Christian Faith is strengthened.

Just as we read in the teachings of Jesus, we find that we may be tried by faith and our consciences may be seared as with a hot iron; but I beg everyone who reads these words to let the conscience be seared away from the false teachings, and to warm up and protect the cause of Christ.

O, what a blessing is a sainted mother. To-day I can feel her hand on my head, and I hear the intonation of her voice in prayer.—*Bishop Simpson.*

We pray for gentleness, and there comes a perfect storm of temptation to yield to harshness and irritability.

Christian Missions Face "Red" Communism

● ● SAMUEL E. BOYLE

Reactionary Communism has spread its political and military power over more than one-third of the human race, while its lying and blasphemous propaganda continues to infect many more gullible victims who are ready to trade their souls for a mess of pottage.

This new "opiate of the people" feeds on the hunger and frustrations of the masses, and wins its way triumphantly across the troubled world by false promises which can never be fulfilled. Wherever this tragic force gains full control it begins its work of regimentation and spiritual slavery.

Communism's most powerful appeal to men of our days is its alleged concern for the welfare of the suppressed majorities of all nations. This is the bait by which they catch, not the poor and afflicted only, but the idealist and earnest humanitarian citizens who are keenly aware of the sins and failures of the old order and feel that there is no alternative to Communism. Even earnest Christian men are thrown into a dilemma, for their whole ethical nature cries out against doing anything to hinder the betterment of people whom they have always loved and pitied. It is by the use of such good men that hard, ruthless, greedy Communist politicians have managed in so short a time to gain their present world power. To say, as is always said, that the people have welcomed this revolution is too much of a simplification. For example, the daily influx of refugees from Communist China to our tiny colony of Hongkong has continued steadily since "liberation" of the interior. When special hardships were pressing them recently this influx rose to almost 20,000 persons per day, all seeking to flee the "People's Government" to "imperialist" Hong Kong.

Once a Communist government gets control of a given population the

first, basic task is to get control of the thought of the rising generation. This comes by mental regimentation. Red indoctrination is atheistic and seeks to root out all remaining traces of spiritual or religious thought from the minds of all the people. Religious thought from the minds of all the minds of all the people. Religious liberty which may exist is but limited and temporary; it forms a deliberate part of world strategy. It is not rooted in law nor in principles and it may be restricted or withdrawn by the State at any moment.

When we see what has already happened to the churches in China, and when we imagine what the end-result may be on the rising generation of Chinese children, there is much cause for Christian sadness and fear. Our enemies interpret this as a mere selfish weeping over lost privilege and property, but God who knows our hearts well understands the righteousness of our grief. Jeremiah 50:34 says, "Their Redeemer is strong; the Lord of hosts is his name: he shall thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon." God has a true Church in China. It is not the compromised church described in this study. God's Church is weeping in the shadow, and God hears the cry.

In times like these Christians rediscover the New Testament as prison literature. Most of the New Testament writers were jailed for their faith and preaching, some died as martyrs to the faith. As the former liberty of activity and preaching is denied to Chinese believers they may find the words of the apostles and prophets coming to them with new meaning. In this lies the great hope of the true church in China.

History of Jacksonville, N. C. Free Will Baptist Church

It was in the early part of June, 1942 that there was a conversation between Rev. Rashie Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Rhoads concerning a Free Will Baptist work in Jacksonville. Because of the marines stationed here and the many workers, the three churches in town could not take care of the great spiritual need, as men and women searched daily for someone to offer them comfort during the terrible war months. Seeing the vast need, Rev. Kennedy offered to come and hold an evangelistic campaign, if a place could be secured, which was a great problem since everything was used as living quarters.

After much searching and praying for eleven months Mr. and Mrs. Rhoads found an old garage, and in July, 1943, the doors opened and with the use of a piano lent by Rev. Kennedy, music started for the first service. Rev. Robert Kennedy, Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Chester O'Donald and Mrs. Ethel Whaley remained and labored for five weeks. God saved many souls, mostly service men and their wives. Services were closed so the laborers could return to Bible school.

Rev. D. W. Hansley came to take the work in August, using as much of his time as possible. The new converts had now moved on, being mostly marines and wives. On the 28th of August, 1943, at Smith's New Home church, Jacksonville was accepted in the third union district of the eastern conference as the mission point. September 15 an attempt was made to organize a church with Mrs. Batten and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Rhoads as charter members. During October they were notified to vacate this building but with continual prayer for three weeks God gave them part of a store house for \$40.00 per month. They remained here for ten months. Dur-

Fourth Vice-President,

Mrs. Estelle Parker,

P. O. Box 446, Jacksonville, N. C.

ing that time it seemed impossible to continue as only three members met for service. But God saw tears and heard prayers and made it possible to continue.

Rev. Hansley and Mr. Rhoads attempted to find a lot to build a church, but had seemed in vain for three months. After much prayer and fasting God gave them a lot. Mrs. Batten found the lot through a real estate agent and Mr. Rhoads paid for it, agreeing to give the church all the time needed to pay back the amount which was \$1,350.

In September they had a tent revival with F. A. Rivenbark as evangelist. God blessed and a number were converted, but not any added to the roll. Services continued with Mr. Hansley who gave all his time and labor without charge. In November a home was opened for services due to cold weather.

Finally a plan was drawn and a building started about the 15th of January, 1945, with Mrs. Batten contributing the first \$500. The Church Finance Association made a loan of \$3,000, and with that Rev. Hansley and Mr. Rhoads began the building which was very slow.

On October 25th, 1945, the church was accepted in the eastern conference at Wintergreen church with Mrs. M. C. Smith and Mrs. J. K. Rhoads as delegates.

On fifth Saturday in September the doors opened for the first union meeting to be held in the new church. Borrowed seats were used until the auxiliary could purchase pews which were delivered in October. Rev. Hansley held a revival and organized a Sunday school in October. The first winter, services were held without any heat except portable oil heaters and without ceiling or partition. The treasury remained low as the finance

payments and other payments had to be met. November 8, 1947, they purchased a heating plant which gave much comfort in the building.

Now the membership had grown to about fifteen. The church now paid Mr. Hansley \$25.00 per month. He preached each 4th Sunday and each Wednesday night. This continued until October, 1949, when he resigned to go to Ayden, leaving about thirty-five members. The church then called Rev. Lee Whaley as pastor. He began his official work the first Sunday in October. He received \$15.00 per week plus \$90.00 from the government while in school. Later the church voted to give him one-half the church income and from this to \$20.00 per week which forced him to secure outside work, therefore he began work with the Wilmington newspaper. In May, 1951, business meeting, they voted to grant Rev. Whaley \$30.00 per week and in October, we voted to pay him \$50.00 per week.

Rev. and Mrs. Whaley paid for the hardwood floors and made other contributions.

Most of the old bills have been paid, new steps, floors and plastering have been done since the last of 1949. Also the new piano has been paid for which was bought in 1948.

Evangelists who have held revivals in the church to date are Rev. Bruce Barrow, L. B. Manning, Paul Jenkins, D. W. Hansley, Clifton Rice and Dr. Homer Willis.

We know God has answered prayer and wonderfully blessed and at this date there is 87 members, 127 in Sunday School, and 30 leaguers.

—By Mrs. Estelle Parker

CHRIST-LIFE

Never once was Christ gently led. He was led into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. He was led by men filled with wrath to the brow of the hill, that they might cast Him down headlong. He was led away to Annas; led away to Caiaphas; led into the council of the elders and chief priests and scribes; led to Pontius Pilate, and into the hall of judgment. And then He, our Lord Jesus Christ, was led as a sheep to the slaughter; led away to be crucified! Verily, "His way was rougher and darker than mine."—Francis Ridley Havergal.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

AN OBJECT TALK "OUT OF THE BLUE"

G. H. CLEMENT

One of the features of Westside's Summer Bible School was a five-minute object talk given by the teachers. The superintendent listed the teachers, one for each Sunday, and placed the list upon the notice board. But Miss Mackie was away on the Sunday the superintendent told the school of this list, so she was unaware of her name's being there. She had not read the notice board, and so she was quite surprised when she heard her name called.

"We will now ask Miss Mackie to bring to the school her object lesson," announced the superintendent.

"Oh, dear, whatever will I do?" she thought as she made her way to the platform. She hurriedly asked the Lord to help her.

Just as she walked toward the Sunday School pulpit she saw a blue plastic cup on the little shelf underneath it. She picked it up, saying, "This is going to be an object talk from this blue cup. A lesson 'out of the blue,' as it were, for this was quite unexpected. However, this cup contains a few lessons for each of us this afternoon." Miss Mackie held the cup upside down on her hand.

"This cup represents a boy or girl who is not a Christian," she explained. "I'll peak underneath it. My, how dark it is inside that cup! This is just like the heart of anyone who has never accepted Jesus, the Light of the world into his heart."

Continuing to hold the cup upside down she said: "This cup is useless like this. It could hold no water. It could do no one any good. This is just like a life lived apart from Jesus Christ. Such a life is utterly useless. It is empty of any spiritual blessing. It is just like the world was before the Creator did something with it: dark and void."

The teacher then spoke to the cup, "Turn

over!" But the cup remained as it was, upside down.

"You see, boys and girls," Miss Mackie explained, "this cup cannot turn over by itself. Neither can we save ourselves. The Lord must do something for us. He must reach down and 'turn us over.'"

Miss Mackie turned the cup over.

"Now you see," continued the teacher, "the darkness has vanished. Now the cup is useful. Bring me a jug of water, Jane, please."

The teacher poured the water into the cup, and drank from it.

"When Jesus, the Light of the world, is asked to come into our hearts, He not only makes the darkness flee, but He makes us useful, too. We can now offer the Water of Life to others. I trust that this object talk will lead some boy or girl to accept Jesus right now, and will lead you to go out and seek other souls for Christ."

Miss Mackie silently thanked her Master for helping her give a message "out of the blue," and asked that it might lead some scholar to yield to Jesus.—Juvenile Pleasure.

JUST BEING HAPPY

Just being happy

Is a fine thing to do;

Looking on the bright side,

Rather than the blue;

Sad or sunny musing,

Is largely in the choosing,

And just being happy

Is brave work, and true.

Just being happy

Helps other souls along;

Their burdens may be heavy,

And they not strong;

And your own sky will lighten

If other skies you brighten

By just being happy

With a heart full of song!

—Unknown

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS FROM THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

At the last sitting of the Piedmont Association of Free Will Baptists, which convened with the Ben Avenue Church, Kannapolis, N. C., we voted to support Miss Violene Wilson who is in India. Until this time the First Church of Marion, N. C., had been her whole support.

Most of the pastors were present that day and many of them made pledges to the support of our missionary. Some have failed to send their offerings, but we feel sure that they will rally to this great work of sending the Gospel to those who are in darkness.

Following is a complete report of the receipts and disbursements from August 10 through October 25, 1951:

First Church, Marion, Rev.

John Floyde, pastor ----- \$153.00

Aleo, Rockingham, Rev. Walter

Carter, pastor ----- 5.00

Ben Avenue, Kannapolis, Rev.

J. B. Starnes, pastor ----- 15.00

Mt. Beulah, Rockingham, Rev.

Noah Brown, pastor ----- 5.00

East Lincolnton, Lincolnton, Rev.

J. E. Faulkner, pastor ----- 18.00

Cramerton, Cramerton, Rev.

Roy Rikard, pastor ----- 15.00

Cramerton Ladies Auxiliary ----- 5.00

Mt. Zion, Kannapolis, Rev.

L. H. Clayton, pastor ----- 5.00

Mt. Zion Ladies Auxiliary ----- 10.00

Total receipts ----- \$231.00

Total paid for Miss Wilson's salary 225.00

Balance ----- \$ 6.00

In His services,

Mrs. Clyde Brown, Treasurer

COME TO SEE US AT YOUR ORPHANAGE

We hereby invite all the friends of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C., to visit us on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22, 1951. The program will begin at 10:30 A. M. We hope that we will have a great number of people to visit us on that day. We will do our best to help you to see your Orphanage as it is. You will be welcomed to go over the campus and to acquaint yourself with the use that is being made of the money you are sending here. One of the highlights of the day will be the Official Opening of the Albemarle Cottage in the afternoon.

Arrangements will be made to receive any offerings, or produce that may be brought during the day.

We will be looking for you Thanksgiving.

S. A. Smith, Superintendent

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THE PEOPLE AT WORSHIP

(Lesson for November 25)

Lesson: Exodus 29:43-46; 35:21-29.

Golden Text: Exodus 35:5.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

It is germane at this time to try and find out what worship really is. Our authority is the Word of God and not the opinions of men. The root of the Hebrew word which is translated "worship" in the Old Testament means "to bow down." And in many instances where it is recorded that the people worshiped God, it is added that they bowed down their faces to the earth (Exod. 34:5-8; Josh. 5:13, 14; II Chron. 7:3; 20:18; 29:29; Neh. 8:6). To worship God, then is to bow before Him in adoring contemplation of Himself. Someone has said that in prayer, we are concerned with our needs; in thanksgiving, with our blessings; in worship, we are occupied, with God Himself. We use the term "worship" in a very loose and unscriptural manner.

There is another thing that we learn about worship from the Word of God, and it is an act that can be performed acceptably only by one who has been born again and who is in Covenant relations with God. As God says through the Psalmist: "Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a Covenant with Me by sacrifice" (Ps. 50:5). "But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare My statutes, or that thou shouldst take My Covenant in thy mouth?" (vs. 16). The sinner, then, cannot worship God while he is yet in his sins. But let him believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, accept Him as his Lord, Saviour and Sanctifier, and he can then approach God and worship Him acceptably.

We can worship God anywhere and at any time. We can worship God alone or we can worship Him in company with kindred spirits. Coming in the Name of Jesus we can worship Him in silence (Ps. 46:10); we can worship Him in praise, now that we are in spiritual fellowship with Him.—Selected.

1. God is not afar off from His people but dwells in their midst and in their hearts (Exod. 29:43, 45).

2. Sanctification sets us apart for the Lord and His service, and is accomplished by Christ (vs. 44).

3. It is impossible to know God unless we are made aware of His presence in us by the incoming of the Lord Jesus Christ (vss. 45, 46).

4. The greatest deterrent from sin and incentive to holiness is a consciousness of God within us (vs. 46).

5. Although God has a right to claim everything we have, He is asking us to give willingly (35:5, 21, 22, 29).

6. God is Spirit but He desires material bodies in which to dwell and material goods to carry on His work (vss. 21-29).

7. The material things we own will have an eternal value only if we bring them to the Lord (vss. 22, 24, 29).

8. Even that which we consider to be our very best and most precious is none too good for the Lord (vss. 22-28).

9. The obligation of service, sacrifice and worship rests upon men as much as upon women (vs. 22).

10. Those who are wise in heart are the ones who willingly give to the Lord; what then are the rest? (vs. 26).

11. Without God's leadership and divine Providence, the children of Israel could never have lived forty years in the wilderness. And without His Providence in the world of nature all about us, we could never enjoy the blessings which He so abundantly showers upon us year af-

ter year. In all of our trials, God is ever ready to comfort, bless, and sustain us; then why should anyone fail to obey, love, and adore Him?—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. One had one needed article, and another had something else. But they all presented their gifts to be used wherever they fitted into the needs of the Lord's work. Compulsory exactions are not gifts, and bring no satisfaction or peace, or personal blessing, to the giver. God leaves the choice with the individual, and no choice to enter into His service can please Him unless it is prompted by love for Him. (vs. 21).—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

13. It is something of a temptation to use as study material for this lesson Hebrews 3 to 10. These chapters in Hebrews actually give a great deal of concise information about the worship in the tabernacle, and then go on to show how Christ once and for all fulfilled and did away with the elaborate ritual and the sacrifices ordered by God in his talks with Moses. You and as many of your class as can find time will wish to give these chapters in Hebrews at least a quick review in preparation for this lesson.—Arnold's Commentary.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Unconscious Service

Bishop Woodcock of Kentucky has told a touching story about a little heroine whom he knew. She was left motherless at the age of eight. Her father was poor, and there were four children younger than she. She tried to care for them all and for the home. To do it all, she had to be up very early in the morning and to work very late at night. No wonder that at the age of thirteen her strength was all exhausted. As she lay dying a neighbor talked with her. The little face was troubled. "It isn't that I'm afraid to die," she said, "for I am not. But I'm so ashamed." "Ashamed of what?" the neighbor asked in surprise. "Why, it's this way," she explained. "You know how it's been with us since mamma died. I've been so busy, I've never done anything for Jesus, and when I get to Heaven and meet Him, I shall be so ashamed! Oh, what can I tell Him?" With difficulty the

neighbor kept back her sobs. Taking the little calloused, work-scarred hands in her own, she answered: "I wouldn't tell Him anything, dear. Just show Him your hands."—Sunday School Times.

NORTH CAROLINA MISSION REPORT

Dear Brethren:

I herewith submit the report for the State Board of Missions as follows:

October, 1951

Missions

5th Eastern U. M.	\$ 20.00
Kenly	40.43
2nd U. M. Cent. Conf.	9.25
Sts. Delight, Ormondsville ..	4.00
Albemarle U. M.	29.75
Davis	25.00
4th U. M. Aux., Cent. Conf.	5.00
Albemarle S. S. Conv.	11.12
5th Eastern S. S. Conv.	20.00
2nd U. M. West. Conf.	10.00
Mrs. Ralph Tyndall	2.00
Elm Grove League	4.00
Marlboro S. S.	3.70

Total	\$ 184.25
Expense: Secy.-Treas. fee	25.00

Balance	\$159.25
50% to Home Missions	79.62
50% to Foreign Missions	79.63

Home Missions

King's X Rds. Inter. League	\$.15
St. Mary's, Craven Co.	50.00
Marlboro League	1.50
Smithfield	1.50
Carteret County U. M.	10.00
King's X Rds. Sr. League	1.53
British Chapel S. S.	5.00
2nd U. M. Dist. League Conv., Cent. Conf.	1.87
Winterville Sr. League	1.60
Goldsboro	22.50
Greenville	9.52
Sound Side Adult League	1.00
50% Mission receipts	79.62

Total receipts	\$ 185.79
Balance brought forward	\$2,789.98

Grand Total

Disbursements

George Webster, Treas., Washington, N. C., 2 checks, \$100.00 each	200.00
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Balance

Miss Wilson, Foreign Missions

Piedmont Association	\$ 75.00
Check to Raymond Riggs, Foreign Missions, Mrs. Stevens	75.00

Swannanoa	5.00
Avery's Creek	2.00
Beaverdam	10.00
Barnardsville	2.00

Swannanoa	5.00
Check to Raymond Riggs	\$ 24.00
	\$ 24.00

Foreign Missions

King's X Rds., Inter. League	\$.30
Hull Road League	10.00
St. Mary's, Craven Co.	50.00
Swannanoa	5.00
Swannanoa S. S.	19.08
Edward's Chapel	24.49
St. Mary's, Craven Co.	45.00
Daley's Chapel, Cape Fear. Conf.	5.15
Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jenkins	5.00
Marlboro League	1.50
Juniper Chapel L. A.	2.00
Wooten's Chapel Bible School	7.56
Smithfield	1.50
Morehead City L. A.	6.00

Mrs. C. B. and Talmadge Cooper, Penny a meal, for India	5.00
Ruth's Chapel, Penny a meal	4.51
Sherron Acres, Native Cuban Missionary	30.00
Stacy L. A.	1.00
Carteret Co. U. M.	10.00
King's X Rds. Sr. League	3.06
Miss Ella Willoughby, Penny a meal Greenville S. S., Willing Workers Class	10.00
British Chapel S. S.	5.00
Yelverton's Grove L. A.	5.00
Mrs. Dora Mae Swain	1.00
Avery's Creek	9.17
Edgemont D. V. B. S.	35.73
Rocky Mount League	2.04
2nd U. M. Dist. League Con. Cent. Conf.	1.87

LaGrange S. S.	11.19
Pearsall's Chapel S. S.	5.00
Pearsall's Chapel S. S., Cuban student	15.00
Washington	10.00
Winterville Sr. League	1.60
Goldsboro	167.50
Spring Branch League	5.00
Goldsboro, Penny a meal	29.30
Greenville	28.56
Mrs. Wm. Webster	7.00
Free Union S. S. Primary class, Bft. Co.	3.00
Free Union L. A., Bft. Co.	20.00
Mrs. Mildred Pendergrass, Cragmont Pig Bank	9.50
Rev. R. B. Spencer	5.00
Spring Hill S. S. Willing Worker's Class	5.00
Core Creek S. S.	14.16
Swannanoa	5.00
Sound Side, Penny-a-meal	11.55
Sound Side Adult League	1.00
50% Mission receipts	79.63

\$749.95

Mrs. Stevens

Miss Wilson

Total check Raymond Riggs

We thank every one for their generous support. God bless all of you.

In His service,

J. W. Alford, Secy.-Treas.

GRAY BRANCH CLOSED A GREAT REVIVAL

A great revival closed at Gray Branch church on Wednesday night, October 31. It was one of the best meetings that we have had in several years. Our church is located near Deep Run, North Carolina. The meeting was conducted by Walter Carter of Rockingham, N. C. There were four persons who surrendered to Christ and gave their hearts to God. There were several who re-dedicated their lives to the Lord.

We had visitors from British Chapel, Kinston, Deep Run, Whaley's Chapel, Cabin Church, Piney Grove, Sarecta, Core Creek church, Woodington, and other churches round about us. Brother Walter King conducted the song services. The attendance each night was large, and everyone seemed to enjoy the good preaching and singing very much.

We, the members of the church, thank God for preachers like Brother Carter, and we hope that he will be able to be with us again next year to hold our meeting. We wish for him God's rich blessings in his work of preaching the gospel. We had with us also during the meeting our pastor, Rev. Charlie Hamilton of Fountain, North Carolina.

We have preaching services on first Saturday night and first Sunday morning, and also on the third Saturday night and Sunday morning.

—Church Reporter

WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST

B. C. DOWNS

Pilate, what do you think of this man? "I find no fault in Him at all."

Judas "I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood."

Centurian, what is your testimony concerning this One? "Truly, this was the Son of God."

Demos, what is your word? "This was the son of God."

John the Baptist? "Behold the Son of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

And *John*? "He is the Bright and Morning Star."

Peter? "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Thomas, What is your testimony? "My Lord and my God."

Paul, what do you think of Christ? "I count all things loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord."

Angels in heaven, what is your testimony? "Unto you is born a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

And our *Heavenly Father*? "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased."

If you want the world right, start with yourself.

Faith makes a man a Christian. His life proves he is a Christian. Trial confirms him as a Christian. Death crowns him a Christian.

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

GETTING THE DEVILS OUT

When Jesus Christ was on the earth, He cast out devils that had taken the control of the individuals. Jesus could speak and the devils obeyed His command. When He said, "Come out" the devils came out. On one occasion the devils asked to be privileged to enter into a herd of swine. These devils said, "If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said unto them, "Go" (See Matt. 8:28-34). Yes, when Jesus said to a devil get out, he got out. But we have a new religion now; the devil has invented another religion. We are told that this "Cult" was started by a woman. There are a number of "Cult religions" started by women. I do not know of a single one but what denies the most of the FUNDAMENTALS OF THE RELIGION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. But this new devil religion advocates: "Whipping the devils out." According to reports coming through the newspapers, the "Whip wielder," one in authority, killed his own wife and another woman—"beating the devil out of them." This man has admitted his guilt in the killing. He said, according to testimony, "I know that I am absolutely guilty. I was in a frenzy; I beat them down." Then he went on to say, "Whipping is needful for wrong doing and almost always a person who gets it admits it. It drives out the devil." These devil deluded ignorant worshipers have religion—A "Whipping religion." The way of Jesus was to cast out the devil, and "present the devil possessed in his right mind." This Devil "caster-out" performer, beats them to death and presents their dead bodies. Christ makes a live. This performer takes the life.

"SOME GOOD IN ALL"

How, often, I hear it said today, "There is good in all." But I would like for some one to show me where there is any good in a religion that is so far from God that it "takes life" instead of GIVING LIFE. Religion can be of the devil, and often is. The devil has religion. He wants everybody to have religion. He wants no one to have CHRIST. Therefore, the devil manufactures religion. There are more than 900 religions in the world. But there is only ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST. A religion without Christ is a product of the devil. A religion that denies the DEITY OF CHRIST is a product of the devil. The only way to reach heaven is to accept JE-

SUS CHRIST AS THE SON OF GOD the one who said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." Jesus said "YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN." That is why I believe in sending the GOSPEL to those who have never heard, so that they may hear and "BE BORN AGAIN." They cannot get to heaven without the new CREATION. (See Ephe. 2:8-10) Get your Bible right now and read Romans 1:1-17.

GOD DOES NOT PLACE A PREMIUM ON IGNORANCE

No doubt some one will say "The poor fellow who beat the two women to death, to get the devil out of them, was doing the best he knew." The best a man knows does not clear him as a guilty sinner before God. The heathens that are sitting in darkness cannot be excused on ignorance. IF IGNORANCE would save them why did Jesus say, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved?" If he is saved by ignorance there is no need of the gospel. The first chapter of Romans sets forth the fact that they "are without excuse."

Those who try to "whip the devil out" are without excuse. This one spoken of admits that he was in a "frenzy." This "frenzy" was the devil in him. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

GOD'S JUDGMENT

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at: but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17: 30, 31).

"As it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement" (Heb. 9:27). The HEATHEN will be judged as well as those who live in AMERICA. If his name is not written in the LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE, he will have to suffer in the "lake of fire." See the Great White Throne Judgment as set forth in Revelation 20:12-15). There is no escape from the JUDGMENT. Only the NEW BIRTH will entitle us to the BLESSING AS PRESCRIBED in GOD'S WORD.

Give me a Bible and a candle and shut me up in a dungeon and I will tell you what the world is doing.—Cecil Dichard

"As for us, may God be glorified, whether by life or by death."—John and Betty Stam.—The Brethren Missionary Herald.

"That land is henceforth my country which most needs the Gospel."—Count Zinzendorf.

"God had only one Son, and He was a missionary."—David Livingstone.

"A true missionary never knows defeat."—Rev. A. A. Fulton.

AMORY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED

The Amory Free Will Baptist church will be dedicated clear of debt on the second Sunday in December, 1951, with all-day services. The dedicatory sermon will be preached by the pastor, M. L. Hollis, who organized the church seven years ago.

In the afternoon there will be special services held, including the reading of the church history from the time of organization up to date, with special messages by visiting ministers and friends.

This church has made wonderful progress from the beginning, under the leadership of the Rev. M. L. Hollis, who has served the church as pastor from the beginning, and is full time pastor now, lives just across the street from the church in the



new ten thousand dollar parsonage that was erected two years ago. The church is enjoying a continual revival, with large crowds in attendance at each service, and new members are being added most every service. The pastor has held baptismal services for the past two Sunday nights, with many coming by letter from other churches. We are expecting to enlarge our building soon to accommodate the crowds that are in attendance from Sunday to Sunday. We have from 75 to 80 in the mid-week prayer meeting, and from 140 to 150 in Sunday School.

Make your arrangements to be with us on the second Sunday in December and enjoy the fellowship and services of this fast growing church. Don't forget to pray for the continued success of our church, that many more may be won to the Lord Jesus Christ.

"The Lord has done great things for us, where of we are glad."

Beatrice Smithson,
Church Clerk

GIVE WE THANKS

Grant Colfax Tullar

We thank Thee, Lord,
And give Thee praise
For all Thy gifts

Which crown our days.
Help us, dear Lord,
Our love to show
For ev'ry good

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists for October, 1951.

Receipts

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1951 ----\$ 218.36
Regular receipts for October ----- 1,235.54
Total to account for -----\$1,453.90

Disbursements

Paid to Superannuated
ministers -----\$225.00
Operating expense ----- 30.20
Paid to Nat'l. Board ----- 119.34

Total ----- 374.54

Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1951 --\$1,079.36

Receipts Itemized

2nd Central Union Meeting ----\$ 9.25
St. Delight S. S. ----- 2.00
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Northeast ----- 25.00
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Goldsboro ----- 45.00
Union Chapel ----- 5.00
Greenville ----- 14.28
Holly Springs Aux. ----- 10.00
Smithfield Aux. ----- 5.00
Stancil's Chapel ----- 5.00
Black Jack Grove ----- 5.00
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Hugo ----- 15.00
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M. L. Johnson,

Chairman-Treasurer

We Thank Thee

We thank Thee, now, O Father,
For all things bright and good;
The seedtime and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer,
For all Thy love imparts,
And, what Thou most deservest.
Our humble, thankful hearts.

—Anon.

TEN LITTLE AUTOS!

An epidemic of reckless driving threatens our safety throughout the whole country. The many car accidents and deaths indicate how great is this problem, making our little jingle very appropriate for these times, and so we pass it on to our readers.

Ten little autos, road and weather fine;
one hit a culvert—then there were nine.
Nine little autos, one a little late; driver struck a railroad train—then there were eight.

Eight little autos—but one went to heaven running through a stop light—then there were seven.

Seven little autos speeding through the sticks; one skidded off the road—then there were six.

Six little autos till one took a dive through an open drawbridge—then there were five.

Five little autos, one with rattling door; driver tried to shut it—then there were four.

Four little autos, one climbed a tree, but didn't do it very well—so that left three.
Three little autos, one driver was a "stew"; loaded up on highballs—that left only two.

Two little autos, tried to beat the gun when the warning signal flashed—then there was one.

One little auto around the corner tore; hit a truck—that's all there is; there isn't any more.—A. K. White in "The Dry Legion."

"I feel as if I could not live if something is not done for China."—J. Hudson Taylor.

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OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, it has pleased an all wise Providence to call to her reward, our sister, Bettie Flake, we the members of Piney Grove Church, Pitt County, submit the following resolutions:

First, That though we are saddened by her passing, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father;

Second, That we extend to her family, Our deepest sympathy, and point them to God and the church, which she served so well for consolation and comfort in their bereavement; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Irene Tyson,
Mildred Humbles,
Myrtie Ruth Tyson,
Committee.

T. J. LEE PASSES

"In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

In this promise rests the soul of Mr. T. J. Lee, who on Sunday morning, October 28, went home to be with the Lord. Mr. and Mrs. Lee were residing with Mr. and Mrs. Harley Welch of 205 Kershaw St., Timmonsville, S. C., where Mr. Lee had been ill for several months. Mr. Lee had been a member at the Sand Hill Free Will Baptist Church, where the services were conducted Tuesday at 11:00 A. M. Rev. M. H. Mellette, Rev. F. S. Powers, and Mr. W. K. Babcock were officiants, music being rendered by Bay Branch Choir and Mr. Herbert Floyd. Rev. Mellette acknowledged the consistent Christian testimony of Mr. Lee by reference to the words of the Lord Jesus found in Matthew 25:35-40 and John 14:2, 3, while Mr. Babcock spoke words of comfort based upon the resurrection truth described in John 11:23-26.

Following these services the rite of burial was performed at Matthews cemetery.

Sympathy was expressed by a myriad of flowers sent by relatives and friends.

Loved ones remaining are: wife, Minton; step-mother, Eunice; three brothers; one

sister; four sons, Solomon J. Lee, Aultie Lee, Ralph F. Lee, and T. J. Lee; three daughters, Mary Welch, Mattie Jackson, and Etta Denham; 34 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The Christian testimony of seventy-three year old T. J. Lee will long be remembered by those who were acquainted with him.

Wendell K. Babcock

"The prospect is as bright as the promises of God."—Adroniram Judson.

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"If you want to serve your race, go where no one else will go, and do what no one else will do."—Mary Lyon.

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It is easier for people to love you if you make yourself lovable.—C. R. H.

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Give Thanks!

- Gracious God, we come today
To Thy house of prayer.
In the autumn time of year
Grateful for Thy care.
- Vast and plenteous is the store
From the wood and field.
Earnestly we give thanks
For this bounteous yield.
- Teach us day by day to walk
Humbly in Thy sight,
Help us put our trust in Thee,
Thine the power and might;
- All we have in bounty here
Is Thy gift we know.
Nothing gain we of ourselves,
Good, Thou dost bestow.
- Keep our land a country free,
Brave and strong and true,
Singing songs of thanks to God
To whom all praise is due.—Amen

—Anon.

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NOTICE

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*When to Give Thanks
and Why*

A Bible Study

We should always give thanks to the Lord at our meals (Mark 8:6; Acts 27:35, 36).

In whatever we do we should give thanks to God our Father (Col. 3:17).

We should give thanks all the time, and for all things (Eph. 5:20).

In everything we should give thanks (I Thess. 5:18; Phil. 4:6; Col. 4:2).

We should give thanks because it is a good thing to do so (Ps. 92:1, 2).

Because it pleases and glorifies the Lord (Ps. 69:30, 31; II Cor. 4:15).

Because it causes others to believe on the Lord Jesus (John 11:41, 42).

A beautiful prayer steals the halo from the Saviour's head.—Rev. F. Beck, in *Ev. Bea.*

Truly Thankful!

*For What We Are
About to Receive
May the Lord Make
Us Truly Thankful*



JIMMY watched eagerly as a man on a scaffold painted an enormous advertisement. To the boy's eyes it was a beautiful picture—blue sky, white clouds, a large steamer on a blue lake, and a pleasure park with swings and merry-go-rounds. Jimmy's father on his way home from work stopped to admire it.

"That man must be real clever, Father; I wish I could learn his trade."

"You should, boy, if I had the money," was the answer.

John Fisher had lately come from England, only to meet hard times. But no one had ever heard him grumble. He was very willing, and at last was hired to deliver ice and care for the horses; but it was not easy to spare a cent.

After school hours Jimmy followed the advertisement artist, who was pleased with his admiration.

"I have no helper," he complained one day. "Can you help me an hour, boy, and hand me paints and brushes?" Jimmy was more than willing, climbing the ladder gladly. Every day he earned twenty-five cents. Still he longed to learn. A bright idea came: "Say, mister," he cried, "I won't work for pay if you will teach me to paint."

The sign painter was kind; besides, he had taken a great liking for the child. "All right, Jimmy, we will cut the pay down to ten cents, and you can come to my house three evenings in the week if you like. It was surprising how quickly he learned to paint big letters and other things.

Thanksgiving time was drawing near. The neighbors were preparing. Jimmy had saved his money, and brought home a pumpkin to make two pumpkin pies.

"Thanksgiving Day is a big day here in this country, wife," John Fisher said. "We must keep it. Here's money for a turkey."

"Keep Thanksgiving!" the wife replied. "My poor John, what have we to be thankful for?"

"Bless you! Much cause for thanks, Mary. Suppose I were idle! Now I have a steady job. And here's a boy to be truly thankful for—learning his own trade. True,

you and the boy were both sick with typhoid. That was trouble. Thank God, you were spared! Nothing else matters. And folks were kind in our troubles. No, it's not old England, but America's our home now, and we will be loyal."

Jimmy listened proudly, and saw his mother wipe away a tear as she carried off the plates. "You would cheer anybody, Jim," she said. "We will give thanks."

Jimmy and his brothers and sisters will never forget that Thanksgiving Day. The painter sent them a basket of grapes, and a customer gave John some apples. The turkey was perfect, the pumpkin pies delicious; but the joy of the feast was something hung from the shelf at the head of the table. Jimmy blushed crimson when everyone admired it. For was it not his own work? Big red letters beautifully painted on a white ground—and painted on a white ground—and this is what they read before John bent his head in prayer: "For what we are about to receive may the Lord make us truly thankful."—Sel.

"We Thank Thee, O God"

"We thank Thee, O God,
For the gifts Thou hast given,
The blessings Thy love hath bestowed;
Thy goodness and mercy
Our tongues would recite,
And publish Thy praises abroad.

"We thank Thee for Him—
Thy 'unspeakable Gift,'
Without whom all others were vain;
For Jesus, our Light,
Our Salvation, our All,
Our Hope till His coming again."

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Let Us Give Thanks by Alice E. Lupton

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy" (Psa. 107:1, 2).

We should offer praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord continuously for all of his wonderful goodness to us. Heb. 13:15, "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name." We are not only told to give thanks, but the Psalmist says who should be constant in praise and thanksgiving—"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so."

Our duty as Christians should be to glorify God at all times, through praise to Him for his manifold blessings to us day by day. Fruit-bearing in His name can be brought about by spiritual unity with Him and with one another, through our love to Christ. Rom. 15:16, "That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." The best way we know to show honor and praise to Him is through bearing fruit, "much fruit and more fruit," as Jesus tells us in John 15. The blessings from our Father are past enumerating, but there are enough visible ones that stand out so prominently that we cannot mistake the fact that they come direct from Him. He bestows unmerited favors upon us daily, for the very air we breathe is laden with His great love to us, and we are so unworthy, even at our best. Luke 17:10 reads "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which was our duty to do." There should be something more than duty then, to inspire our thanksgiving—there should be joy and gladness, there should be a deep sense of appreciation for all His benefits to us. There should be love beyond our power of expression, but such as would shine out in our every act, in our every word, that our lives might be a blessing to others, and at the same time glorify our Father in heaven.

LET US PRAISE AND THANK HIM:

First, for our salvation: Col. 1:12: "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints of light" (Titus 3: 5). "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy He saved us by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

Although our beloved country can no longer be called a Christian nation, to our sorrow, but to us it is still the best country in the world. For this, let us give thanks unto the Lord, and pray that our churches, the spires of which are silent witnesses to the heavenly home as they point upward, as reminders that we too should be just as loyal and true in our steadfast-

ness and service, that our lives may point heavenward to the City of God where the redeemed will one day assemble before Him.

In the third place, we should give thanks to the Lord for the "House of many mansions," where we can enter into his courts with praise and thanksgiving and forever be with the Lord.

Again, we should thank God for his "ambassadors," who break the Bread of Life to the lost day after day, and also to those who are saved, that they "faint not." We should not cease to give thanks unto the Lord for these God-called men on whose shoulders rests such heavy responsibilities. We need to hold them up in our prayers at all times, and show our appreciation to them for the noble work they are doing in the vineyard of the Lord.

We receive spiritual food from those Under Shepherds who encourages and inspires us to go out as "Labourers together with God."

Let us give thanks for our missionaries, who have sacrificed home, loved ones, friends, houses and lands, for the gospel's sake, that the name of Christ might be made known among the nations and that souls might be saved. Our praise and prayers should go up to the Father continually, in their behalf. We must not stop there, however. We must remember that they are taking our place, and that we must contribute generously to their support. May we not neglect to share our blessings with them at all times. Let us give thanks for the stars that bedeck the heavens and which "declare the glory of God, and the firmament that showeth his handiwork." Look up into the skies at night and watch these little stars, how they shine and twinkle, each one different from another, each one filling its position and doing what God intended them to do. The same with the moon, as it gives us light by night and sails majestically across the sky, doing faithfully the will of the Father, blessing millions with its glory. Each morning as we arise to face another day, let us turn our faces toward the east and thank God for the sun, the greatest and most brilliant of all others in our solar system. The Psalmist declares in Psa. 19:4-6, "In them hath He set a tabernacle for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof." He performs his duty perfectly as we watch its course from its first appearance until it has reached the western horizon and sinks out of sight in a maze of glory, the beauty of which no artist can paint, nor an orator describe.

Let us give thanks for the Bible, and then apply ourselves more diligently in its study. The more we read and study the Word, the

more we will realize the need of "searching the Scriptures," that we may be drawn into a closer walk with the Master.

Because it is the Word of God, given to us by holy men, inspired and chosen by the Holy Spirit, we should count it our most precious treasure, for as Paul says in Rom. 1:16, "It is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

Let us give thanks for the blessed Son of God, who "thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." His Father "exalted Him with a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in the earth, and things under the earth: And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:6-11).

As a nation, we have much to be thankful for, as a church we have blessings beyond description—we should take time out for a backward look and try to count the wonderful blessings that have been ours during the past few years, and as we look forward to greater achievements in the future, may He keep us to humble Him at all times, knowing that "He will exalt us in due season."

As individuals, we have unmerited blessings showered upon us. We need to stop and try to enumerate them occasionally, as a real remedy for our complaints and grouching, when things are not run to suit us.

Finally, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed." May we ever praise the Lord and say earnestly, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift," for it is "in Him we live and move and have our being."

EARLY CONVERSION

J. O. Wilson

Suppose that Paul had been converted at seventy instead of twenty-five. There would have been no Paul in history. There was a Matthew Henry because he was converted at eleven and not at seventy; a Dr. Watts because he was converted at nine and not at sixty; a Jonathan Edwards because he was converted at eight and not at eighty; a Richard Baxter because he was converted at six and not at sixty.

How much more a soul is worth that has a lifetime of opportunity before it than the soul which has nothing! Lambs are of more worth than sheep in the realm of souls as well as in the marketplace.—The Christian Digest.

What the Church Needs Today Is . . .

POWER through PRAYER

We are constantly on a stretch, if not on a strain, to devise new methods, new plans, new organizations to advance the Church and secure enlargement and efficiency for the Gospel. This trend of the day has a tendency to lose sight of the man or sink the man in the plan or organization. God's plan is to make much of the man, far more of him than of anything else. Men are God's method. **The Church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men.**

"There was a man sent from God whose name was John." The dispensation that heralded and prepared the way for Christ was bound up in that man John. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." The world's salvation comes out of that cradled Son. When Paul appeals to the personal character of the men who rooted the Gospel in the world, he solves the mystery of their success.

The glory and efficiency of the Gospel is staked on the men who proclaim it. When God declares that the "eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him," He declares the necessity of men and his dependence on them as a channel through which to exert His power upon the world. This vital, urgent truth is one that this age of machinery is apt to forget. The forgetting of it is as baneful on the work of God as would be the striking of the sun from his sphere. Darkness, confusion and death would ensue.

Prayer—the Need of the Church

What the Church needs to-day is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use—men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but

through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men—men of prayer.

An eminent historian has said that the accidents of personal character have more to do with the revolutions of nations than either philosophic historians or democratic politicians will allow. This truth has its application in full to the Gospel of Christ, the character and conduct of the followers of Christ—Christianize the world, transfigure nations and individuals. Of the preachers of the Gospel it is eminently true.

The character as well as the fortunes of the Gospel are committed to the preacher. He makes or mars the message from God to man. The preacher is the golden pipe through which the divine oil flows. The pipe must not only be golden, but open and flawless, that the oil may have a full, unhindered, unwasted flow.

The man makes the preacher. God must make the man. The messenger is, if possible, more than the message. The preacher is more than the sermon. The preacher makes the sermon. As the life-giving milk

• • E. M. BOUNDS

from the mother's bosom is but the mother's life, so all the preacher says is tintured, impregnated by what the preacher is. The treasure is in earthen vessels, and the taste of the vessel impregnates and may discolor. The man, the whole man, lies behind the sermon. Preaching is not the performance of an hour. It is the outflow of a life. It takes twenty years to make a sermon, because it takes twenty years to make the man. The true sermon is a thing of life. The sermon grows because the man grows. The sermon is forceful because the man is forceful. The sermon is holy because the man is holy. The sermon is full of the divine unction because the man is full of the divine unction.

The Place of the Gospel in the Man

Paul termed it "My gospel"; not that he had degraded it by his personal eccentricities or diverted it by selfish appropriation, but the Gospel was put into the heart and lifeblood of the man Paul, as a personal trust to be executed by his Pauline traits, to be set aflame and empowered by the fiery energy of his fiery soul. Paul's sermons—what were they? Where are they? Skeletons, scattered fragments, afloat on the sea of inspiration! But the man Paul, greater than his sermons, lives forever, in full form, feature and stature, with his moulding hand on the Church. The preaching is but a voice. The voice in silence dies, the text is forgotten, the sermon fades from memory; the preacher lives.

The sermon cannot rise in its life-giving forces above the man. Dead men give out dead sermons, and dead sermons kill. **Everything depends on the spiritual character of the preacher.** Under the Jewish dispensation the high priest had inscribed in jeweled letters on a golden frontlet: "Holiness to the Lord." So every preacher in Christ's ministry must

Thanksgiving

We thank Thee, Father, for the night,
For dawn and set of sun,
For breeze that ruffles up the night,
For sleep when work is done.

We thank Thee, Father, for a home
Where children laugh and play,
For shelter, food and lots of room
To live and love each day.

We thank Thee, Lord, for things to do,
To fill the happy hours,
For music when the day is through,
For birds and trees and flowers.

—Ada S. Sell

be molded into and mastered by this same holy motto. It is a crying shame for the Christian ministry to fall lower in holiness of character and holiness of aim than the Jewish priesthood.

Jonathan Edwards said: "I went on with my eager pursuit after more holiness and conformity to Christ. The Gospel of Christ does not move by popular waves. It has no self-propagating power. It moves as the men who have charge of it move. The preacher must impersonate the Gospel. Its divine, most distinctive features must be embodied in him. The constraining power of love must be in the preacher as a projecting, eccentric, an all-commanding, self-oblivious force. The energy of self-denial must be his being, his heart and blood and bones. He must go forth as a man among men, clothed with humility, abiding in meekness, wise as a serpent; harmless as a dove; the bonds of a servant with the spirit of a king, a king in high, royal, independent bearing, with the simplicity and sweetness of a child. The preacher must throw himself, with all the abandon of a perfect, self-emptying faith and a self-consuming zeal, into his work for the salvation of men. Hearty, heroic, compassionate, fearless martyrs must the men be who take hold of and shape a generation for God. If they be timid time-servers, place-seekers, if they be men-pleasers or men-fearers, if their faith has a weak hold on God or His Word, if their denial be broken by any phase of self or the world, they cannot take hold of the Church nor the world for God.

The Preacher's Target

The preacher's sharpest and strongest preaching should be to himself. His most difficult, delicate, laborious and thorough work must be with himself. The training of the twelve was the great, difficult and enduring work of Christ. Preachers are not sermon-makers, but men-trainers and saint-makers, and he only is well trained for this business who has made himself a man and a saint. It is not great talents or great learning or great preachers that God needs, but men great in holiness, great in faith, great in love, great in fidelity, great for God—men always

preaching by holy sermons in the pulpit, by holy lives out of it. These can mold a generation for God.

After this order, the early Christians were formed. Men they were of solid mold, preachers after the heavenly type—heroic, stalwart, soldierly, saintly. Preaching with them meant self-denying, self-crucifying, serious, toilsome, martyr business. They applied themselves to it in a way that told on their generation, and formed in its womb a generation yet unborn for God. The preaching man is to be the praying man. Prayer is the preacher's mightiest weapon. An almighty force in itself, it gives life and force to all.

The real sermon is made in the closet. The man—God's man—is made in the closet. His life and his profoundest convictions were born in his secret communion with God. The burdened and tearful agony of his spirit, his weightiest and sweetest messages were received when alone with God. Prayer makes the man; prayer makes the preacher; prayer makes the pastor.

The pulpit of this day is weak in praying. The pride of learning is against the dependent humility of prayer. Prayer is with the pulpit too often only official—a performance for the routine of service. Prayer is not to the modern pulpit the mighty force it was in Paul's life or Paul's ministry.

Every preacher who does not make prayer a mighty factor in his own life and ministry is weak as a factor in God's work and is powerless to advance God's cause in this world.
—Christian Digest.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY MEETS AT BETHANY

The Women's Auxiliary of the Bethany Original Free Will Baptist Church held its regular meeting Thursday night, November 8, 1951, at the church with 15 members present and one visitor.

The program topic was "Working Together with Him through Faithful Witnessing that His Way May be Known upon Earth." Those participating were Mesdames Keith Vause, Bill Smith, Theron Severance, Buster McGhee, Raymond Hancock and Dick Granger.

During the social hour, the group enjoyed various types of sandwiches, cookies and coffee.

Mrs. Raymond Hancock, Reporter

A YOUNG ACTRESS FINDS THE WAY

Mary Kathryn Bryan

Several years ago our evangelistic party was holding meetings in a large Western city. One evening a young girl came to us and seemed to be in much distress or trouble. She asked our evangelist if she might speak to him about her life. Then she told this incident:

She had finished college and graduated from a leading church college in that part of the country. She had dedicated her life to Christian service and expected to go the next year to her church Training School to take work in religious education and missionary work.

However, she had become very interested in dramatics and had joined a group of traveling actors with a stage show, on the advice of a college teacher who told her how foolish she was to waste her time and talent doing church work.

The girl had been quite a success with the stage group and at that time was playing with the group at a local theater. However, the fact that she had forgotten God and the church had tormented her soul until she was almost out of her mind. She told of several ministers to whom she had gone, but they had told her they did not know how to help her. She told our evangelist that night that she had seen our meetings advertised in the daily paper and had decided to come and asked for help. If she could not secure the spiritual help she needed she intended to take her life!

We talked with the girl and prayed with her. She saw the mistake she had made by not following God's plan for her life. Now, it happened that we knew the superintendent of a mission school, who wished a teacher in his school. So we sent the young woman to him.

To-day she is very happy in her work, leading many children to her Saviour through her teaching in the mission school.

If I would know more of God, I must relax the strain and moderate the pace—must "be still."—J. H. Jouett.

Editorial Comments

TWO CONFLICTING FORCES

There are two opposing forces in the world: God and righteousness, against Satan and sin. God is the Creator of truth, purity and righteousness, while Satan is the father of untruth, corruption, and damnation. God sets the standards for mankind's peace, prosperity, and happiness, but Satan channels the way of greed, dishonesty, covetousness, and wretchedness for those who heed his alluring devices. While God gives his manifold blessings to the races of men, Satan enslaves the multitudes with his yoke of eternal bondage. God furnishes light, hope, and eternal rest and peace, but Satan inflicts the gloom of darkness, utter despair, and the weeping and gnashing of teeth.

But, who makes the choice? Who is to say which road the rational person shall take? God does not force man to go with him, but he beckons, he provides, he calls—he gives the best he has that man may follow his way, and reap his blessings. Not so with Satan. He tempts, beguiles, promises false peace and happiness. He promises the joys of this life, and insists that everyone partake of his ways, and be free to live as he directs. His concern is only to corrupt, tear down, destroy human life, body and soul. That is final, so far as he is concerned.

Wars are the results of Satan's subjects battling against God, truth, and righteousness. Through the ages mankind has suffered, the innocent with the guilty, because Satan and sin have dominated, in a tragic measure, the lives of men down the centuries of time. Nations have fallen and perished from the face of the earth because of the overpowering influences of Satan and his followers who stood for greed, injustice, war and destruction. Because of such, God has, over and over, visited punishment after punishment upon those who chose to follow the forces of evil in the world. Man reaps what he sows, because that is the law of life. His choosing is either his happiness or his sorrow. He places himself on the side of God, truth, and righteousness, or he joins the ranks of Satan, and his evil forces, and thereby receives his ultimate doom. Christ said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Military Preparedness is the cry this very hour. Satan's forces seem to be lining up for the battle. But what about the **Power** of truth and righteousness? Shall Christian Preparedness give way to Satanic Rule? God forbid! The forces of evil must be opposed with righteous vigor, a burning zeal for truth, peace and happiness. Gideon of old stood up for truth and righteousness, and the enemy fled, because God was with his forces of truth, honor, and peace. The Apostle Paul went forth, in the midst of crime, idolatry, and opposition, with the gospel of Christ to battle against sin and the vicious ways

of the world. He used every opportunity available to spread the gospel news among the heathen peoples wherever he went. And such was true of a great many of the Lord's followers, because they gave their lives that the Word might be preached unto the lost.

It is no less true today. God's people must stand up and battle sin on every hand, or else Satan and his forces will control the world, and bring heathen darkness upon the earth, it would seem. Certainly, the Christian life is a warfare for Christ and righteousness, and there must be no yielding to the forces of evil in the world. It is true, the Christian forces will have to make great sacrifices in the world today. But Christ made the supreme sacrifice himself that his truth might prevail on the earth. And his death is not in vain. The price that he paid is not too great for the cause of humanity. Christ's followers in all lands must stand boldly before the world and fight sin and Satan on every hand.

It may take the Third World War to bring the nations to their knees; but, at the same time, God's Word will not fail. Though multitudes of Christ's followers may be cut down by the forces of Communism, and the rulers of satanic influences in the world, yet God's Word shall not pass away. Followers of the Lord Jesus will never give up. They will battle for truth and lasting peace so long as they follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, the forces of right, truth and honor will win, though the conflict be long and hard, and multitudes go down in the struggle. God will be with those who battle for the right, and who will surrender all for the cause of righteousness in the world.

During the early days of the Hebrew nation, God permitted at times his chosen people to use military strength and strategy to win the victory over the enemy. There was a purpose in this. It may be that God will use, in this most critical age, his forces of truth and righteousness against the forces of evil to bring about a better world in which to live. He may lead the followers of his only begotten Son to teach the world the lesson that is needed: **peace and brotherly love**, the essentials for true happiness of the races of men. When this struggle for power and leadership shall have been settled, we feel perfectly confident the forces of right, truth, and good-will will be victorious, and a happier day will come to the peoples of the earth. Let us pray that God's will be done in earth as in heaven.

May the day speedily come when men will heed the teachings of the Bible rather than to depend upon the philosophies of individual minds. May the leaders of the nations set aside their theories of world peace, and take Christ's Sermon on the Mount as their guide to human understanding and brotherly love. Let us hope that they will soon turn to the Bible for the answer to their international problems, and let God have the right of way in their hearts.

REPORT OF SECOND UNION

The second union of the Central Conference of North Carolina, convened with Ayden church Saturday before the fifth Sunday in September. The meeting was opened by the moderator, Rev. D. W. Alexander. Rev. David Hansley led in devotions. Fifteen of our union ministers were present. Visiting ministers were: Homer Willis, Michigan; I. J. Blackwelder, Georgia; S. A. Smith, N. D. Beaman, R. N. Hinnant, and F. A. Rivenbark. The Ayden Missionary Baptist pastor, Rev. Hollowell, was also present.

N. F. Davenport was enrolled as a licensed minister of this union by motion.

The minutes were read and corrections noted. Rev. N. D. Beaman delivered the first address. He spoke on Leading Young People of the Bible. Rev. Blackwelder made a few remarks on the Free Will Baptist work in Georgia.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant and Mrs. Guy Corbett sang a duet, Ivory Palaces.

Mr. Roy Turnage, Jr., Ayden Methodist member, spoke on Eminent Types in the Book of Jonah.

Rev. S. A. Smith preached the union sermon. His message was very soul-stirring.

A collection was taken for our Middlesex Orphanage amounting to \$51.65. The money will go toward the furnishings for the Albemarle cottage. Rev. Homer Willis offered thanks. Rev. F. A. Rivenbark dismissed us for lunch.

A beautiful and enjoyable lunch was served in the Ayden Community Building.

At 1:00 we reassembled. Rev. Hollowell welcomed the union to Ayden.

During the business period it was moved that this union grant David Wooten a letter of dismission and recommendation.

Rev. W. B. Nobles delivered the only afternoon talk, Sampson as a Type of Our Lord.

The treasurer's report read as follows:

Brought forward	\$ 3.34
Offering for Orphanage	51.65
For Union	102.50
For Needy Ministers	106.00

Total Received \$263.49

Paid out as follows:	
Clerk	\$ 10.00
Telephone Call	1.63
Needy Ministers	106.00
Orphanage (collection)	51.65
Orphanage (appropriation)	37.00
Cragmont	9.25
Christian Education	9.25
Missions	9.25
Church Finance Ass'n., Inc.	9.25
State Promotional Work	9.25
Superannuation	9.25

Total paid out 261.78
Balance carried forward \$ 1.71

By motion a rising vote of thanks was extended to the host church for making such a nice meeting possible.

A love offering was decided to be divided equally between Rev. W. B. Nobles and



SUNBEAM CIRCLE, NORFOLK CHURCH

Perhaps some of the Baptist readers do not know of our Sunbeam Circle, and our Christian Missionary Pig.

I should like to see all of our Free Will Baptist churches organize a Sunbeam Circle. This is to be organized by the Woman's Auxiliary in each church. This group of boys and girls, age 3 through 6, is called the smallest circle. All their donations go to foreign missions.

This year our girls and boys donated their pennies, nickels, and dimes which amounted to \$32.54. Won't you women in your churches start a Sunbeam Circle? Will you correspond with us. Send more money to the missionary fields for God's service. I shall be glad to give any information about the Sunbeam Circle to anyone who is interested in little children, and in our Sunbeam Circle.

In His service,

Mildred Pendergrass,

Director, Sunbeam Circle

TO THE AUXILIARIES OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE

At the last Auxiliary Convention of the Central Conference a motion was made and carried for this Convention to adopt a child from the Free Will Baptist Orphanage to clothe.

I wrote to Mr. Croom, the Superintendent, and asked him to assign to us a child for adoption.

The girl that he assigned to the care of the Convention was Shelby Jean Jones. She is 14 years of age, in the eighth grade in school. Shelby Jean is five feet and 2 inches tall and weighs 102 pounds. Her birthday is May 31.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, our 5th Vice-President of the Convention, and who has charge of the Orphanage work, will act as official mother for the Convention for this girl.

Yours in His service,

Mrs. Paul Thigpen,

President of Convention

Bro. E. C. Hines. The total amount was \$33.25.

We voted to meet with Reedy Branch in December if the church accepts us. You will be notified through the Baptist paper if changes are made.

Rev. D. W. Alexander, Moderator

Mrs. Guy Corbett, Clerk

DEAR FELLOW WORKERS IN CHRIST

GREETINGS:

The Washington Free Will Baptist Church is a new church organized this year with 40 resident members.

We have been conducting our services in the Red Men's hall. We have just concluded a two weeks' meeting held under a tent furnished by the mission board. Our speaker was Brother I. J. Blackwelder of Alma, Georgia. Six new members were added to the church.

Our greatest need now is a building. We have a lot, and with a little help, I believe we can soon have a church in which to worship.

We have called Brother L. E. Styron of Beaufort, North Carolina, for a full-time pastor. November will mark the first month for him as our leader, so we are asking that your church take a free will offering in November for our building fund. Anyone near by who will give saw-logs, we can get them sawed into lumber free. We also desire your prayers that God will use us in a great way. With this letter, goes a prayer that God may use you all to do his will.

Yours in the name of Jesus.

Washington Free Will Baptist Church,

George Webster, Treasurer,

300 John Small Avenue,

Washington, North Carolina

HEAR THE FAITH PROGRAM

WGFA—1300 KC—Cairo, Ga., Monday 1:30 P. M. through Friday.

Also Saturday and Sunday 9:00 A. M.

WDWD—Dawson, Ga., 5:30 P. M. Sunday, 990 KC

WFPM—Fort Valley, Ga., 1150 KC, Sunday, 3:00 P. M.

All these are Eastern Standard Time, reaching half of Georgia. We need your help. Pray for us and write us.

K. V. Shutes,

Camilla, Ga., Route 1

A SCIENTIST SPEAKS

Dr. Charles Steinmetz, the eminent scientist, when asked what line of research will see the greatest development during the next 50 years, said:

"I think the greatest discoveries will be made along spiritual lines. Some day people will learn that material things do not bring happiness and are of little use in making men and women creative and powerful. Then the scientists of the world will turn their laboratories over to the study of God and prayer and the spiritual forces which as yet, have been hardly scratched. When that day comes, the world will see more advancement in one generation than it has seen in the last four."—Reader's Digest.

My EXPERIENCE in PRAYER

By NAAMAN BORDERS, Waverly, Ohio

The only reason I am writing these experiences is that those who may chance to read them may have greater faith in our great leader. I hope that my children and grandchildren and many others may read and believe. From my childhood up to the present time, I have felt a great urge to pray and trust in my Saviour and to have faith in His promises. The Book says that His promises have never been known to fail. Men may make promises and forget them but not so with God. He is not slack concerning His promises. Having a very godly and pious Mother, she early taught us what it meant to be a Christian and urged us children the all importance of yielding ourselves unto God. Also my teacher in my boyhood schooldays would open school with singing and prayer. He would urge his pupils to pray in secret while he prayed. Not knowing how to pray, nor what to say one morning, I ventured a childish prayer like this: "Lord, help me to be good and enjoy today, will you, please?" I noticed during that day that I really enjoyed the day a little more than usual. Taking notice of this I ventured another prayer and still another, and still another. I was convinced that it really paid to look to my Creator when in need of comfort and help. I cannot say that I was a saint from that time on, but I do say that was the time I first learned the value of prayer. I grew up like other boys, sometimes good and sometimes bad, up and down, in and out, around and around, over and under and on and on.

I have always felt better in church than out of church. Nearly every red hot sermon unsettled me and something would get a hold of me and would make me restless. I lived a zigzag life until I was seventeen years of age. Then I felt that unless I got in all over I would die. I floundered around like a fish on dry

land until I plunged in, all over, and got that peace of heart that is unspeakable and full of glory. I was baptized one beautiful spring morning in April, on Monday. I couldn't wait until the next Sunday. When walking home I felt that a new world had opened up to me. It seemed that all nature was throbbing with the glory of God. Before surrendering to God I felt that I did not have a friend in the world, but now it seemed to me that I didn't have an enemy in the world. I just loved everybody and everybody loved me. No wonder the Book says "God is Love." Before I really was converted I got so restless I couldn't hardly sleep. I promised God if He would show me what to do, I would do it no matter what it was. I waited for God to answer and He said, "Tell your Mother to pray." That was the hardest thing I ever had to do. I thought I just couldn't do that. Then I thought that I would get nowhere lying to God. Then coming out with it I said, "Mother, please pray for me." She said, "Son, I will." I then felt better but not satisfied. The thought came to me, "You are a skeptic." Not knowing what the word meant I got up and looked in the dictionary, finding it meant a doubter. I felt rebuked for my unbelief. After being baptized and the blessing ebbed away then the devil began to make me doubt my conversion. For three days and nights I had a battle with the devil as much as Jesus did when He was driven into the wilderness, but I finally got the victory over the old scoundrel and began to grow in grace.

Then I felt an urge to do something for my Saviour. I earnestly prayed for God to show me in some way. That night I had a plain dream that I was going away to preach. That did not fully convince me, so I prayed all the next day for God to make it plainer. Again that night I dreamed I was preaching to a very large audience and was as happy as

I could be. Not yet being completely convinced, I prayed yet another time to be shown more fully. So, that night I dreamed that I saw Jesus standing in a beautiful pulpit and my name was written in golden letters at his feet.

Of course there are many flight dreams that don't mean anything; but when we have an impressive dream that lingers with us, we had better take notice. Or at least, it's that way with your writer. You read what Job says about it (Job 33: 15). I felt like I was the most unworthy mortal that God could call and tried many times to get out from under the load; but, every time I shirked, it was to my sorrow.

But, back to the point of what I know and have seen as to the answers of prayer. When I was a child I would pray for certain things to happen and so many times it would come to pass that I was astonished at the answers to my own prayers. I would tell my mother and she would tell me that God was training me for my life's work. In fact, a child has greater faith than an adult can have because their lives have not been blighted with sin. As in the case when a crowd of people went to church to pray for rain, the story has it that a little girl got her umbrella. Upon being asked why she got her umbrella she said, "We are praying for rain, aren't we?" Upon my earlier experiences of trying to preach, we had varying experiences, sometimes seeing results, and sometimes seeing none. I got rather discouraged at times and the Lord gave me a very clear vision. I saw in the vision a great field of grain, a very large wheat field and the sheaves all falling down and rotting. In that field a shining beautiful angel beckoned me to come and help to save the grain before it all went to waste; and when that was saved, for me to go and help build up the walls of Jerusalem, for the walls had fallen down. In the vision I plainly saw the walls

all in ruin. This was a very great encouragement to go on and do what I could. Later on I got discouraged again as when I was invited to go some distance from home to hold a meeting, I needed a suit of clothes. Having no money with which to purchase the suit, I tried to borrow the money, but everyone had some excuse for not letting me have it. Finally a neighbor said he would go my note if I wanted to go to the bank and borrow it. I did just that. I walked ten miles to the bank with the note. The banker said the note was good but said the endorser was on too much paper and he failed to honor the note. At that time he didn't know me so well. I came back home praying to God saying, "Lord, I wanted the money to buy a suit of clothes so I could go and preach your word. I thought you said Lord that "all things work together for good to those who love the Lord. I can't understand it." When I got down to bedrock trusting in the Lord, a thought dawned upon me that a certain man whose house I was about to pass had owed me a certain sum of money for a long time. It came into my mind to stop to try to collect it. I would have taken a dollar for the debt as he had owed it for so long. Don't you know that he paid me without a word. It was enough to pay for the suit. I went on to my appointment and preached four times and the crowd gave me \$23; so I had a nice suit of clothes and \$23 to the good and didn't owe a penny, whereas, if I had borrowed the money from the bank I would have had to pay it back. It was a great encouragement to me and strengthened my faith in the Lord. It was a blessing in disguise.

I think the Lord gives us enough blessings to help us to keep going on, and enough burdens to keep us humble in His sight. He works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. His ways are past finding out. Sometimes the Lord has to knock a man down before He can teach him a lesson, as He did old Paul when he was on the way to Damascus to bind the saints. For instance, when we were teaching school several years ago, one of the boys ran into me and just about broke one of my ribs, or

at least I felt that way. My side hurt so bad that I dismissed school rather early so I could do something about it. I went home and bathed my side with several kinds of liniments and used poultices on my side. This being kept up until 10 o'clock in the night to no avail, I became desperate with agonizing pain. It dawned upon me to pray. I had been reading in some church papers that folks had been healed through prayer. I didn't know whether it was just imagination or fanaticism or not. I thought someone was hippoed and just imagined they were healed.

I had a little faith in that and I wondered. I began to pray like this: "Lord, I know you have **Power** to heal sicknesses but I don't know whether it's your will to do so or not. Lord, I know that I am yours and you are **my** Father and God. If it is your holy will to heal in this day and age of the world, I beg you to hear my humble cry and if I get an answer I will tell it to the world." I was agonizing in much pain at that

moment. When I got down to bedrock praying almost suddenly the pain vanished away. I was surprised and astonished at the result. I lay there and thanked God over and over to myself. Then suddenly the old devil told me that was the medicine that was just taking effect. When I began to doubt, the pain began to return. In a few moments I was suffering just as much as ever. Well, I again took it to the Lord in prayer with these words: "Lord, if you will take the awful pain from my side I will know it's God's power and not the medicine that gave relief". In a few seconds the pain vanished again. From that moment on I had no more trouble with my side, except when I pressed on my side it was a little sore.

Another time when one of my neighbor women was sick and had been sick a few days, we knelt in prayer. The spirit began to flood my soul and I reached out and laid my hand on her shoulders, and she sprang to her feet and began to shout. She said she was thoroughly healed in that very moment.

Jesus said that if we have faith as a grain of mustard seed we should remove mountains. The mustard seed is very small, and they say it will not mix with anything else. I think He meant mountains of obstacles. Otherwise we would be like the old woman who prayed for the mountain to be moved. She said, "Just as I expected." Jesus said when we pray for us to believe that we shall have what we are praying for and we shall have it. For he that doubteth is like the wave of the sea, tossed to and fro. He that is of that type need not expect anything.

(To be Continued Next Week)

After Paul had seen the Lord on his way to Damascus and had a short talk with Him, he could never be persuaded to return to the lower levels of his life.—Rev. Isaiah Reid.

We had never known God if He had not said to us, "I will forgive your iniquities."—Selected.

Live on confidential terms with God.—S. L. Brengle.

"AFTER WHILE"

Dorothy Bright

Beyond the blue horizon

Just at the set of sun,
We'll hear the voice of Jesus,
"Come higher, child, well done!"

It's worth its weight in gold
To glimpse His smiling face,
But think of all it cost Him,
To buy redeeming grace.

I cast my care upon Him,
For He has asked me to;
He paves the road before me;
I know I'll make it through.

He turned the old sun backward,
He rained the fire down,
Elijah's God's still living
In country, hill and town.

There's naught too hard for Jesus,
The task is not too small;
His ear is always open
To catch the faintest call.

When men betray our friendship
And crush a burdened heart,
We still can find in Jesus,
What man can't tear apart.

He gives us joy unending,
That we've not known before;
The light He sheds upon us,
Will shine on more and more!

The last long mile is sweeter,
If shared along the way
With some poor soul that's longing
To hear kind words to-day.

So, as you journey onward,
Until the set of sun,
Ten thousand years from now on,
Your life has just begun!

-:- Department of Foreign Missions -:-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Reports from the fields indicate that God is blessing and souls are being saved. Mrs. Willey writes upon her return to Cuba, "I wish I had time to tell you of the progress of the work here. It is too great for words. Please pray with us for church buildings. The work in Havana is marvelous. Pinar is going out of bounds." Cuba also sends special thanks for the extra gifts for the paint for the dormitory and washing machine.

We hope you will use the postage free envelopes provided for your convenience in ordering your literature and especially for those offerings. Let's return every self addressed envelope—with *something* in it.

PRAY! That funds may come in for the building fund in India. For the Mission-ary candidates, that hope to go to Japan and India. Bro. and Sis. Wesley Calvery are hoping to go to Japan, while Bro. and Sis. Carlisle Hanna are hoping to go to India. Remember their passage money is necessary and also their maintenance and salary must be underwritten. What part of their expense will you or your church share? Let us know soon.

Miss Barnard reports that recently she and Miss Wilson were robbed of some money. Remember them with much prayer as they labor among those so steeped in sin.

“Kotagiri, Sept. 12—Without the usual Tom-Tom and Fan Fare, which accompanies Official sponsored Harijan Welfare activity, in a quiet corner of this town, where lies the Harijan Colony of this place, a devout American Missionary Lady, ably assisted by a little band of earnest workers, runs a small but efficient institution that is devoted to the task of Harijan uplift.

Little Jarijan Children numbering over fifty are daily being taught, beside the three R's how to live a clean and healthy life, and parents learn to forget their inferiority complex and moved with others as their social equals.

It will be good for Officials in charge of the Government Harijan Welfare Department to carefully study the true method of handling these delicate humanitarian task."

Remember, these our missionaries are standing in the gap for us. They are doing a wonderful work and many times at great sacrifice. November is Thanksgiving. How about a special Thanksgiving offering for Foreign Missions — Just an idea.

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS,
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE FREE WILL
BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION BOARD
FOR OCTOBER, 1951

Cash on hand October 1, 1951 --\$ 7,954.25

Receipts

Alabama	\$ 208.47
Arkansas	7.40
California	5.00
Florida	17.00
Georgia	137.67
Illinois	361.13
Kentucky	48.07
Michigan	1,016.776
Mississippi	64.43
Missouri	786.77
North Carolina	16.00
New Mexico	1,193.56
Ohio	13.50
Oklahoma	184.12
Oregon	3.00
South Carolina	455.77
Tennessee	496.09
Texas	157.28
West Virginia	258.66
Sale of Barnard's Books	36.00
For Postage	.10
Refund on Cronk's Insurance	28.11
Received from Conference (Mission)	582.68
Returned by Wilfong's on money advanced for travel exp.	102.46
W. N. A. C.	86.87

Total	\$ 6,267.10
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Grand Total \$14,221.35

Disbursements

Missionary Conf. Exp.	\$ 253.82
Glasses for Miss Barnard	30.16
Office Supplies	3.93
Rev. Raymond Riggs (Services)	50.00
Office Help	75.00
Rococo Falls Schools	
Barbara Wiley	50.00
India	1,334.84
Bank Charges	15
Cuba	2,025.00
Rev. E. C. Morris (Expense)	13.39
Mrs. Josephine Stevens (Africa)	102.00
Postage	21.00

Total	3,959.29
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Balance November 1, 1951	\$10,262.06
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Balance in Various Accounts

General Fund	\$ 6,363.53
Barnard's Books	38.00
Washing Machine Fund	100.00
For paint on Bldg. in Cuba	50.00
India Car Fund	3,104.41
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna	95.72
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery	5.00
Reserve for Miss Barnard	505.40

Total Accounts Balance . . .	\$10,262.06
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STATES QUOTAS

<i>State</i>	<i>Quota</i>	<i>Paid</i>	<i>Balance</i>
Ala.	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 316.89	\$ 1,233.11
Ark.	750.00	243.94	506.06
Calif.	800.00	5.00	795.00

Fla.	900.00	17.00	883.00
Ga.	2,00.00	639.21	1,360.79
Ill.	1,000.00	942.72	2,057.28
Ky.	2,200.00	98.07	1,101.93
La.		5.00	
Mich.	7,000.00	2,010.86	4,989.14
Miss.	850.00	112.83	737.17
Mo.	8,500.00	3,889.67	4,610.33
Neb.		1.00	
N. M.		47.00	
N. C.	12,000.00	3,391.61	8,608.39
N. H.	2,000.00	337.98	1,662.02
Okla.	5,000.00	601.06	4,398.94
Ore.		3.00	
S. C.	3,000.00	1,255.27	1,944.73
Tenn.	5,500.00	1,857.41	3,643.59
Tex.	2,000.00	787.23	1,212.77
Va.	1,500.00	139.09	1,360.91
W. Va.	2,000.00	560.64	1,439.36
W. N. A. C.		376.34	
W.N.A.C.	250.00		

Totals	\$60,000.00	\$17,638.82	\$42,543.52
Misc. Over Paid	.	.	182.34

RAYMOND RIGGS,
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

THIRD UNION REPORT

The Third Union of the Eastern Conference met with Whaley's Chapel Church September 29, 1951. Devotions were conducted by Bro. S. W. Jones. The Union was opened for business by the moderator and temporary committees were appointed. Prayer for success of the Union was offered by Rev. F. E. Jones.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The list of ministers was called with 10 present. Visiting minister present was Rev. L. B. Manning of the 2nd Union of Central Conference. The list of churches was called with 30 representing with donations of \$270.50. On motion we accepted the invitation to meet with Lanier's Chapel Church, December 29, 1951.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon was selected to preach the Union sermon, and Rev. R. C. Kennedy his alternate. After congregational song and prayer, the Union sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. Narron, taking his text from Psalms 24. We were then dismissed for dinner. After enjoying a fine dinner, we reassembled for the afternoon session. Reports of various boards were adopted.

There was an offering taken for Rev. H. Pipkin, and Rev. L. J. Potter, and \$55.63 was received. There was a committee appointed of five men to work out plans to raise funds to erect a building on our district assembly ground.

The committee consists of Rev. Lloyd Vernon, Rev. J. B. Narron, Rev. Lee Whaley, Mr. Lemmie Taylor, Mr. J. J. Blizard.

On motion that George Branning's name be placed on the list of licensed ministers. On motion we extend to this church and community a rising vote of thanks for their kindness shown this session of the Union. By motion we adjourn.

The Union was closed with song and prayer.

Rev. J. R. Davenport,
Lemmie Taylor



OLD JOE'S LESSON

Irene Allen

It is a sin to steal even a pin." If this truth had been taught to old Joe Belfer when he was a boy, the following incident never would have been told.

Old Joe was an Indian, not full-blooded, but at the same time he had a great many Indian traits. He loved to fish and hunt, but he did not love to work very hard at anything. Only in cases of necessity would Old Joe work at all.

He lived in a little shack, not very far from our farm and sometimes called around to see if there was a chance to earn a little easy money.

One spring, my father took pity on him and told him he would provide seed potatoes and prepare the ground, if he would plant them and keep them hoed during the summer. When they were ready to be harvested, Old Joe was to dig them and the crop to be divided between him and my father. This was the usual practice among farmers, when raising potatoes "on the halves." Old Joe did not own much of anything, much less a horse and wagon, so it was agreed that when the crop of potatoes had been dug and put in sacks, Father would go with his team and take our half home and then deliver Joe's half to his place.

Joe managed to keep the potatoes fairly well hoed during the summer, although he often complained that it was too hot and it was too much work for what he would probably get.

Well, the day came when it was time to dig the potatoes and Old Joe brought along his two boys to help.

It happened on that same day, our next neighbor had a sick cow and he had called Father over to ask his advice about her. Father was very busy as good farmers usually are and to save time he thought he would slip across the field. This brought him close to where Old Joe and his boys were digging the potatoes. What was his

amazement, as he walked along, to hear Joe telling his boys to keep the large and small potatoes separate. This made Father suspicious and he made up his mind he would watch unobserved to see what "monkey business" was up. He saw Old Joe carefully putting the large potatoes in sacks by themselves and the small ones in sacks by themselves and then placing first a sack of small potatoes, then a sack of the large ones and so on, until he had them all arranged to his satisfaction, thinking he would get the biggest and best for himself. Father pondered for awhile and then decided he must teach his Indian friend that "Honesty is the best policy." As soon as he had attended to the errand at the neighbors, he returned home, hitched up his team and taking one of his hired men, went to the potato field. Old Joe was there ready to load on the potatoes, but Father said to him, "Your work is done, my man and I will load on the potatoes and deliver them to their proper place.

Poor Old Joe could only stand there with downcast face and hopelessly watch the large potatoes being taken up to our cellar, while the small ones went to his place!

As Old Joe ate those small potatoes, day after day, during the winter, he must have learned his lesson, for he often worked for my father after that and never did a mean or dishonest act.

Father repaid him by kindnesses many times over, to make up the difference between the large and small potatoes.

"Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (Rom. 12:17-21).

HOW A BOY WON HIS MOTHER FOR JESUS

The story is told of a little tow-headed printer's boy in a newspaper office who joined a church in Virginia, although neither his mother nor any of his older brothers and sisters were in the least religious.

One day the boy's mother came to see the minister who received her with misgivings. He feared that she was going to oppose actively her son's association with the church.

But the minister need not have feared. The woman's eyes were full of tears as she spoke of Hugh. "There never was such a boy," she said. "I wish you could see him as we see him at home. Since he became a Christian he is different and in spite of us all, he has made everything about our home life different.

"He is a revelation to me, he is so peaceful, so obliging, and so helpful. His room is next to mine, and I noticed that he moved round a long time before he went to bed. I wondered why he stayed up so long, and so one night I watched to see what the little fellow was doing.

"He was reading the Bible. After a time he stopped reading and knelt down beside his bed. Somehow I knew that he was praying for me, and God was hearing him. It touched and softened my heart. I sprang to my feet, stumbled into my room, fell down by my bedside and gave my life to God for my boy's sake. I had to tell him that I had accepted my Saviour, and it was the way he had been living that had moved me to do so."—The Youth's Companion.

A Belgian student, in relating his experiences in studying the English language, said: "When I discovered that when I was quick I was fast, if I spent too freely I was fast, and that not to eat was to fast, I was discouraged; but when I came across the sentence, "That first one won one dollar prize," and that a blackberry is red when it is green, I gave up trying to learn English."—Christian Observer.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Though it has been well over a year since I resigned as treasurer of the National Foreign Mission Board, yet I continue to receive money from here and there for foreign missions. I am writing to ask you to please do not send your money to me, as all I can do is to send it on to headquarters. Of course, that makes extra work which is unnecessary. Please send your money to Bro. Riggs at the following address, as he was elected in my place over a year ago.

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A DOUBTING AND DISOBEDIENT PEOPLE

(Lesson for December 2)

Lesson: Exodus 32; Numbers 11 to 14. Numbers 14:1-11.

Golden Text: 1 John 1:9.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

In this lesson we see quite a difference in the attitude of the Israelites from that studied in last Sunday's lesson. In that lesson they were ready, active, and jubilant in their efforts to make gifts and contributions to the establishment and the furnishings of the Tabernacle, together with their sacrifices offered and their worshipful mood unto the Lord. This lesson is quite a contrast, for in it the Israelites are shown to be bitter, disobedient and rebellious toward Moses and Aaron, Caleb and Joshua, as well as they manifested the spirit of unbelief in God's divine guidance and protection. Their failure to believe the true report of the spies whom Moses had sent into Canaan, believing instead the false report of the ten showed their weakness and the lack of faith in God's providence. We shall see in the study how they reaped, through severe punishment, their bitter reward in suffering, deprivation, and death in the wilderness.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. If the Children of Israel had wept on account of their sins they would not have developed a rebellious spirit (Num. 14:1).

2. When Christians suffer disappointments because of their unbelief they are always ready to put the blame on their spiritual leaders (vs. 2).

3. Because of the unbelief that was back of their complaints the murmuring of the Israelites soon shifted from Moses and Aaron to God Himself (vs. 3).

4. When churches and Christian organizations run into difficulties, the first thing many think of is to set aside God's appointed leader and choose one to their own liking (vs. 4).

5. Spiritually-minded Christian leaders will humble themselves before God and men in order to keep the Lord's work going (vs. 5).

6. It always seems much easier to listen to the voice of unbelief than to the voice of faith (vs. 6).

7. Everything that God has said is true, and He will give us all He has promised, as many can say from experience (vss. 7, 8).

8. Hindrances and opposition will serve to our strengthening, as "bread," if we trust the Lord and obey Him (vs. 9).

9. The glory of the Lord appeared for the blessing of Moses, Aaron, Joshua and Caleb, but also for the condemnation of the people (vs. 10).

10. The patience of God is not inexhaustible, for He will one day visit the unbelieving world with judgment (vs. 11).—Selected.

11. Remember, Christ wept over Jerusalem because of the hardness of the hearts of the people. Evangelists and missionaries often weep over the hardness of the hearts of many who fail to come to Christ for salvation. Moses and Aaron were justified in their sorrow, disappointment, and consternation because Israel had not only turned against them but also had planned to revolt, and to make them a captain to lead them back to Egypt.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. An amazing episode of the stay at Sinai, recorded in the first chapter of our larger lesson, was the revulsion of the Israelites into idolatrous worship, in imitation of the animal worship of Egypt, while Moses tarried on Mount Sinai. Nothing could make clearer the intellectual and moral and spiritual shallowness of the Israelites at this time.

And the most amazing thing about this whole disgraceful occurrence was the part Aaron played in it. When Aaron was urged by the people to make a god who should go before them (32:1), he weakly yielded to their clamor.—Arnold's Commentary.

13. Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt — "Although this was proposed only in the wildness of their distress, yet it was a height of rebellion to which they had never risen before. They had wished themselves back in Egypt, but they had never proposed to take any overt steps toward returning hither. Nothing less than an entire and deliberate revolt was involved in the proposal to elect a captain for themselves" (Pulpit Commentary).

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Murmuring

I have read of Caesar, that, having prepared a great feast for his nobles and friends, it fell out that the day appointed was so extremely foul that nothing could be done to the honor of their meeting; whereupon he was so displeased and enraged that he commanded all them that had bows to shoot up their arrows at Jupiter, their chief god, as in defiance of him for that rainy weather; which, when they did, their arrows fell short of Heaven, and fell upon their own heads, so that many of them were very sorely wounded. So all our mutterings and murmurings, which are so many arrows shot at God Himself, will return upon our own heads, or hearts; they reach not Him, but they will wound us; therefore, it is better to be mute than to murmur; it is dangerous to contend with one who is a consuming fire (Heb. 12:29).—Thomas Brooks.

Murmuring Blasphemy

Murmuring is a quarreling with God, and inveighing against Him. They "spake against God" (Num. 21:5). The murmurer saith interpretatively that God hath not dealt well with him, and that he hath deserved better from Him. The murmurer charges God with folly. This is the language, or rather blasphemy, of a murmuring spirit—God might have been a wiser and a better God. The murmurer is a mutineer. The Israel-

ites are called in the same text "mur-mur-ers" and "rebels" (20:10); and is not rebellion as the "sin of witchcraft" (I Sam. 15:23)? Thou that art a murmurer art in the account of God as a witch, a sorcerer, as one that deals with the devil. This is a sin of the first magnitude. Murmuring often ends in cursing. Micah's mother fell to cursing when the talents of silver were taken away (Judg. 17:2). So doth the murmurer when a part of his estate is taken away. Our murmuring is the devil's music; that is that sin which God cannot bear: "How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against Me"? (Num. 14:27). It is a sin which whets the sword against a people; it is a land-destroying sin: "Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer" (I Cor. 10:10).—T. Watson.

SPECIAL REQUEST TO PARENTS

Feeling that, perhaps, it would be beneficial to all college students located in and around Raleigh, and who are members of Free Will Baptist churches elsewhere in the state, we would appreciate it if all parents would mail the addresses and names of those students to us.

Our purpose in contacting these students is two-fold: We feel that we can be of help to them, and that their attendance at a F. W. B. church might help them spiritually, and will boost our growing organization here in the Capital city.

We earnestly solicit the prayers of all for our work here in Raleigh, and please, parents, send the names of your boy or girl to Rev. Hermon Wooten, 802 Bloodworth St., Raleigh, N. C. Thank you.

Hermon Wooten

A NOTE OF THANKS

We still enjoy great blessings from the Baptist paper. We especially enjoy reading the Children's Page because we get good lessons from the selected stories, and we feel that the children love these stories very much. We need to have these stories in the Baptist each week to read, since the children cannot understand the language of adults.

But children are easily won to the Lord, and they can render noble service when they grow up. I thank the editor for the interest he is taking in the welfare of the children. May God bless each message written for them, and may they be written for the glory of the Lord.

A lover of children,
Mattie Mae Beacham
Arapahoe, N. C.



NEWS FROM ST. MARY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, WILSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Here is the picture of four of our Sunday School students of St. Mary's church. In the center is little Kathy Rose Summerlin, who at twenty months old, received a one year award for perfect attendance. To the right is Karal Summerlin, twelve years old, and squatting is Gerald Summerlin, eight, who have received their fifth year awards.

To the left is Dorothy Holland, twelve another member of St. Mary's Sunday School, who will soon receive her two-year award.

—Church Reporter.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Home Mission Board of the Free Will Baptists will have a special Board Meeting, December 4th and 5th, 1951, at the Loyal Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia, Tennessee.

This meeting is very important, and the Board is asking every National Home Mission State Director to meet with the Board in this meeting.

Many great things have been accomplished by the sponsorship of the Home Mission Board since the National Association in July.

Through the sponsorship of the Board there have been seven new churches established.

A new church at Babbitt, Nevada, is our first Free Will Baptist Church in that state.

Also a new church has been established at Buhl, Idaho. This is the first Free Will Baptist Church in the state of Idaho.

Yours for greater missions,

Rev. Harry E. Staires,
Clerk and Treasurer.

A man does not begin to live until he knows God.—Rev. C. O. Moulton.

REPORT OF SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION

The seventh annual session of the State Association of Florida, which was held with Hickory Grove Church, near Malone, Florida, on November 2 and 3, was the best session ever held. It was stormy weather, and the weather man said that more rain fell on Thursday and Friday of that week, than had fallen in two years, and yet we had the largest representation we have ever had. The rain kept coming down in torrents but the people kept coming. I believe that it was in answer to prayer that so many had prayed for the seventh annual session of the Florida State Association to be the best yet, and surely it was.

Rev. C. A. Huckaby, of Chipley, Florida, brought the Introductory message, and it was certainly a fine message. His subject was: "Save the Lost."

The following district associations were represented: The South Florida, Miami Association, the North Florida Conference, The Salem Association, The Liberty, and the West Florida Association of the Pensacola section, and the following offered petitions for membership from South East Alabama, The State Line of Florida and Alabama, and the Union Hill Association. Both of these associations have churches in Alabama and Florida.

Our people are becoming more interested in both our National and State programs, and this coming year may be by far the best year for us. This past year the Woman's State Convention held its second session. Recently there was a State League Convention organized. The next session convenes with East Side Church, Pensacola, Florida. On Thursday night the ministers of our State Association are to meet together and organize a State Ministers' Conference.

Rev. Thomas Willey was present and brought the Missionary message on Friday night, November 2. On Saturday at the 11:30 A. M., Rev. Henry Melvin brought a good message in his home county. He stated in his message that he was a Jackson County boy, and he seemed to be at home when among his people in his native state, Florida.

We are trying to get our people to support our State and National work by systematic giving, by giving at least ten percent to denominational work from every church. We have put on a Church Extension program, and each church is requested to give from twenty dollars and up for church extension for Building Loan Program for 1952.

We are asking for the prayers of God's people, that they might pray for our program to go forward for the good of the cause of Christ in the world.

Yours in Christ,
Rufus Hyman, Secretary,
Florida State Association,
Slocumb, Alabama

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

REAPING WHAT YOU SOW

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). What is true of a man is true of a household, a city, state or a nation. Our Nation, the United States, is guilty of ignoring God and trusting in man to lead us to victory in whatever pursuit we feel disposed to follow. The Bible says, "When the wicked bear rule the people mourn." For the past decade there has been much mourning among the parents of this fair land of ours due to the fact that their sons and daughters have fallen at the hands of our enemies on foreign soil. Wars, useless wars, have been fought because the wicked ruled. Wicked rulers fought to destroy other wicked rulers that they might bear rule themselves. Hitler and Mussolini went forth with the blessings of the Pope of Rome to conquer others, and this led others to join in and fight for what was called "FREEDOM." Our Freedom is farther away than ever.

Note the words of Dr. William Ward Ayer, a former pastor of Calvary Baptist church, New York City, "We winked when Mussolini massacred the defenseless Ethiopians and remained unmoved when their Christian king, Haile Selassie, who pleaded for help. We did not worry when the Japanese marched into China or when Hitler took over country after country in Europe, often with the collaboration with Russia.

"We allowed Communist to infiltrate our land. Our schools were teaching a whole generation of youth that the godless philosophy of Karl Marx was the answer to all of our social problems.

"Thousands of ministers in the pulpits of America embraced the new gospel and stopped telling of divine redemption through the blood of Jesus Christ, and began to preach the pale pink doctrines of social revolution.

"Finally, long before we got into World War II ourselves, we threw our lot with Russia and supplied her with billions of dollars worth of material at terrific cost to us, and loaned her stuff she will never return."

So in reality we backed one tyrant against another tyrant. Howard A. Kershner, said in the New York Times, "We should have allowed them to destroy each other and remained strong ourselves in order to deal with the victor."

Often I have said they should have fought it out themselves.

Very likely they would have been fighting at this late hour. Again to quote Dr. Ayer, "Just as we failed a God-fearing man, Selassie, we failed the Christian Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and aided the Communists in enslaving 450 million friendly Chinese people. The hour has revealed what it cost to turn our back on God."

Again back to our text in Gal. 6:7 "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." We are reaping a bitter harvest, and reaping has not reached its full harvest yet, and will not until the whole world is thrown into a life and death grip in a shooting war, very likely an Atomic war, when whole cities will be blotted out in a second and millions of lives snuffed out at one blow. Yet we keep playing with death, by refusing to honor and worship ALMIGHTY GOD AND HIS SON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. Out of respect for the philosophy of Karl Marx, as believed by the Communists, we join in a UN organization that refuses to ask DIVINE GUIDANCE in the matters pertaining to its activities. No wonder that we get no where in that organization. No wonder a "cease-fire agreement in Korea" cannot be reached. We need God-fearing, Christ accepting, loyal children of God at the helm of our government and as negotiators of peace, then we would get somewhere. Something would really take place. The man of old wrote:

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

SET DAYS OF PRAYER

Some one will say no doubt, "DO WE NOT HAVE WORLD DAYS OF PRAYERS?" Yes, we do have so-called "days of prayer," but there is nothing accomplished, visible. The people are living in sin by preference. Our high officials live in sin. They drink and gamble, and scandal after scandal are brought to light, in the ranks of those in authority. We have a divided nation. Politically divided. Hatred and slander is rampant with the highest. Ungodly dealings are brought out in the investigations.

We are divided religiously. We have a religion that is democratic, that is, the people rule who make up the religious bodies. Then there is a religious body that is TOTALITARIAN, with its head sitting on "Seven hills" in a foreign nation, who wishes and seeks with as much zeal as do the Communists to rule the whole world.

OUR DEFENSE WILL FAIL WITHOUT GOD

We can build as many warships, bombing planes, Jets, submarines, and all the atomic weapons that we are able to produce, and then some; but, without the guiding hand of God, we are a miserable failure. The enemies of this nation of ours are growing stronger every day. They are

getting better prepared, and there is no one who actually knows what Russia has. There is much guessing—political guessing—but facts are under the "Iron Curtain" that cannot be seen by those guessers.

God allowed His chosen people, the Hebrews, to go into Babylonian bondage because of their sin. God sent the flood on the Antediluvian world because of sin and corruption. God is "no respecter of persons." Sin in one man is as hateful to God as sin in another man. So, if God is refused a place in the government of the United States (as has largely been the case for a long time now) we cannot expect the power of God to bring us victory. God has never allowed a heathen to overcome those who put their trust in Him and called upon Him for advice and leadership. God has never fought battles for those who turned their backs on Him.

THE GOD OF ELIJAH STILL LIVES

The God that gave Elijah victory over the prophets of Baal, and old King Ahab, is living and sits on His throne and by Him sits our Mediator, the Lord Jesus Christ, who was slain for our sins and resurrected for our justification, and now is the ONLY LIVING MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN. And with this God we can get the victory over the heathen and Religious "Cults" in the world. We need not fear anything, that the devil can do, with God on our side. But God will stand off if we continue to live in sin as a nation. There must be a turning to God, for His word informs us that "If we draw nigh unto God, He will draw nigh to us." All that we need is in the hands of God. He will open His hands and turn loose His power when we as a nation get ready to worship and adore His holy Name. Elijah did not have to BEG GOD to manifest His power when the testing took place between Elijah and Ahab. Baal's prophets pled and begged and cut themselves. Just read the whole 18th chapter of I Kings and get the whole story. Listen to the prayer of Elijah: "And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, . . ." (I Kings 18:36-38). Just a simple prayer, but it was backed by a life that trusted God.

King Hezekiah just turned his face to the wall and prayed. Here his prayer: "I beseech, O Lord, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight" (2 Kings 20:3). Just a simple prayer, backed by a life "with a perfect heart." With his face to the wall and with tears in his eyes, God takes notice of Hezekiah's position and his tears and said unto Isaiah: "Turn again, and tell Heze-

kiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up into the house of the Lord. And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of Assyria and I will defend the city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake."

God saved His people through the life, faith and prayer of His servant, the Captain of God's people. What God does one time He can do again. What we need to know is that God lives and that God will honor a captain who is on praying terms with the Lord God.

What we need in the United States is CHRISTIAN LAW MAKERS AND CHRISTIAN EXECUTIVES—MEN WHO PUT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST FIRST AND SELF LAST. LET US PRAY MUCH FOR THOSE THAT WE HAVE THAT THEY MAY REALIZE THAT GOD MUST BE HONORED AND ADORED BY THOSE WHO RULE FOR THE NATION TO BE SAFE.

LITTLE THINGS

Anton Darms

I'm so glad I am a star—
See me shine.

See me glisten from afar;
Oh, so fine.

Though I move through space untold
Each day I God's thoughts unfold;
For I send my beams to thee
That God's glory you may see.

I'm so glad I am a flower—
See me grow.

I shall never make life sour
Here below.

I will drink in all the light
Have my garments all made bright
So to others I can show
How to live on earth below.

I'm so glad I am a stream—
See me flow.

All my life is one sweet dream
'Tis e'en so.

But I snail a message bring,
That life's not a little thing,
For we all keep flowing on
Till we reach God's own great throne.

I'm so glad I am a bird—
Hear me sing.

All my life is filled with mirth
That I bring.

Though the heavens are dark and gray
You must always cheerful stay;
Rise on wings of faith and hope,
They will be life's periscope.

I'm so glad I am a child—
See me live.

See how meek I am and mild:
I believe

I will grow to be a man,
I will do what good I can;
I on God will always call,
Then I'll useful be to all.

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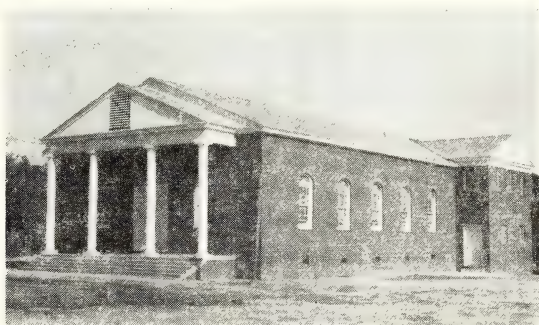
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Moving Forward for Christ

The Ebenezer Free Will Baptist Church of Glennville, Georgia, at a recent meeting, adopted the rotation system of electing deacons for the church. The membership feels that this is a definite forward step in the program of the church. At the same time officers for the ensuing year were elected. The new deacons who were

Christ on Saturday nights at the Glennville High School. Our pastor, Rev. Louis H. Moulton, is also Director of the interdenominational Youth for Christ movement which has the backing of every church in and around Glennville and is sponsored by the Glennville Ministers' Fellowship.

Other progress of the church during the



elected and formally ordained were: Lawton Howard, and Nolan Purcell, Chairman and Secretary respectively; Roy Folsom, Fed Purcell, Carl Wilkinson, Grady Kennedy, Arnie Baxter, Lester Hilton, and Roosevelt Moody.

Other Officers of the church who were chosen are: Nolan Purcell, Church Clerk; Mrs. Roosevelt Moody, Church Treasurer; Lester Anderson, Lester Franklin, Roy Folsom, Trustees; Mrs. Jaunita Purcell, Treasurer building and furniture program; Billy Purcell, Sunday School Superintendent; Mrs. Nelwanda Purcell, Sunday School Secretary and Treasurer. These together with a group of capable Sunday School teachers have pledged themselves to strive even harder in the coming year than ever to promote the work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

During the past year the church has seen an addition of 22 new members. During the past few months, a Sunday School bus has been purchased by the church which has been instrumental in increasing Sunday School attendance. The bus is also used to bring the young folk to Youth for

year includes the placing of a new fence around the cemetery, the purchase of new church furniture at a cost of thirty-three hundred dollars and a sharing in the cost of a weekly radio broadcast heard each Sunday at 9:30 A. M., over WBGR, Jesup, Georgia. The Ladies Auxiliary is responsible for the fencing off of the church, together with the seeding of the new church grounds. The Ebenezer Church is proud to be one of the many churches of all denominations, in and around Glennville enjoying the cooperative spirit that exists between the churches of this area.

—Church Reporter

The world's maxim is: "Business before pleasure." The believer on Christ's maxim is: "Christ before business." If the latter were followed more fully, with many it would be: "Christ first, altogether and always."—H.

OBITUARIES

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BETTIE MOYE FLAKE PASSES

Bettie Moye Flake passed from her earthly home to her heavenly home on Friday morning, August 31, 1951, at the home of her daughter in Chapel Hill.

She was married to the late James W. Flake and of their union twelve children were born, eight of whom are now living. Not only was she a mother, but a grandmother and also a great-grandmother.

It is very easy for me to write about this person's Christian life, having been closely connected with her all of my life.

First, I must tell you that Aunt Bettie was born in a Christian home and was a member of a family with fifteen children. She started her Christian career by uniting with Piney Grove F. W. B. Church at an early age.

She was a person of sterling character, a humble heart, always a friend in need, kindhearted, good, generous in her giving and very much in love with everybody and her Lord.

During her months of illness she was very patient and an inspiration to you when you visited with her, never complaining and always looking forward to being well and out with her friends again.

If you could have visited in her home, have attended her funeral and have passed her graveside, you would have known that she was a well-loved person, and the flowers that she loved so much were blanketed on her grave in all the numerous glows of colors that could be provided by our heavenly Father.

I feel that she has not passed away, but is asleep and has drifted from this world into the realms of the unknown and her eternal home to be at rest with her Father, which is in heaven.

Her loving niece,

Mrs. Joe Lupton,

Grimesland, N. C.

A CHINESE TRANSLATION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

1. The Lord is my Original Shepherd causing me not to arrive at want.

2. He (The Original Shepherd) causes me to lie down in green grass places, and leads me beside the peaceful, restful waters.

3. He (The Original Shepherd) causes

my inner heart to awaken, and for His own Name's sake leads me to walk a righteous path.

4. Although I pass through the lonely vale of Death's shade, even then also I will not fear meeting any evil thing, because You, O Lord, are constantly by my side; Your rod and Your staff both comfort me.

5. Before my enemy's very face You

spread a feast for me; You use fragrant oil to rub my head; my cup is running over full.

6. From the moment of my birth, all through the affairs of this world, Goodness and Compassion certainly attend me, and, besides all this, I am to dwell in Jehovah's Home forever.—D. W. W., in Christian Readers' Digest.

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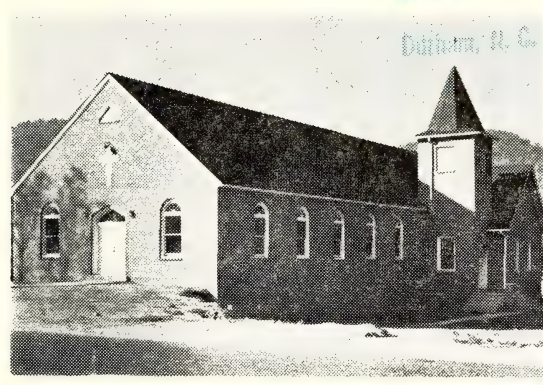
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Swannanoa Free Will Baptist Church



The Rev. Wayne Smith of Candler, N. C., came to pastor the Free Will Baptist Church at Swannanoa, September, 1950. He is a graduate of Fruitland Bible Institute.

After the church membership began to grow, the pastor knew that larger quarters would be necessary, if the church was to serve the community properly.

During the winter months plans took place for a new auditorium. The old auditorium would be divided into class rooms.

Mrs. John Foster, one of the church mem-

bers, gave 12,000 feet of oak lumber. The pastor and the members sawed the trees and had the lumber prepared for the new building. Construction proceeded throughout the summer.

The new auditorium was finally finished and the first service held October 12. The new sanctuary is 36 by 62, and is furnished in natural oak and the entire floor and choir loft are elevated. A woolen floor covering has been placed in front of the rostrum, around the pulpit and down the aisle.

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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

THE STRANGE CASE OF GEORGE WILSON

It is seldom that a person under sentence of death has refused a pardon. Yet there is one case on record, in the annals of the United States Supreme Court, in which a man sentenced to die actually did refuse to accept a pardon.

The Court records show that two men, Wilson and Porter, were convicted and sentenced to be hanged for robbery of the U. S. mails in 1829. Porter was executed on July 2, 1830. About three weeks before the time set for Wilson's execution, he was granted a pardon by President Andrew Jackson. But instead of accepting the pardon Wilson changed a plea of "not guilty," which he had entered to a lesser indictment in connection with the same crime, to "guilty." This raised the point of law as to whether the pardon should be held to relieve him of conviction and punishment for the lesser offense. When he was given the op-

portunity to plead the pardon, he refused to do so. Refusal to accept a pardon was a point of law that had never been raised before, and the Supreme Court was called upon to render a decision. Accordingly, in January, 1833, the Supreme Court handed down the following decision, written by Chief Justice John Marshall (U. S. vs. George Wilson, 7 Peters Reports, p. 150):

"A pardon is an act of grace, proceeding from the power intrusted with the execution of the laws, which exempts the individual on whom it is bestowed from the punishment the law inflicts for a crime he has committed.

"A pardon is a deed, to the validity of which delivery is essential, and delivery is not complete without acceptance. It may then be rejected by the person to whom it is tendered; and if it is rejected, we have discovered no power in a Court to force it upon him."

This was an unusual case, and most people would agree that Wilson was a fool for refusing to accept a pardon. Yet these same people daily reject the pardon which God has provided for them in the crucified Christ. The most amazing thing in this atomic age is to see men who tremble at the thought of universal destruction, and who would snatch at a reprieve which would prolong their lives a few short years, deliberately refuse God's pardon from eternal death and His deed to eternal life.

In Justice Marshall's definition, "A pardon is an act of grace"—a free gift, an unmerited favor, unearned, not to be obtained by purchase or effort. But that is by no means all. The decision reads: "Pardon is a deed to the validity of which delivery is essential, and delivery is not complete without acceptance."

In the case of real property, we all know that a deed must be delivered and acknowledged before the transaction is complete. The Court extended this ruling to apply to man's physical life. The Bible extends it to include his eternal soul. God executed His deed on Calvary, and sealed in the blood of His Son, but the transaction is not complete in your case until you definitely accept Christ as your Surety.

God's justice is as infinite as His mercy. To satisfy His justice, sin must be punished. But to reconcile justice with mercy, God gave His

own Son as our substitute: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3: 16). No one can fathom the infinitude of God's love. Christ was not alone in His substitutionary sacrifice on Calvary. It was God, the Father, Who sacrificed His only begotten Son: This is the supreme example of what is meant by "A pardon is an act of grace." Certainly you had no part in obtaining it, for the deed was signed on Calvary, nineteen centuries before you were born. In your case it has waited a long time for delivery, and delivery is not complete without acceptance.

Wilson's pardon cost only the scratch of the President's pen. Your pardon cost the life-blood of God's Son. Wilson's pardon meant only a few short years added to the sordid life of a common criminal. Your pardon is a reprieve from hell, and a deed to heaven. But acceptance is essential to delivery, and acceptance of a blood-bought gift of such infinite price is more than a mere intellectual assent to the fact of Calvary. Wilson believed that his pardon had been granted, but refused to avail himself of it. To accept Christ is definitely to renounce a self-centered life for a Christ-centered life.

Wilson's was a strange case. But then, Wilson was a fool.

—Stephen E. Slocum, Ph.D.

—American Tract Society

DON'TS FOR CHRISTIANS

"Don't seek a long life, Christ had a short one.

Don't live in luxury, Christ lived and died poor.

Don't live in pleasure, Christ pleased not Himself.

Don't live for fame, Christ made Himself of no reputation.

Don't live at ease, Christ suffered for you the shame and the scourge and the Cross.

Don't lose your opportunity and inherit an eternity of shame and regrets hereafter."

Christ gave the command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Are you obeying that command?

—C. T. Studd

Universal Military Training and the Church

This nation is closer to having Universal Military Training than ever before in its history. In the past thirty years there have been numerous efforts on the part of individuals and organizations to bring about this kind of military program for the country's youth. Unless people can be made to realize the dangers of UMT for the present, and more for the future, we may have an UMT law as a permanent fixture of our national life. Those in favor believe that it is necessary that we have UMT so that we may be strong in the face of crises that seem to afflict the world. However, it is not true that we must show strength in this way to be strong. The risks to our moral and spiritual system are too great for us to give up and say that we guess that UMT will insure peace and possibly strength and that we can see no other alternative in the view of existing and "predicted" conditions. Suppose we examine some of the reasons why the Church must oppose any legislative action which will give us a permanent UMT.

For the most part national and local church bodies have been opposing UMT for many years. They have realized that the training of young people is the business of the home and the church and not an independent military organization. Further, they have known that to have UMT would be to sacrifice cherished ideals of church and nation. And now in the past few months church groups are again acting to defeat Universal Military Training. In their sessions recently the Western North Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia Methodist Conferences made strong statements or resolutions against any sort of UMT. A section of the resolution passed by the Western North Carolina and North Carolina Methodist Conferences is as follows:

"WHEREAS, the proposed program for Universal Military Training for all young men is a violation of our democratic heritage, and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this program would unnecessarily indoctrinate our youth with militarism, and

WHEREAS, the manpower needs of our country are adequately met by the Selective Service system, and

WHEREAS, the future welfare of our nation and the strength of the Christian church is dependent upon young people with deep spiritual roots which have been nurtured in the environment of a Christian home, school and church and for which military training is no substitute . . .

Congregational Christians in two states, North Carolina and Virginia, have also adopted resolutions which strongly protest any measures that would give us UMT. Over the country other church groups are voicing their opinions and are being heard.

Congress will listen to the United voice of the Church.

Dr. Harold Bosley, former dean of Duke Divinity School, has summed up the reasons for Christian opposition in his sermon "Why Christian Churches Oppose Universal Military Training." He lists three reasons for this position, and they are:

(1) We believe that a wholesome Christian character can be best developed in terms of normal social relationships, and are convinced, from experience, that the effort to place all young men in the decidedly abnormal atmosphere of training camps for any period of time is morally dangerous.

(2) We believe in freedom and democracy as valid ideals for America, and are convinced, from experience, that the enactment of Universal Military Training here will jeopardize both.

(3) We believe in the possibility of world peace, and are convinced that the enactment of Universal Military training by the United States will endanger its achievement.

Thus, a great responsibility rests with every Christian. He must examine the facts and his heart on this issue, and then act. Briefly, the status of UMT is this. You will remember that this past June the Congress passed Public Law 51 which extended Selective Service for four years. But at the same time and in the same law, certain provisions were made for UMT, and a Commission was appointed to study UMT. It must be kept in mind that this law *did not* enact an UMT program. Only the skeleton was set up. UMT cannot become law unless Congress adopts the report of the National Security Training Commission. Action will be taken either in January or February. Should the report be accepted and UMT enacted, it would mean that every young man would be subject to eight years of active and reserve duty with military forces. Service in the National Security Training Corps (the name given to UMT in Public Law 51) would begin when a person reaches his eighteenth birthday.

It is the obligation for Christians to acquaint themselves with all available information on UMT, to follow developments, to discuss UMT in meetings, to write letters to editors of local newspapers, to write and visit Senators and Congressmen and to activate groups to similar action. The next two or three months remain for individuals and groups to act on the proposed permanent UMT program.

And finally, a quote from the sermon by Dr. Bosley to conclude this article: "Christian churches are committed to the dream of the day when swords will be beaten into ploughshares. We shall keep right on opposing every effort to beat ploughshares into swords. Knowing that, 'they that take

(Where do Free Will Baptists stand on this question?—EDITOR)

the sword shall perish by the sword', we urge not only our countrymen but all mankind to make every effort to get rid of the swords before they do us all to death."

American Friends Service Committee,
225 East Lee Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

By C. Baxter Twiddy

DAUGHTER OF THE KING

PSALM 45-10-15

M. G. Haldeman

Happy daughter of the King,
Compliments to thee!
Thou art favored far beyond
Human eye can see.

Thou hast left thy father's house
For a palace grand,
And the King is pleased to have
Thee before Him stand.

Thou art glorious within,
Thou art fair without;
By the King Himself the change
Has been brought about.

He has made thy garments white
From the purest gold,
To present thee to Himself
Lovely to behold.

With a robe of needlework
He would thee adorn,
And tho' woven thro' thy tears,
Blessed those who mourn.

When you stand in Him complete,
You will kiss the hand
That has disciplined you here
For the Glory Land.

LET US THANK HIM

Let us thank the Lord for springtime,
When the birds fill air with song;
Let us thank him, too, for summer,
When the days are warm and long.

Let us thank Him for the autumn,
When the leaves are brown and dry;
Let us thank Him for the winter,
When the sun seems cold and high.

Let us thank Him for the morning,
When the air is cool and clear;
Let us thank Him for the evening,
When our night's sweet rest is near.

Let us thank the Lord each moment,
For its blessings and its joys;
Let us always and forever
Be His thankful girls and boys.

—Mabel Glenn Haldeman.

My EXPERIENCE in PRAYER

By NAAMAN BORDERS, Waverly, Ohio

One very peculiar prayer that I offered was answered as follows: In our vicinity there lived a wicked, disrespectful young man who delighted in making irreverent and embarrassing remarks in my presence just in order to embarrass me. I would ignore his remarks and sometimes walk away. He seemed to enjoy it and thought he had me going. As time went by he grew more bold and was blasphemous until he became almost personal in his vulgar remarks. I prayed and endured it until it seemed I just had to do something about it. One morning I had to go to a grist mill where he always lounged around and loafed. I almost knew I would meet him there and would be insulted again.

I prayed like this, Lord, you know I have been annoyed with that man until I just can't stand it any longer. You told me, Lord, in your Word that you would not allow us to be tempted above that we were able to bear. Thou knowest I am your servant and I cannot endure any more. Now, Lord, you know I do not want to stoop so low as to go to fighting; so if you don't want me to whip him, you just keep him away, for if he does come and start his old game, I will whip the tar out of him. I went on to mill and he was not there. The miller said it was the first Saturday he had ever missed. I have often wondered whether that was just a coincidence or an answer to prayer. You can judge for yourself. Anyway he quit annoying me.

Sometimes our Lord permits afflictions to come upon us to bring us back to our senses. Maybe we have been wandering from Him and He wants us to come back closer to Him; or, maybe we have made a vow to Him that we had almost forgotten, and He must needs to remind us of those vows. For instance, your servant was wanting to get two schools, one for wife and one for myself, close

(continued from last week)

enough together so as to be able for both stay at home together, and up till that time our efforts had been in vain. We decided to take it to the Lord in prayer. We solemnly vowed to God that if He would grant that request we would give one tenth of the money to God's work. The very next place we applied for schools we got just what we wanted. After having taught our schools we just about forgot our vows. The next summer, when our school money was almost spent, my dear wife became very ill. The doctor said she had to be operated upon, and said that her heart was so weak it was almost sure death to put her under chloroform. I didn't have enough money to pay for the operation, anyway. I was in a great dilemma. Wife had just about quit eating and had fallen off until she didn't look natural. I felt that my children would soon be orphans and I a widower. Everything looked dark and hopeless. I had only one recourse, that was prayer.

I went off in secret and threw myself prostrate on my knees and soon got down to bedrock in agonizing prayer. The Lord seemed to say to me, "You haven't paid your vows." I said, "Lord, what are they?" Then He brought to my memory that I had vowed to give one tenth of my school money to God's cause. I told God that if He would give me evidence that she was healed I would give it yet as I had that much left. I got the evidence at once that she was healed. I jumped up from prayer and started back to tell her at once. I said, "Wife, you are healed. You are not suffering any now, and have not been for a few moments." She looked at me and smiled and said that the suffering had ceased a few moments ago. I assured her that she wouldn't suffer any more from those pains and she began to mend, to eat and gain flesh at once. We both were overjoyed. I went in to send a check to missions and when I was

writing the check, the devil said, "Now be careful, your wife may not be as well as you thought and you may need that money for a doctor bill." I soon detected the whispering as that of the devil and I rebuked the old deceiver and sent the check out. I have been very glad ever since that I obeyed the Lord. When I think of it I can hardly keep from shouting about it. God has been so good to me that I feel like David when he said, "Let everything that hath breath praise His holy name." He said again, "Forget not all His benefits."

It seems to be a common failing of mankind to forget his vows that he makes to God. The flesh, the devil, and the world are continually tugging at his life; God has to afflict him many times so that he can talk to him. Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivers him out of them all. It is great to trust in God but can God trust us? Can the Lord depend on you?

During the boom down in Florida in 1925 my 15-year-old son and I were preparing to go there to do carpenter work as jobs and money were plentiful. We were to meet our folks in Huntington and all start from there and go up Kenova River by Hinton and Bluefield. My wife went away from home saying, "You must not by any means let the boy go and drive the car as he never drove a car and may get killed." For some reason or other they all out-reasoned me and I let the boy go on with them and came back home to Kenova. As soon as I got home I began to feel how foolish I was to let the boy go such a trip by himself. I got on the street car to go back and have the trip cancelled. When I arrived they had all left and gone on their journey. I felt so chagrined that I could have kicked myself.

I thought of so many things that could happen to him as he was an amateur driver. I know what it meant to bring down the wrath of an angry wife upon our heads. Eith-

er one was enough to sober one up. I began to think hard and fast what to do about my awful mistake. I finally decided to take the one o'clock train to Bluefield and head him off if I possibly could. All the way on the train I prayed hard that I might have the luck to find him. About 8 o'clock I arrived in Bluefield. I inquired of several bus drivers who came the same route that my boy was supposed to come, whether they passed a car that was loaded down with tent and luggage, a rather conspicuous car. I got no satisfaction from them so I went to a hotel for the night. Next morning I got a street car and went to where all streets and roads converged into one main highway leading south. I remained there the whole day in the hot sun. I was afraid to leave the place to get my lunch for fear they would pass while I was away. I watched cars whizz by until my head was dizzy. I prayed, sweated and fasted all day. I also made a vow to God that if He would permit me to find my boy that I would go on to Florida and when I got a job I would give one-tenth of my earnings to the work of the church. You see, I had again begun to slacken on giving God His part. I waited until night and had given up finding him. I decided to board a car, go up in town and get a room for the night. I was desperate. I thought maybe the boy had a wreck: maybe he went another route or maybe he had passed before I got there. I was in a bad spot; besides going home and facing an angry wife, I was in a dilemma.

As I said, I got a car and went on my way to a lodging place for the night. I told the conductor where I would stop and he said I was on the wrong car. After going two or three blocks he stopped and I crowded through a great mob to get off with my heavy suitcase. I waited for another car, crowded on, paid my fare and again the conductor told me I was on the wrong car. I said to myself, "Well, well, well, more and more bad luck," before I got off I had gone two or three more blocks. I was almost ready to faint over so much bad luck and disappointment. I was completely exasperated. When I got off and got my suitcase down, I looked across the street and saw my

folks who had stopped to rest a few minutes. I was so astonished and elated that I felt like shouting all over town. They were as astonished as I was to see me 150 miles from home, hunting for them in the big city. I felt so overjoyed I could hardly talk for a while.

Do you think it was merely an accident that they stopped at a certain place in a crowded city on a certain street at a certain corner and that the car conductor unloaded me at exactly where they were stopped! Another astonishing thing that happened was that late in the afternoon a certain good old colored sister happened to stop to talk to me. I related to her my business there and how anxious I was to find my boy. She sympathized with me and departed, got on the street car and went on.

A BOY'S FIRST ROOM

I've got a room, now, by myself,

A room my very own,

It has a door that I can shut,

And be there all alone;

It has a shelf, a closet, too,

And window just for me;

And hooks where I can keep my clothes

As neat as neat can be.

A lovely paper's on the wall;

A rug is on the floor—

If I had known how fine it was,

I'd had a room before.

I like to go there after school,

Way off from every one;

I felt—well—sort of scared at first,

But now I think it's fun.

The voices of the folks downstairs

Seem faint and far away.

I hear the rain upon the roof;

I watch the birds at play;

Oh, yes, it's often very still,

At night there's not a sound—

But I let Mother in, of course,

When bedtime comes around.

—Youth's Christian.

LIGHTS OUT?

A traveler visiting the lighthouse at Calais said to the keeper, "But what if one of your lights should go out at night?"

"Never! Impossible!" he cried. "Sir, yonder are ships sailing to all parts of the world. If tonight one of my burners were out, in six months I should hear from America and India, saying that on such a night the lights of Calais Lighthouse gave no warning and some vessel had been wrecked."

What a lesson to the people of God! Our lights must shine steadily and always, that other storm-tossed souls may be guided to Christ!

She went two or three miles through the big city and on into the country. There she saw my son fixing a tire and began a conversation with him. She told him she had seen his daddy at the other end of the city waiting for him. Was that a coincidence or was it so ordered of the Lord? I think the Lord was working on both ends of the line.

We went on down to Tampa, Florida, thanking God that I had such good luck; or shall we say thanking God for hearing and answering prayer? I think the latter would be better. By the time we got to Tampa I had spent my money, all except 90 cents. Our partner that had the car didn't like the looks of Florida and decided to go back North immediately. He whisked away and left me and my son standing at the filling station. There we were, in a bustling big city not knowing a soul in a thousand miles from there, with only 90 cents and then sun down. We could have lain out in the parks but the law would not allow that. We didn't have enough to pay our lodging in a hotel. What could we do? I was in another dilemma. I stood there and prayed for a way to get by. I think it was not more than five minutes until a man walked up to us and, seeing our tool box, said to us, "You boys look as if you are carpenters." I said, "Yes, sir, we are." He asked "Will you boys do a little job for me?" I answered, "Sure we will." We went and looked at the job. I meant to cinch on to the job no matter what the price as we were out of money. We received forty dollars for four days work. When we got the job, after having run around on street cars and getting things together, I had just one nickel left. I told him then my financial dilemma and he handed me enough money to get by on. I feel if one cannot see the hand of God in these things he must be blind. God doesn't want us to lay down on the job and expect him to do what we can for ourselves. He sends us the sunshine and the rain, but he is not going to come down here and plow out the corn for us.

(To Be Continued Next Week)

Editorial Comments

THE ADVANCED SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTERLY HAS NEW FEATURE

Beginning with the first quarter of the year 1952, **The Advanced Sunday School** quarterly will have a new feature for those who will study this quarterly in their Sunday Schools. The editor feels that this new feature will be of great help for most students in the study of the lessons week after week. It seeks to point out the most important truths of the Lesson Texts around which the expositions of the lessons have been developed. These guiding thoughts are listed in each lesson under the heading entitled: **Things to note in the study of the lesson.**

We believe that, if the student will observe carefully these centralized thoughts, and keep each in mind as he proceeds with the study of the lesson, he will find it much easier to concentrate his study upon the central and vital truths to be learned and applied in his daily Christian living. We believe that, by his following this procedure in the careful study of the lesson week after week, he will be able to retain more of the vital teachings, and practical meanings given in each division of each lesson. We urge, therefore, that each student of the **Advanced** quarterly use this method of procedure in the study of his lesson.

THE BAPTIST PAPER WILL COME OUT WITH NEW FEATURE FOR 1952

We believe that the Baptist paper should give special opportunities to the ministers of our denomination to make contributions in the way of brief messages and sermon outlines for special emphasis on **THE MINISTERS' PAGE**. On this page, original short poems, as well as pointed religious philosophical truths in prose, would make splendid reading for our subscribers. Original sermon outlines, we feel, would be a mutual help to the ministry in general.

In view of this new feature for the denominational paper, we now wish to solicit from the ministers such appropriate, original manuscripts for this **THE MINISTERS' PAGE**. In the event that we should not receive adequate manuscripts to run the page each week, then we will hold the same until enough is received to make the page complete. Ministers interested in this new feature, should drop us a card stating their interest, and to let us know if they will seek to contribute to the page from time to time.

The best kind of love to God is that which has sound intelligence as its guiding power.—Holland Patent.

A religion without love is worse than no religion. Without love we are nothing.—Rev. S. B. Shaw.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS, AND THE NEW ORDERS OF LITERATURE

We wish to remind the readers of the Baptist paper that the Press has a splendid stock of Bibles, Testaments, and a variety of Christian fiction books which will make good gifts for Christmas presents for relatives and friends. In addition to these, we have a good supply of Bible commentaries, as Peloubet's *Select Notes*, Arnold's *Commentary*, Tarbel's *Sunday School lessons*, Bible Dictionaries, and other religious books suitable for gifts, and Bible study. We shall be glad to fill all orders as promptly as they are sent to the Press.

We wish to call to the attention of those also who order the **Sunday School** and **League** literature for the first quarter of the new year to be sure to place your orders early so that we will have ample time to ship all our packages before the Christmas holidays begin. Remember, there is a rush each year just before Christmas for the literature, and also the mails are crowded, and delays are experienced in the packages arriving at their destinations. But if those who order literature will send in their orders right away, we will be able to fill them in time for you to get your supplies by the first of the year.

There is another request, and here it is: Be certain to order several extra copies of all the quarterlies, above those you feel that you will need for the classes, because heretofore second orders have come in for additional literature, and in some cases we were sold out and could not supply the second requests for **Sunday School** and **League** quarterlies. It will be true with a great many classes, after Christmas, that new pupils will enter your classes, and you will need several additional copies to have enough for every member of the class.

We certainly do appreciate the good patronage which our **Sunday Schools** and the **Young Leaguers** are giving to us to cause our business to grow month after month. There is always opportunity for growth of the business, as well as there is for the various **Sunday Schools** and **Leagues** of the denomination. We are looking forward to the greatest business in 1952 that the Press has ever had in all of its life history. Whatever you need in the way of literature, let us know your wishes, and we will do our best to serve you in a most pleasant way.

Thanks, and the best of wishes to our patrons over the country for a most joyous Christmas.

If a man would be like God, as every man ought to be, man will not only be loving, but he will want to be loved, and will be lovable.—*Sunday School Times*.

Put Christ's love to the trial, and put upon it our burden, and then it will appear love indeed. We employ not His love, and therefore we know it not.—*Samuel Rutherford*.

BE READY FOR JESUS' RETURN

"Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed and watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch."—Mark 13:31-34.

In these days of misunderstandings between nations, and between individuals, and everything one undertakes to do, there are so very many things that we do not understand even in our churches. If the Devil can place a misunderstanding in the work of the church, that is one of his most useful tools to start trouble. But I am happy that there is One who does understand all things. We fail to understand due to the fact that we listen to man's interpretations of the blessed Word of God. We do not read for ourselves the Bible as we should for understanding and edification. God has a message for each of us, and we must read the Bible to get that message. His Word shall not pass away, says Jesus.

There is much said about the last days, and some claim from the Bible as to how many days or years it will be before the passing of the earth, and when Jesus will come back. But, as I read my Bible, I see where Jesus tells us in his own words that no man knows. Not even the angels in heaven know when that day shall come. I do not think that we should waste any time concerning this matter, for Christ has made it plain that no one can know the time. Our duty is soul-winning of the lost, men and women, boys and girls. That is why Jesus gave himself on the cross that a lost world might be drawn to God.

What do we do when our people go on a long journey, and we are expecting them to return home? Do we not prepare and make ready for their return? Jesus said, "For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house and gave

authority to his servants, and to every one his work, and commanded the porter to watch." Are we watching for Jesus in the right spirit? Are we always ready to do the things that we do for Jesus cheerfully? And do we get joy out of the work we do for him? Or is it a hardship to us? Are we watching our orphanage? Are we doing our part to support it? Do we appreciate God's giving us the privilege of making good homes for our children enough to divide with the poor orphan children of the orphanage?

Brothers and Sisters, Brother Stanley is doing a splendid job in our Tennessee orphanage, caring for the children there in that home. As some of those children visited our Cumber-

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land Association recently, and as they sang beautifully, we were all moved with joy and gladness, and we know we must give them our financial support. Do we thank God as we should for the talented man and woman who are at the head of our orphanage. They are training those children to know how to do things well. They have that love for those children that God only can give. All of us can pray for that home, and most of us can give financial support to those children in the home. If we will pray more, God will move the hearts of the people to give more for that institution.

There are so many ways to watch for Jesus. His second coming will be grand and glorious if we will watch, and be ready when he shall come. We will not have the time to worry about the enemy, if we will do what God wants us to do as Christians. If we will be kept busy in the work of the Lord, we will not even know that we have an enemy anywhere about us. God will see about the punishment of the wicked people, all we need to do is to follow Jesus

and watch and pray, and do all we can to win the lost to Christ. So, let us press forward to the mark of the prize of the high calling.

When we give financial help to our orphanage, to foreign and home missions, and our Bible College, we are watching for Jesus by our services rendered unto the Lord. I know all of us cannot go to become missionaries in foreign lands, but we can send to them who are there at work for the Lord means to help them to carry on their work among the unsaved. Doing home mission work is one way to be watching for Jesus to come, and there are so very many ways to be able to do home mission work in our own land.

It will be simply wonderful when Jesus comes and finds that we have helped our ministers in the Bible College, and we should give as much as we can for the support of that institution. We will be rewarded for all we do for the cause of Christ in the way of Christian education for our young ministers. It is wonderful to see our young men stepping out and taking up their cross and preparing to follow Jesus. It is wonderful to see them getting ready to hold Jesus up before a lost world. The salvation of lost souls is what God wants us to be able to render our services in the name of Jesus Christ. Let us encourage the work of the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, and stand behind it by giving all we can to support it with our money.

Now, in conclusion, let us not give up, because some others may have slackened their zeal for the cause of Christ. These things are important, for Jesus died on the cross that souls might be saved by the preaching of His Word. We must be ready and willing to work for Jesus in every possible way we can, for he is coming back some day, and that may not be very long. Let us watch and pray, and work while we have the opportunity for his noble cause. Let us not disappoint him by failing to do

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Middlesex Orphanage

SEPTEMBER RECEIPTS FOR 1951

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

GENERAL FUND

Eastern

Kinston S. S.	\$ 22.67
Mt. Zion	3.50
Folkstone S. S.	25.22
Pilgrim's Rest	3.00
New Bethlehem	14.44
Davis	12.50
Snow Hill	30.00
St. Mary's S. S.	66.48
Ephesus	43.00
Union Chapel	49.42
Soundview	25.00
Warden's Grove	15.00
Snead's Ferry	23.89
Bethlehem S. S.	38.83
Ruth's Chapel	21.23
Friendship Church	124.82
Trent. S. S.	6.00
Gethsemane	30.00
Lane's Chapel	5.00
Morehead City Woman's Aux.	10.00
Wintergreen	64.93
Bridgeton Missionary Society	6.00
3rd Eastern Union Meeting	45.00
St. John's Chapel League	20.00
Coke Creek S. S.	43.59
Beulaville	18.02
Total	\$ 772.54

Western

Second Union	\$ 27.16
Friendship	23.76
Orphanage Memorial	8.38
Rose Bud Auxiliary	3.00
Everett's Chapel	47.52
Calvary Free Will	16.86
Branch's Chapel	7.26
Little Rock	29.13
Friendship S. S.	9.89
1st District Union Meeting	24.64
Free Union	1.00
Total	\$ 198.60

Jack's Creek

Fair View	\$ 54.00
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Piedmont

Aleo Church	\$ 36.52
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Albemarle

Piney Grove League	\$ 3.00
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Central

Hull Road	\$ 21.45
Marlboro	5.92
King's Cross Roads	8.00
Bethany S. S.	18.86
Rose Hill	22.48
Reedy Branch Woman's Aux.	1.00
Saratoga S. S.	5.00
Winterville	65.34
Aspen Grove	23.00
Harrell's Chapel	15.00
First FWB Rocky Mt. S. S.	2.56
Dilda's Grove	7.50

Pleasant Hill	1.00
Spring Branch S. S.	10.00
Greenville S. S.	36.55
Winterville S. S.	17.50
Gum Swamp	6.09
Total	\$ 267.25

Cape Fear

Corinth	\$ 15.00
Shady Grove	110.00
Hopewell S. S.	3.36
Goldsboro First FWB	84.00
Yelverton's Grove	8.76
Robert's Grove	6.00
Lee's Chapel	13.00
Powhatan S. S.	5.00
St. Paul	15.75
Daly's Chapel	20.00
Total	\$ 281.70

French Broad

Cedar Hill S. S.	\$ 10.25
Ladies Aux. Convention	5.00
Oakwood	4.00
Total	\$ 19.25

Western Yearly

Saw Mill Hill	\$ 5.00
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Miscellaneous

Cash Sales (Farm)	\$2098.53
Parents and Relatives	145.00
Refunds	34.35
Coupons	15.00
Young People's Friend	5.01
Sheron Paromore	5.00
Mrs. Jesse W. Moyer	8.00
Jesse Gay	5.00
Charles Harrell	10.00
Mrs. Stanley Wall	25.00
Total	\$2350.89

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS

Memory of Sister J. E. Jones

Mrs. Katie S. Jackson	
Mrs. John Parker	

CLOTHING FUND

Central

King's Cross Roads	\$ 40.00
Antioch Aux.	40.00
Free Union Woman's Aux.	40.00
Black Jack Aux.	40.00
Daniel's Chapel Woman's Aux.	40.00
Grimsley Ladies Aid	40.00
Greenville Aux.	40.00
Total	\$ 280.00

Eastern

Core Creek	\$ 50.00
Sandy Plain Aux.	30.00
Whaley's Chapel	30.00
Union Chapel Ladies Aid	40.00
Snow Hill Aux	30.00
Bridgeton League	40.00
Rain's Cross Roads	40.00
Total	\$ 260.00

Western

Micro Ladies Aid FWB Society	\$ 40.00
Holly Springs Woman's Aux.	40.00
Pleasant Plain	40.00
Friendship Woman's Aux.	40.00
Little Rock Roads	40.00
Selma Ladies Aux.	40.00
Total	\$ 280.00

Lee's Chapel	\$ - 40.00
Goldsboro First FWB	40.00
Shady Grove	40.00
Mrs. W. T. Rose	30.00
Total	\$ 150.00

Albemarle

Malachi's Chapel	\$ 40.00
Bed Fund	
Friendship Aux. (Central)	\$ 35.00
Elm Grove Aux. (Central)	5.00
Hull Road (Central)	35.00
Free Union (Central)	35.00
Total	\$ 110.00

Floor Covering (Cottage)

Snow Hill Aux. (Eastern)	\$ 47.83
Refurnishing Girls' Dormitory	\$ 50.00
St. Mary's (Eastern)	

Music Fund

Grimsley Aux. (Central)	\$ 1.23
Coke Creek (Central)	10.00
Greenville (Central)	10.00
Kinston Woman's Aux. (Eastern)	5.00
Union Grove Youth Aux. (Western)	15.00
Little Rock Woman's Aux. (Western)	5.00
Total	\$ 46.23

CNCERT CLASS RECEIPTS

Miss Bonnie Farmer

Reunion (Eastern)	\$ 100.04
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REPRESENTATIVE VISITS

Mr. Walter McD. Croom

Friendship Church (Eastern)	\$ 100.00
Friendship S. S. (Eastern)	50.00
Total	\$ 150.00

Rev. W. A. Hansley

Prospect Church (Cape Fear)	\$ 103.59
Prospect S. S. (Cape Fear)	25.00
Wilson (Western)	77.16
Piney Grove (Albemarle)	28.57
Piney Grove S. S. (Albemarle)	13.30
Total	\$ 247.62

Total

Equipment For S. S. Room

Smith's New Home	\$ 12.20
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In Lieu of Concert Class

Marsh Swamp (Western)	\$ 60.67
Cabin FWB (Eastern)	100.00
British Chapel (Eastern)	51.00
Branch Chapel (Western)	55.00
Total	\$ 266.67

Albemarle Cottage

Mt. Zion Aux. (Albemarle)	\$ 18.00
Newport News First FWB (Albemarle)	30.00
Total	\$ 48.00

Donated Commodities

Friendship S. S. (Western)	\$ 8.40
Corn	
Tippett's Chapel Aux. (Western)	32.70
Canned Food	12.50
Household	10.20
Canned Food	
C. B. Hinant, Micro, N. C.	
Shoes	58.00
Sweaters	40.20
Kenly Ladies Aux.	
Canned Food	53.60
Layer Cakes	73.60
Total	\$ 235.60

Totals

General Fund	\$1637.86
Clothing Fund	1010.00
Bed Fund	110.00
Floor Covering for Cottage	47.83
Refurnishing Girls' Dormitory	50.00

Music Fund	46.23
Concert Receipts (Miss Farmer)	100.04
Representative's Visit (Croom)	150.00
Representative's Visit (Hansley)	247.62
Equipment for S. S. Room	12.20
In Lieu of Concert Class	266.67
Albemarle Cottage	48.00
Grand Total	\$3726.45

OCTOBER RECEIPTS FOR 1951

GENERAL FUND

Eastern

Antioch	\$ 20.00
Macedonia	109.00
Davis	12.50
Arapahoe	134.57
Dublin Grove	10.10
Pilgrim's Rest	3.00
Oriental	11.34
St. Mary's	193.10
Morehead City	10.00
Northeast	28.22
Core Point Chapel	7.50
Sunday School Convention	15.00
Snow Hill	15.00
Mt. Zion	4.50
Soundview	23.00
Carteret County Union	50.00
Sts. Delight	58.33
Union Chapel	33.76
Warden's Grove	10.00
Ruth's Chapel	19.68
Fifth Union	151.46
Kinston	23.00
Whaley's Chapel	10.88
Folkstone	10.00
Core Creek	40.51
Snead's Ferry	8.84
Wintergreen	2.00
St. John's Chapel	10.00
Total Eastern	\$1025.29

Central

Second Union	\$ 37.00
St. Delight	8.00
King's Cross Roads	56.36
Spring Branch	5.00
Marlboro	7.50
Howell Swamp	65.00
Rocky Mount	2.04
Bethany	10.60
Greenville	50.45
Saratoga	5.97
Winterville	17.60
LaGrange	5.00
Elm Grove	2.00
Aspin Grove	23.00
Black Jack	5.00
Fourth Union	62.55
Hull Road	3.00
Gum Swamp	6.72
Total Central	\$ 372.79

Pee Dee

Union	\$ 5.87
Beaverdam	25.00
Total Pee Dee	\$ 30.87

French Broad

Laurelton Chapel	\$ 13.50
Avery's Creek	6.60
Rocky Branch	20.11
East Black Mountain	40.00
Beaverdam	5.00
Cedar Hill	19.27
Old Fort	20.00
Swannanoa	5.00
Total French Broad	\$ 129.48

Cape Fear

Hopewell	\$ 3.83
Sunday School Convention	90.00
Stevens Chapel	8.35
Goldsboro	21.00
Roberts Grove	5.00
Powhatan	5.00

Lee's Chapel	16.59
Total Cape Fear	\$ 149.77
Jack's Creek	
Terry's Fork	\$ 6.50
Price's Creek	39.00
Young's Chapel	6.00
Pensacola	43.18
Bowditch	17.00
Total Jack's Creek	\$ 111.68

Albemarle

Shiloh (Central)	\$ 25.00
Soundside	1.00
Total Albemarle	\$ 26.00
Western	
Friendship	\$ 28.35
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	17.98
Second Union	75.00
Holly Springs	5.54
Rock Springs	42.34
Pleasant Hill	40.00
People's Chapel	50.00
Shady Grove	25.00
Mt. Zion	27.38
Wilson	14.96
Stancil's Chapel	28.90
Conference	77.64
Branch Chapel	6.95
Total Western	\$ 440.04

Piedmont

Arrington Heights	\$ 15.00
Mt. Zion	17.74
Total Piedmont	\$ 32.74

Miscellaneous

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jenkins	\$ 5.00
John S. Creech	3.00
Roger A. Smith	50.00
G. W. Bailey	66.00
Rev. L. J. Carlyle	80.00
Rev. M. L. Cummings	5.00
Mrs. C. F. Grant	10.00
D. B. Sasser	5.00
R. H. Jackson	5.00
Rev. S. A. Smith	5.00
Rev. Roy Rikard	1.00
Parents and Relatives	166.60
Children's Labor	149.03
Coupons	31.80
Rent on Warehouse	30.00
Refunds	40.58
Cash Sales (farm, dairy, garden)	3115.81
Young People's Friend	1.50
Total Miscellaneous	\$3770.32

CNCRET CLALSS RECEIPTS

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

Oak Grove	\$ 25.00
St. Paul	56.35
Mt. Tabor	37.46
Total	\$ 118.81

Representatives' Visits

Raleigh (Mr. Croom)	\$ 30.00
Pleasant Plain (Mr. Croom)	73.00
Little Creek (Mr. Croom)	68.41
Little Creek S. S. (Mr. Croom)	48.00
Union Chapel (Mr. Croom)	18.43
Spring Branch (Rev. Hansley)	165.00
Total	\$ 402.84

In Lieu of Flowers

New Sandy Hill in Memory of Alice Jane Perry	
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Music Fund

Grimsley (Central)	\$ 5.00
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Girls' Building

Pleasant Grove (Western)	\$ 60.00
Snow Hill (Eastern)	125.00

Total	\$ 185.00
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ALBEMARLE COTTAGE RECEIPTS

Building Fund

Albemarle Conference—	
Sunday School Convention	\$ 85.86
Trinity	9.00
Washington	2.00
Sidney	2.50
Portsmouth	2.00
Hickory Chapel	31.40
Belhaven	2.00
Shiloh (Central)	50.50
Free Union, Beaufort County	43.00
Corinth	7.00
Mt. Olive	10.41
Free Union, Tyrell County	20.44
Mt. Tabor	26.82
Soundside	38.35
Malachi's Chapel	148.13
Union Meeting	49.52
Union Chaeul	13.82
St. Paul (Elizabeth City)	5.29
Gum Neck	10.00
Miss Almetta Armstrong	5.00
Howell Swamp (Central)	5.00
Deep Run (Eastern)	10.00
Total	\$ 578.04

Floor Covering

Second Union (Albemarle)	\$ 51.65
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Bed Fund

Central Conference—	
Fourth Union Aux.	\$ 70.00
Goldsboro (Cape Fear)	35.00
Daniel's Chapel	40.00
Reedy Branch	5.00
Watery Branch	35.00
Sweet Gum Grove	35.00
Ayden	35.00
Total	\$ 255.00

Furnishings

St. Delight (Eastern)	\$ 10.00
Pine Level (Western)	32.00
Grimsley (Central)	5.00
Dawson's Grove (Central)	5.00
Beulaville (Eastern)	10.00
Rooty Branch (Eastern)	10.00
Pleasant Plain (Western)	5.00
Core Creek (Eastern)	5.00
Sweet Gum Grove (Central)	5.00
Moseley's Creek (Eastern)	5.00
J. J. Grimsley	5.00
Harvey Bowen	5.00
John R. Stevens	5.00
Lawrence Tripp	2.50
Jesse Tripp	2.50
Mrs. W. O. Fields	30.00
Rose Hill (Central)	20.25
Third Union	62.20
Mrs. H. L. Spivey	31.04
Auxiliary Convention (Central)	62.45
Eastern Auxiliary Convention	85.15
Mrs. W. M. May	1.00
Mr. Julian Jones	5.00
Mr. Jack Hogan	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wood	5.00
Mr. Dallas G. Whitford	5.00
Mr. W. H. Howell	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Thad Hart, Sr.	30.00
Mr. and Mrs. Thad Hart, Jr.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Thelbert Hart	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Levi Worthington	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Worthington	5.00
Mr. Ira Hart	30.00
Mrs. Celia Garriis	30.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Vanderford	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hart	5.00
Willie Edwards	1.00
Reedy Branch (Central)	10.00
Pee Dee District Convention	25.44
Grimsley (Central)	5.00
Free Union	10.00
Selma (Western)	5.00
Smith's New Home (Eastern)	10.00
Hugo (Central)	5.00
Pearsall's Chapel (Eastern)	5.00

White Oak Grove (Eastern)	10.00
Morehead City (Eastern)	10.00
Total	\$ 642.53
Chapel Fund	
Pleasant Hill (S. S. Room)	\$ 10.00
Grimsley (S. S. Room)	10.00
Dailey's Chapel (Eastern)	10.00
Elm Grove (Central)	15.58
Total	\$ 45.58

CLOTHING FUND

Cape Fear	
Casey's Chapel	\$ 40.00
Prospect	40.00
Hopewell	35.00
Corinth	10.00
St. John's	40.00
Lee's Chapel	40.00
Total	\$ 205.00

Albemarle

Malachi's Chapel	\$ 80.00
Auxiliary Convention	40.00
Mt. Tabor	30.00
Total	\$ 150.00

Western

Marsh Swamp	\$ 40.00
Wilson	40.00
St. Mary's	40.00
Sherron Acres	40.00
Total	\$ 160.00

Piedmont

Cramerton	\$ 40.00
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Eastern

Sarecta	\$ 40.00
Dublin Grove	40.00
Cabin	40.00
Auxiliary Convention	40.00
Arapahoe	40.00
Third Vocal Union	30.00
Total	\$ 230.00

Central

Auxiliary Convention	\$ 40.00
Piney Grove	40.00
Marlboro	40.00
Ayden	80.00
Reedy Branch	37.50
Second Union	1.87
Elm Grove	40.00
Friendship	60.00
Total	\$ 339.37

Totals

General Fund	\$6088.98
Concert Class	118.81
Representatives' Visits	402.84
Music Fund	5.00
Girls' Building Fund	185.00
Albemarle Cottage Fund	1527.22
Chapel Fund	45.58
Clothing Fund	1124.37

Grand Total \$9497.80

Donated Commodities

Cox's Creek	
Canned Food	\$ 10.00
Gum Swamp Auxiliary	
Sheets	2.19
Lewis Motor Co.	
Repair on Vehicles	25.00
Terry's Fork	
Canned Food and Clothing	93.34
Metcalf Creek	
Potatoes and Canned Food	4.03
Willard Maxley	
Sweet Potatoes	2.25

Price's Creek	
Canned food and potatoes, apples, pepper and pumpkins	121.03
Young's Chapel Church	
Food and Clothing	127.10
Mrs. Chillon Bailey	
Canned Food	75.60
Green Mountain	
Food	99.68
Pensacola	
Food	129.75
Bowditch	
Food	233.66
Pilgrim's Chapel	
Food	126.32
North Bend	
Food	33.97
Reedy Branch Auxiliary	
Clothing	16.70
Food	2.00
Edd Montcastle, Wilson Voiture	
Food	15.00
Total Value	\$1117.62

THOSE CONTRIBUTING TO FLOOR COVERING FUND THROUGH MRS. H. L. SPIVEY

Convention (Central)	\$ 68.43
Individuals	
Rev. M. L. Tyndall	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Arthur Vandiford	10.00
Mr. Alfred Grimsley	1.00
Mr. Jesse Tripp	1.00
Mr. J. J. Grimsley	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moye	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Moye	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Graves	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Gennis Morring	1.00
Rev. R. W. Allman	1.00
Mrs. Bennett Tyson	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wood	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Graves	5.00
(Contributors toward cottage furnishings will be listed later.)	

Not the "Son of David," but the "Lord," the recognition of Christ's divinity brings His saving and healing touch.—*Rev. Geo. P. Pardington.*

ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Home Mission Board of the Free Will Baptists will have a special Board Meeting, December 4th and 5th, 1951, at the Loyal Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia, Tennessee.

This meeting is very important, and the Board is asking every National Home Mission State Director to meet with the Board in this meeting.

Many great things have been accomplished by the sponsorship of the Home Mission Board since the National Association in July.

Through the sponsorship of the Board there have been seven new churches established.

A new church at Babbitt, Nevada, is our first Free Will Baptist Church in that state.

Also a new church has been established at Buhl, Idaho. This is the first Free Will Baptist Church in the state of Idaho.

Yours for greater missions,

Rev. Harry E. Staires,
Clerk and Treasurer.

THE MIDDLESEX ORPHANAGE, AS WE SEE IT

The orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina, is in need of great help today; not tomorrow, next week, or next year, but TODAY! We feel that the lack of efficient management has helped to bring about this present condition today.

We realize that there have been bad seasons, and unfortunate incidents, but they are not adequate excuses for the insufficient livestock, poultry, and implements on the farm. As we see it, there are hogs that should have been converted into pork, or put on the market sixty days ago. The result has been the waste of corn in the feeding of those hogs, when that corn could have been kept for use of other stock and poultry. The cost of custom processing the meat would not have been as much as the price of the corn fed to the hogs. Moreover, the mixed ages of the hogs feeding and running together hinders the best feeding results. But most important of all is the loss of farrowing.

As we see the situation, there is only enough chickens on the farm for an average family, much less than for seventy-five children in the Home at the Orphanage. We wonder why is it that our orphanage and farm management at Middlesex are in the condition as they are today? Is it because of the lack of sufficient financial support to make to position of the farm manager attractive? We wonder why?

Brother Stephen Smith, the new superintendent, with all of his good intentions and hard work, cannot make a success of the enormous task that is before him, without the best, and most efficient help, and financial support of every Free Will Baptist in the State of North Carolina.

In our opinion, the next investment that we should make at the orphanage should be the employment of a capable farm manager to assist Brother Smith, by taking over the burdensome outside details of the farm. By management, we do not mean simply an ordinary farm hand. We mean a well experienced farm manager who knows farming from years of experience.

Now, in reference to our financial

support for the Middlesex Orphanage, we will say that we have approximately 230 members in our church, Spring Branch, and our recent donation, for example, did not average \$2 dollars per member for our Thanksgiving offering this time. From this result it is seen that we should increase our support for the orphanage. This, we feel, is true with most of the churches of our good State.

Let us compare our orphanage, for example, with a growing child. When our orphanage was small, it could be handled by a \$100 dollar a month manager, because prices of things and living expenses were by far cheaper than they are now. But today it takes \$200 dollars per month as salary for the superintendent. We feel that we need a farm manager in accordance with what is needed to justify an experienced farmer to direct the farm program.

It is up to the Free Will Baptist people of the State of North Carolina to see that this matter is taken care of immediately with God's help and speed.

L. E. and Paul Galloway,
Members of Spring Branch
Church,
Walstonburg, North Car.,
Route 3

Miriam Booth, daughter of the founder of the Salvation Army, a brilliant, cultured woman, began her Christian work with great promise, and had unusual success. Very soon disease laid hold upon her and brought her to the point of death. A friend visiting her told her that it seemed a pity that a woman so capable should be hindered by sickness from doing the Lord's work. She replied, "It is great to do the Lord's work, but it is greater to do the Lord's will."—N. W. P.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

M. A. ARTHUR

Jack and Larry heard the fire engines start down the street. Now they were coming back and the two boys wanted to see the house that was burned.

"Did your mother say you could go?" Jack asked Larry.

"Mother is out," Larry said, "but she won't mind."

"My mother is out, too," said Jack, "but she won't mind either."

They went along happily to where the fire was a short way off.

The fire was out when they got there and there was a lot of burnt stuff in a heap on the street.

Jack ran forward to get closer and fell with a bump on a jagged piece of tin.

Larry helped him to his feet. There was a big rent in his stocking and his knee was cut and bleeding.

"Oh!" Jack cried. "It hurts and I can't walk!"

"I'll take care of you," said Larry, "we can get on the bus and go to the doctor. Mother says you must take care of cuts right away if they are from old tin."

Larry helped Jack to limp over to where the bus ran close by. They climbed in when it stopped.

"Fares, please," the bus driver said.

"We have no money, Jack hurt his leg and we want to ride to the doctor."

The driver looked at the two boys.

"You are not very big," he said, "but if you can ride alone you can pay your fare!"

"But we must ride," Larry said, "Jack can't walk!"

The driver was firm. "No fare, no ride! Get off!"

"I will pay their fare, driver," said a man in the car and he dropped it into the box.

"Thank you, Mister," said Larry, "we would like to walk home but Jack's knee

hurts and I have to take him to the doctor."

"Do you know the doctor?" said the man. "Oh, yes! He is the one Mother takes us to when we get hurt."

"Who is 'we'?" said the man smiling. "Me and my brother David," Larry said.

The boys did not have to go very far and the man saw Larry help Jack off the bus and up the stoop of the doctor's house.

The doctor was surprised when the two small boys came in. "Are you alone?" he asked.

"Yes," Larry said, "Jack hurt his knee on an old piece of tin and I brought him right over."

"Where is his mother?"

"She is out. If we wait until she comes home something might happen to the knee. It must be fixed right away."

The doctor looked at the torn, bleeding knee. "You are right, boy," he said, "one never can tell what may happen if a cut from an old piece of tin is not taken care of. How did you happen to be near one?"

"We ran after a fire!" Larry said. "It was all over when we got there but there was a lot of burnt stuff left. Jack fell on some old tin the fishermen tore off the roof."

"Suppose I was out or that I refused to fix the knee?"

"But I knew you would. You are always so nice when I get hurt!"

"Is this boy a friend of yours?" the doctor asked as he put something soothing on the knee.

"No," Larry said, "he lives in the next house and we play together—but we are enemies. His mother don't like my mother. She won't go to places at night when she comes home tired. My mother works in the day time."

"If he is your enemy, why do you take care of him when he gets hurt?"

"He needed help! I am supposed to love my enemies!"

"Who told you that?"

"Mother did. She says the Bible says to do good to those who hate you. I just had to take care of him!"

When the doctor finished there was a clean, white bandage on the knee.

As the two boys went to the door he said to Larry, "Tell your mother I won't forget the lesson you gave me to 'love your enemies!'"

The doctor smiled as Larry carefully guided Jack down the stoop and they started for home.

It would make Christian life very simple, if we understood that the one thing to do is always to obey God.—Rev. J. R. Miller.

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MOSES' CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

(Lesson for December 9)

Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; 31:1-3; 33:27-29.

Golden Text: Deuteronomy 33:27.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

A period of thirty-eight years has elapsed between our last lesson and this one. Israel is again on the borders of the Promised Land though not at Kadesh-barnea on the south, but beyond Jordan in the land of Moab. Great changes have taken place in Israel. All the men who were twenty years old or older at the time of the failure of Kadesh-barnea are dead, according to the prediction of the Word of God (Num. 14:29). With the exception of Moses, Joshua and Caleb, there was no man over fifty seven years old present. Many of the older group had been born in Egypt and had a clear recollection of all that had been done for the nation from the time of the Exodus up to the present. God is going to remind them through Moses, that since creation no people had ever such a visitation from God, hearing His voice, seeing His glory in the cloud and being delivered by His power from bondage. And no nation had ever been chosen for such a glorious destiny as they.

1. Men often put off decisions to a later time, but God's call is always for "this day" (Deut. 30:15).

2. The making of the decision may take only a moment, but its results will be eternal (vs. 15).

3. God's appeal is for our love, for He knows that if we love Him we will also obey Him (vs. 16).

4. The perverseness and evil propensities of the human heart are puzzling to any honest investigator, but God says they are due to sin (vs. 17).

5. Swift and certain earthly judgment overtook the sinning Israelite, but a far more severe eternal punishment awaits the deliberate sinner (vs. 18).

6. God has fully cleared Himself in offering salvation and warning against judgment; if any of us are lost we have none but ourselves to blame (vs. 19).

7. "He is thy Life, and the Length of thy days" (vs. 20). "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Phil. 1:21).

8. Most of the limitations upon our spiritual service we have brought upon ourselves by previous acts of disobedience (Deut. 31:2).

9. When the Lord goes ahead we can be sure that He will not permit any unnecessary difficulty to come upon our way (vs. 3).

10. To abide in the eternal God assures us of shelter, protection, support, and the provision of all our needs (33:27, 28).

11. Those who have given their lives to great causes know what a powerful grip those causes get upon the heart. Moses must have felt, as does a father, deep concern for his great family which he is about to leave. As he looked into the sea of faces upturned to him, this man who had prayed that he might be lost in their stead if necessary, regarded with tender compassion this people with whom and for whom he had suffered so much.—Selected.

12. Moses was God's representative and spokesman, and he commanded the people to love the Lord and keep His commandments. The promise was made that if they would they should enjoy long and prosperous national life. Loyalty and true obedience to God spring from unfeigned love.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

13. Amidst the storms of life God is our protector, advisor and comforter, for he has promised to be with those who will call upon his holy

name. Our duty is strict obedience to his commands. We can rest assured of the fact that he will be with us if we will abide in his love, trust his divine guidance, and be ever faithful to him. As God promised to destroy, or remove from Israel the tribes of Canaan—to get them out of the way so that his chosen people might prosper and multiply—in like manner God will protect us.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

14. No person can justly claim to be an intelligent Bible student if he is not familiar with Deuteronomy 28. This is one of the outstanding chapters of the Bible.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Human Depravity

I was at a conference held about the state of the people in Liverpool. It was a large conference, with the Mayor in the chair. They were conferring about why it was that so many of the working people particularly would not go to church or chapel, but would lie about on Sundays and seem to have nothing but an animal life. One man after another made a speech about it. You never heard such a number of reasons given: too hard work on Saturdays—which seemed to me to be a strange thing; or they had no place near them which suited them; or the preachers did not preach well enough; or the sermons were too long; or they did not like pews; or they did not get the best seats when they went to church; or Pew-rents were required. You never heard such a number of reasons—the people that did not go to church were not to blame, it was always the people about the church, or in the Church, who were to blame, till at last an old man got up (I think from his speech he was a Scotchman) and said, "Mr. Mayor, there is one reason that strikes me that I have not heard a word about yet"—they had spoken for an hour and a half—"I think it is the reason of the whole thing." We were all struck dumb to hear what that was. "What I have to say is that the most of it comes from human depravity."—D. Fraser, D.D.

Moses evidently knew that human depravity was Israel's great enemy, and ours as well.

When Hitler Missed His Chance

Few people realize how near Great Britain was to complete disaster immediately after Dunkirk.

According to a statement in the press by Normal E. Rodger, of Ottawa, a brigadier of the general staff, the Canadian First Division was the only fully-equipped outfit left in Britain at that time.

"Five German Divisions could have taken Britain," he said, as he disclosed the fact that the entire land defense hinged on this single division. For it was the only mobile division in the British Isles. But Hitler was bent on taking France, and he missed his one and only opportunity of taking Britain. He may have looked back to Dunkirk and realized how he missed that one golden opportunity. But he missed his chance and now it is gone forever.

And in just the same way, many people to-day are missing their one and only chance to be saved. They have one opportunity after another until they think nothing of them, and some people act as if they resent being given an opportunity to be saved. But their last chance is coming some day, and before they know it, it will be gone forever.

Practically everyone hopes to be in Heaven some day, although they have no real foundation for such a hope; for they have never taken the time to get ready for it. They seem to think they have plenty of time, so they keep putting it off indefinitely until suddenly they find themselves in a lost eternity when they are entirely unprepared to meet God. So, of course, they are not in Heaven.

And your last chance is coming some day, dear friend, and it may be a great deal sooner than you expect. Then you will find yourself looking back from the abode of the lost; and you will be quite likely to remember the many opportunities you had to be saved. A little foresight now would save you from such a fate—from going to a lost and doomed eternity. Even now, as you

Heaven. And how do you know but it will be **your last chance?** Then why not decide for Christ to-day, now, at this very moment; and let Him save you now for time and eternity? You must realize that you are a sinner, and that you cannot possibly save yourself. Then just look to the Lord Jesus and let Him save you. He can do it all by Himself, if you will really trust Him as your Saviour. For He says to you:

"Look unto Me, and be ye saved" (Is. 45:22).

"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).

Look away from yourself to Calvary's rugged Cross, and see the Saviour there, bearing your tremendous load of sins in His own sinless body (1 Peter 2:22-24). Does it not move your heart to realize that He was bearing all this for you, that He might save you from going down to hell? Then why not trust the fact that **He did this for you**, dear friend; and why not tell Him you really appreciate it?

Simply surrender your heart and life to Him, and receive Him as your very own Saviour and Lord. For "as many as **received Him**, to them gave He power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12). When you receive Him, you are "born of the Spirit" into God's Family, and you have eternal life as a result (John 3). All your sins are then put away forever; because the Lord Jesus suffered for them all on the Cross, and finished the work for your salvation. Now forgiveness and eternal life is offered freely to anyone who is willing to take it as a gift. So will you not take it to-day, my friend, and tell Him how much you appreciate it?—C. D. Carter.

There are those who know about God; then there are those who know God; and to know Him is eternal life.—Rev. C. O. Moulton.

We must make God's acquaintance and talk to Him much in secret prayer.—Rev. G. D. Watson.

Dear Baptist Readers:

I believe the time is getting short. Christ told us that when we see the fig trees budding, we may know that spring is near. When we see those things which were spoken of by Daniel we may know, unless there come a falling away, that time has surely come.

I was asked how the judgment day would be like, and how the angels would get the Saints up to meet Christ. I don't know as I had ever really thought before just how that would be done. After thinking it over, it is plain to see. Paul said that we would be changed from mortal to immortal. The Bible tells us that we will be equal with the angels. Then, you see, we won't need any help to meet God in the air. The angels would need help, if we did. We will be ready to make our flight, as soon as the change is made. Them that are not changed from mortal to immortal are the ones who will mourn at his coming. Jude says that ten thousand Saints will come with him. Zechariah says, "All the Saints will come with him."

The thing for us to be doing, is to be prepared to meet our God. He will make the way for us. The Bible is about fulfilled, as I see it, for only the coming of the great Armageddon war and the "Mark of the Beast." It is hard to tell at this time who the Beast will be. But the time will come when the Saints will have to wear that Mark, or else be put to death. Dear people, it will be Woe unto them that do wear the Mark, trying to save their life for a little season. Don't think that, after you have chosen to follow the Beast, the Devil, that God will ever hear your cries any more. You need not look for anything else except fire and brimstone. Oh foolish man, if you turn from God to the Beast. (Read Rev. 13th). If you are a sinner, rebelling against the Beast will not save you. You must accept Christ as your personal Saviour, if you want to enter that beautiful home.

I would save the world if it was in my power, but my arms are too short. I cannot repent for anyone except myself. So dear people, look for the traps which the Devil is setting for you, and shun them.

Your brother in his name,

B. E. Coxwell,
134 N. Macomb Street,
Tallahassee, Florida

Let us do as Daniel did—"he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God" (Dan. 6:10), and we shall be blest by God as was Daniel.—F.

Read This Paper

you have one more golden opportunity to be saved and made ready for

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

An Excellent Program

The program, as arranged by Mrs. Lupton for the Auxiliary Week of Prayer, was one of the best that this writer has seen. It was Biblical, logical, timely and inspiring. I am sure that those who took the advantage of partaking of its benefits can praise God for such a competent editor, one who has many years of faithful service rendered to her denomination, with but very little remuneration from the material side of life. I feel that in her untiring efforts, the women of the United States, belonging to the Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church, have a great deal to thank God for in having such a pioneer in the work of the women of the denomination.

Too, it was nice of the F. W. B. Press to publish so neatly the program in which the whole of five days' outline was all in one paper so that the women could take their paper along and have the lessons right before their eyes, even though they were listening to the leader expound these truths.

Criticism and Request Made to the UN

Often I have criticised the UN for letting the Atheists cheat the so-called Christian representatives out of the blessing of prayer. The trouble, in reality, was: those who claimed to be Christians in the organization were spiritually blind and without a **Spiritual Backbone** to the extent that they were glad to line up with Joe and his buddies to the degree that they turned their backs on God; and then, people wonder why something cannot be done to stop the blood-shed among the UN forces. I am not alone in the criticism, however, it does not take a wise man to criticise. I have lived long enough

to find that out. I am sorry for the man or woman that has not found it out. "Take heed," says the apostle Paul. Here it is; "Wherefore he that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall" (I Cor. 10:12). And again; "For if a man thinketh himself to be something when he is nothing he deceiveth himself" (Gal. 6:3). We are told by the Master that "a tree is known by the fruit it bears." The fruit that we see in "week-kneed" professing Christians, who will let an infidel out-wit him and refuse to allow the invoking of the blessings of God, is "nil."

Many Protest against Truman's Ambassador

Methodist Conference groups, Missionary Baptists, and Disciples of Christ, and Free Will Baptists in their annual meetings, have passed resolutions protesting the act of President Truman in appointing an Ambassador to the Vatican. Perhaps all Protestant bodies are opposed to a State-Church. That is, all are opposed to the breaking down of the American way of life: The SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE. But more and more we are selling the American traditions—breaking down that which has made AMERICA strong. Socialism is supplanting individual thrift. Millions are depending on support from the Government. We have gone so far away from the ideals of Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, and others who were great statesmen, that we can no longer boast of our FREEDOM.

Shining Lights

A good man's influence is like a light shining in a darkened world. One may not be like a city set on a hill. He may live in an obscure place, be engaged in a commonplace task, but he will brighten the corner where he is. One tiny candle will push back the dark, and enough of them will light a banqueting hall with light. The most powerful human asset for righteousness is the silent influence of the men and women who "do justly and love mercy and walk upright with God."

It is not the fellow who gets in the top-most ranks and fills high places who makes the most light. In many instances these lights blind the eyes of others. A candle light service is

more impressive than the glare of powerful radiant lights. So it is with a little life, one who realizes that his or her life is small and who is content to "brighten the corner where they are." One of the most pathetic scenes is to see some one seek; and, by some political quirk, get into a place that he is not able to fill. Jesus had this to say of such: "But all their works they do to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries and enlarge the borders of their garments, and love the uppermost rooms in the synagogues, and greeting in the markets, and be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted" (Matt. 23:5-12).

This type of fellow, if he cannot pull where he wants to pull, he will not pull at all. He rather see a good cause fail, than for it to prosper in the hands of another.

Usually this fellow does "not condescend to things of low estate." A little church or a small mission are too low for him to stoop to. He wants the biggest place to be found. If he fails in the desire, he refuses to play.

A Fitting Tract

Recently I received from a Tract concern the following:

"Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."

They say that I am growing old.
I have heard them tell it times untold,
In language plain and bold—
But I am not growing old.
The frail old shell in which I dwell
Is growing old, I know full well—
But I am not the shell.

What if my hair is turning gray?
Grey hair is honorable, they say.
What if my eyesight's growing dim?
I still can see to follow Him
Who sacrificed His life for me
Upon the cross of Calvary.
What should I care if time's old plow
Has left his furrows on my brow?

Another house, not made with hands,
Awaits me in glory land.
What though I falter in my walk?
What though my tongue refuse to talk?
I still can tread the narrow way;
I still can watch, and praise and pray.
My hearing may not be as keen
As in the past it may have been,

Still I can hear my Saviour say
In whispers soft, "This is the way."
The outward man, do what he can
To lengthen out this life's short span,
Shell perish and return to dust,
As everything in nature must,
The inward man, the scriptures say,
Is growing stronger every day.

Then how can I be growing old
When safe in the Saviour's fold?
E're long my soul shall fly away,
And leave this tenement of clay,
This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise
To seize the "everlasting prize."
I'll meet you on the Streets of gold,
And prove that I am not growing old."

—John E. Roberts

"Christ died for our sins and rose again." He that believeth on the Son, hath everlasting life. (John 3: 36).

The above tract can be secured from the Pilgrim Tract Society, Randleman, N. C.

In Christ Jesus we grow and get richer, stronger and more efficient, and in Him there is a glorious success.

Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

BE READY FOR JESUS' RETURN

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our part in every possible way we can. Jesus loves you, and he knows whether you love him or not. Let us be soul-winners for Christ by joining hands with him, and be willing to go forth to further his cause in the world. Let us pray and beg God for peace in this world, and ask him to stop so much bloodshed on the battle fields.

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ROBERT'S GROVE AUXILIARY HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING

The Ladies Auxiliary of Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church met with Mrs. J. M. Spell, Thursday night, November 15, at 7:30 o'clock.

The program began by the group singing "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning." Mrs. Sudie Tew gave the devotional and Mrs. Hettie Faircloth prayed a most touching prayer for everyone. The theme for the month was "Working Together with Him through Faithful Witnessing." Topic I, "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"—by Mrs. Annie Lou Tew; Topic II, "Keepers Are Witnesses"—by Mrs. Maude Jackson; Topic III, "Women as Witnesses"—by Mrs. Sulie Spell; Topic IV, "Ways to Witness"—by Mrs. Eunice Honeycutt.

All topics were carefully discussed and enjoyed by all. Mrs. Mary B. Jackson read a questionnaire and each used it as a personal application. Never before have we had a discussion that was more applicable to our everyday living. A special song was rendered by Mrs. Onnie Lou Tew and Mrs. Sudie Spell. The program ended with prayer by Mrs. Cora Jackson.

Mrs. Sulie Spell,

Program Chairman

Self-made men and women have quite an acceptance and a "pull" in the world; but if God is to have them He will have to unmake them and obliterate all the "works of men's hands," that He may have a chance to show His Divine power in and through them. If you want God to really use you for His glory, do not spend your precious time and means in "making yourself." Why create kindling for the burning, when you may have precious stones for your eternal enjoyment? If you want to be spared much suffering, let God do the making of you, and then watch Him work His wonders in your life.—H.

Beloved, if God can find men who will square their lives by the Bible, and live by the truth, there is nothing promised in the Book but what God will give them.—Rev. Compton.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The demand for Free Will Baptist League helps during the past quarter has been so great, especially for the Senior-Adult Quarterly, that we have sold out, and have been unable to supply some of the latest requests.

League officers are urged to get in orders for supplies for the first quarter of 1952 at once, and order sufficient copies to take care of the needs for the quarter. In this way we can get an idea of the number needed and, if necessary, print a second edition before the forms are destroyed. We appreciate the ever-increasing interest on the part of the young people's organizations in our publications, and want to supply fully the need. What we request in respect to the league quarterlies should be considered also in respect to the "Youth's Banner." Let us have your orders for all youth publications early—in fact, at once!

L. E. Ballard,

Editor Youth Publications

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CORE CREEK CHURCH ORGANIZES LEAGUES

The Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church organized a league on the third Sunday of October under the direction of our pastor, Rev. T. O. Terry, who is a graduate from the Nashville Bible College in Tennessee. Mrs. Bob D. Henderson is the general director; Mr. Henry Riggs, assistant director, and Miss Adlyn White, general secretary and treasurer. We meet each Sunday evening at 6:15 o'clock. Enrolled in the story hour, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and Adult classes are 83 members. We have a large attendance at each meeting.

We are all working together for our league and we are sure it will be a big success. I am sure with God's help it will be a success and a blessing to everyone.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Arlyn White,
Cove City, N. C.,
Route 1, Box 32

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas as our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from this earth to her reward, our Sister, Cherry Radford, we the members of Rains' Cross Roads Church, submit the following resolutions:

First, That we bow in humble submission to God the Father who doth all things well, knowing that God giveth and God taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord;

Second, That in the passing of our sister, we, the church and community, have lost one of our beloved, faithful, and active members. As long as Sister Radford was able she was faithful to her church.

Third, That to her family we extend our deepest sympathy, and may they find comfort and peace in Him who said, "Come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist for publication, and a copy be placed upon the church records.

By the Committee

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

We, the members of Rains' Cross Roads Church, wish to pay tribute to the memory of our dear Sister, Jane Radford.

Therefore be it Resolved:

First, That we bow in humble submission to God's Holy Will, realizing our loss is her gain,

Second, That in the passing of our sister the church and community have lost one of our elder, faithful, and active members. Sister Radford was always faithful to her church as long as she was able.

Third, That to the family we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy be placed upon the church records, and a copy sent to the Baptist for publication.

By the Committee

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

We, the members of Rains' Cross Roads Church, wish to pay tribute to the memory of our deceased Brother, B. L. Pearce.

Therefore be it Resolved:

First, That we bow in humble submission to God the Father, realizing that God giveth and God taketh away;

Second, That we, the church and community, feel the great loss of such an active and faithful brother. He will long be remembered by his many friends and co-workers.

Third, That to the family we extend our

deepest sympathy. May God's richest blessings rest with them.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy be placed upon the church records, and a copy sent to the Baptist paper for publication.

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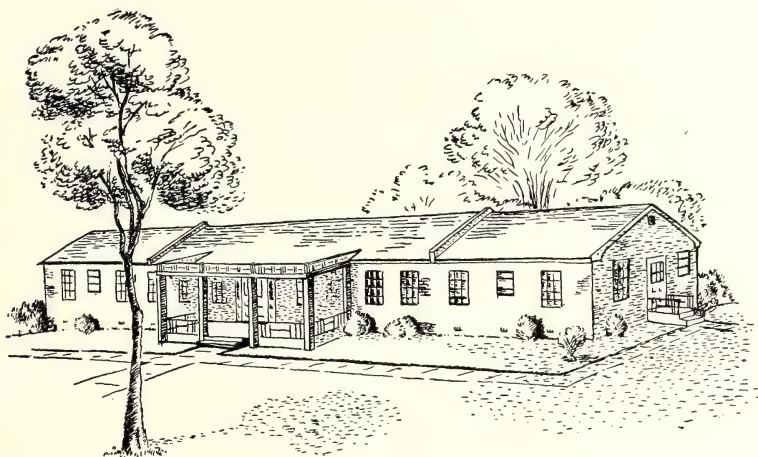
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HE HAS NOT FORGOTTEN US

The Lord Jesus Christ surely showed how great His love for God's children was when He planned to send the Holy Spirit to live with them and to help them along their way. He has not gone off to Heaven and forgotten about us, but has sent His own Spirit to live in our hearts and to do the things for us that Jesus would do Himself, if He were living on earth today. Every Christian boy and girl should seek to live each day with his heart open to the Lord so that the Holy Spirit can speak to him whenever He wishes.—Boys and Girls Joy.

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To all local Auxiliaries in the Eastern District:

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DON'T FORGET LIZZIE McADAMS THIS CHRISTMAS

After having served for around forty years as home missionaries in the United States, Brother and Sister McAdams are old and growing more feeble every day. They spent the best part of their lives traveling everywhere among Free Will Baptist churches, preaching the Word of God, and winning the lost to Christ. As a result, thousands of souls were saved for Christ.

Now that they are unable to go out and do missionary work to any extent, it will be fine if a great many of our good church people will mail to them personal checks before the Christmas holidays begin. Think how it will cheer them and give them joy to receive those checks to help buy the necessities of life, and to make them a little more comfortable in their declining days.

Yes, let them know that you still do think of them and thank God for all that they were able to do in years past and gone for our beoved denomination.

A good friend of Brother and Sister McAdams

FAITH

Fred Jose Buzzell

Faith is not a mighty act
 As many suppose;
 Faith is but to have the knack
 In God to repose,
 Sweet peace dominates the soul,
 That faith in God doth control.

Faith is not the power of man;
 Satan would deceive!
 Faith is but to have the can
 In God to believe,
 Abiding trust rules the soul,
 That faith in God doth control.

Faith brings down the power;
 Oh, 'tis wonderful!
 Faith trusts in God every hour
 He's all powerful;
 Moving power hath the soul,
 That faith in God doth control.

Faith can conquer ev'ry foe,
 If we believe it;
 Faith cures sorrow and all woe,
 Oh, do believe it!
 Victorious is the soul,
 That faith in God doth control.

Faith comes in answer to prayer;
 Faith, 'tis God's to give;
 Faith is needed ev'rywhere
 That lost souls may live;
 Eternal life hath the soul,
 That faith in God doth control.

CO-LABORERS in CHRIST

Greetings in the name of our dear Saviour:

It has been sometime since we wrote to the Baptist paper. We want to say that the good Lord did give us a wonderful trip last year to North Carolina near and during the Christmas holidays. We did appreciate our visits to many of the churches, and the pastors were very good to us. We cannot forget them. May the good Lord bless every one of them. We do trust that we can go to see the good people of North Carolina again, and enjoy the sweet fellowship. It does seem good to be able to visit some people who were converted in the meetings that we held many years ago. On the other hand, it was so bad that in some places there were those who had gone on to their reward. There were vacant chairs here and there which reminded us of their presence years ago, and their good services which they rendered unto the Lord.

We desire to thank everyone for their generosity and kindnesses as they opened their doors to us, and invited us into their homes. Their warm and open hearts were great blessings to us.

Now we will make a report of two revivals which we have held. We went to Flat River, Missouri, on September 16, and began a meeting with Brother F. C. Zinn, and his good church. The meeting lasted for six weeks. We had a precious time in the Lord. We had several outstanding services. We did not have so very many conversions, but a spiritual uplifting was witnessed by the entire church and community. The prayer meetings in the homes were

simply wonderful. At one of these services, an old lady about 78 years old was saved, and Brother Zinn baptized her along with several more. She came out of the water so very happy. In another prayer meeting there we witnessed the leading a man to Christ, who was near 70 years old. In all we had twelve converts. Brother Zinn was very faithful during the meeting, and he was good to work with in the revival. May God bless him.

We went from this church to Mill Creek, a village out of Fredrickton. Brother Lester Ferguson is the faithful pastor of this church, and we did enjoy being in his home. The meeting was short, only two weeks long, but it proved a blessing from the very beginning. The snow storm kept us away from service for two nights. During this meeting we had eight conversions. Brother Ferguson baptized five of them, so we do feel that the church was revived, and a good work was done for those church people. They are building a new church. They have the basement all completed. There are some very fine Christian people in that church and community. If any one has any offering to send to them, it will be greatly appreciated. Send it to Rev. L. A. Ferguson, 306 N. Main La Motte Street, Missouri.

On Monday we returned to Texas to take up our work here again. Rev. H. Ray Berry of Houston supplied for us while we were away. He did a good work, for everyone liked him very much. We thank Brother Berry for rendering his services for us.

I am hoping to write again very soon, and I am very sorry that I have

waited so long to write this message to the paper for our people to read. Now may God bless and give each one a happy Christmas, and a successful new year.

Yours for Jesus,
H. M. and Lizzie McAdams,
Huntsville, Texas

NEWS FROM PILGRIM'S HOME CHURCH

The Reverend Willie Stilly of New Bern, North Carolina, has been the pastor of Pilgrim's Home church for around two years; and, if Jesus tarries, we wish to keep him many more years as our good pastor.

We have built four new class rooms to our church, and they are almost completed. We have also done quite a bit of remodeling to our church, such as putting a new covering on the roof, new windows, a vestibule to the front of the building, and a new steeple. Our church now has a gas heating system which is very nice in cold weather. This is a very great help to the conveniences of the church.

Our attendance at Sunday School is very good, and we have a good League of the young people. The Woman's auxiliary of the church is quite active, and doing a good work. We do wish to thank the heavenly Father for the many blessings which he has bestowed upon us as a church.

On the fifth Saturday and Sunday in December, 1951, the Union meeting and the Sunday School convention will meet with us at our church. We are very glad to have them to meet with us, and we will entertain them with pleasure.

We are asking the prayers of Christian people that our church may continue to grow, and move forward in the cause of our heavenly Father. Pray that our entire membership will remain very zealous on the behalf of our Lord's work here at Pilgrim's Home church, and community.

Mrs. Mark Coombs,
Secretary of the Sunday School
Dover, North Carolina, R-2

God's Power

Each worker for Christ, in his own particular sphere, meets with many valleys and mountains, crooked places and rough ones, which God alone can deal with. Let him rejoice not only that God's power is equal to the occasion, but also that there are difficulties of such a nature as to make the putting forth of that power a visible and notable thing.—J. Hudson Taylor.

People have to believe God in order to know God.—Rev. M. L. Haney.

If we live pure and holy lives before God, He will speak in a simple way to us, and we will be satisfied.—J. W. S.

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My EXPERIENCE in PRAYER

By NAAMAN BORDERS, Waverly, Ohio

Another thing that happened while we were in Florida, (we were there two years), and there came a severe drought. People were becoming alarmed, as they were not allowed all the water they needed for their lawns, flowers and for other needs. Nothing but hot weather and clear blue skies day after day, week after week. Everything began to parch up and people were wishing for rain. The churches of the city proclaimed a day of prayer for rain the next Sunday. They published it in the paper. The editor published it but about halfway made light of it. The churches prayed for rain on that Sunday. It began raining about four o'clock that night. We had a great abundance of rain. The editor said next day, "We don't know whether the prayers brought the rain or not but one thing we do know, we had plenty of rain." That is exactly what Elijah did. He prayed for a drought of three years and got it, and when the people were punished enough for their sins, he prayed for rain and the Lord sent an abundance of it. The Book says that Elijah was a man subject to like passion as we are. He had the same temptations, doubts and fears, and the same old devil to fight as people have today. We have the same God to pray to, He never changes. The Book says, He is the same, yesterday, today and forever. He tells us, "I am Jehovah God, and I change not." Some folks say, "I just can't have the faith."

There were plenty of people in Elijah's day that did not have that much faith. Not many people do have it. The Book says God is the Author and Finisher of our Faith. He gives faith to those who walk close to him. We have to exercise our faith as He commands us. When we exercise our faith, it becomes strong. God will never do anything for us for idle curiosity or for us to boast about, and take the credit for ourselves. When one really feels the

(continued from last week)

need of help from the Lord, falls down prostrate and cries unto God, He always lends a helping hand, providing we come clean and do our part. He says that His eyes are over the righteous and his ears are open unto their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil. If you remember, Herod came to Jesus and asked him to do some miracle that he might see, but Jesus would not do it. Of course, He could have done it but He never did a miracle just to show off. If we do that, we just make a fool of ourselves.

Someone is ready to say, "If God will heal all of our sicknesses what need is the doctor?" Much, every

THIS MOMENT

ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT

*He's helping me now—this moment,
Though I may not see it or hear,
Perhaps by a friend far distant,
Perhaps by a stranger near,
Perhaps by a spoken message,
Perhaps by the printed word;
In ways that I know and know not,
I have the help of the Lord.*

*He's guiding me now—this moment,
However I need it most,
Perhaps by a single angel,
Perhaps by a mighty host,
Perhaps by the chain that frets me,
Or the walls that shut me in;
In ways that I know and know not,
He keeps me from harm and sin.*

*He's guiding me now—this moment,
In pathways easy or hard,
Perhaps by a door wide open,
Perhaps by a door fast barred,
Perhaps by a joy withholden,
Perhaps by a gladness given;
In ways that I know and know not,
He's leading me up to heaven.*

*He's using me now—this moment,
And whether I go or stand,
Perhaps by a plan accomplished,
Perhaps when He stays my hand,
Perhaps by a word in season,
Perhaps by a silent prayer;
In ways that I know and know not,
His labour of love I share.*

—SELECTED.

I stood with God on the edge of the world, and my hand was in His hand. I looked down the road of the past, as it stretched away in the dim distance, till it was shrouded in the mists of time. And I knew it had no beginning, and a little chill wind of fear blew about my head.

way. Some people just don't have the faith. If they haven't, then get a doctor. God expects us to do all in our power and use every available means for ourselves. When that is exhausted, rely on God. In our extremity is God's opportunity. The woman who had an issue of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living and the physicians had not cured her, had faith that if she could only touch the hem of his garment that she would be healed. When she pressed her way through the crowd and touched Jesus the blood was dried up that very moment. The Lord assured her that it was her faith that saved her. She did everything she could do and at last resorted to Jesus. Doctors are all right and have their places to fill in this world, but Jesus will step in where the doctors fail. Of course when our work on earth is done and God wants to take us home to heaven, all the prayers in the world will not save us. He says, "He giveth his beloved sleep." I do believe there is much unnecessary suffering in this world. If only people would "only believe" they would escape much suffering. For instance there once came on my face something like a cancer, and was growing and itching for two or three years. It became as large as a big bean. The doctor said it had all the appearance of a cancer. At length I mustered up faith and called on God to remove that from my face. I said, "Lord, I am your child and you have power over everything. You can heal me I am sure if it's only thy will. So please, Lord, hear me in this thing and remove it." In a few days the thing was completely gone. It never left a scar. My whole family are living witnesses to that. There are many good Christian people today that will be saved in the last great day that can't see these things, but it's just because that is one line of doctrine they have overlooked. Jesus says that all things are yours if you will only believe.

(To be continued Next Week)

New Superintendent at Middlesex Orphanage . .

12,000 See Installation . . New Cottage for Boys Opened . . \$7,000 in Contributions

Thanksgiving was an important day at the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina. 1200 people were present to see the Reverend S. A. Smith installed as superintendent of the Home and the Albemarle cottage for boy's opened. In addition to many chickens and much produce, \$7,000 in cash was received during the day.

The services opened at 10:30 A. M., with a song by the children of the Home. Then Dr. M. Hinnant of Micro, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Home, recognized the other members of the Board, the former members of the Board and former superintendents who were present. Two former superintendents were present: Rev. James Evans and Mr. Walter McD. Croom. Also two former Board members were present: Rev. R. N. Hinnant and Mr. Levi Hill.

Mr. H. M. Mallard, a member of the Board of Directors, took charge and presented the new superintendent. In his introduction, Mr. Mallard spoke about the qualifications of

the new superintendent, the sacrifice he was making to come to the Orphanage, and the prospects for growth and development of the Home under his leadership. Mr. Mallard, acting for the Board of Directors, officially turned the institution into the hands of the new superintendent, Rev. S. A. Smith.

In accepting the Superintendency of the Orphanage, Rev. Smith spoke briefly of his appreciation to the people for their confidence in him and of his determination to make the institution a real home for homeless children. He asked the co-operation of every Free Will Baptist within the state in the accomplishment of his task.

Mr. Smith then introduced Mr. R. G. Fitzgerald of the Smith-Douglass Company, the former employer of Mr. Smith. Mr. Fitzgerald told of his company's esteem for Mr. Smith and complimented the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina for having such a man to head their Children's Home.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, Promotional

Secretary for the State Association of North Carolina, spoke of the needs of the Orphanage. He said that the Home needs funds for three purposes: current operation, debt retirement, and the completion of buildings already begun. After his speech, Mr. Johnson received the annual Thanksgiving offering for the Home. In this offering and the other offerings sent in by churches and individuals during the day a total of \$7,000 was received. The two largest gifts for the day were two checks for \$1,000 each. They were given by the Reverend J. C. Moye and the Moye Motor Company respectively. Rev. Moye's home is in Snow Hill, N. C.

A long table had been provided on the grounds upon which the visitors spread their lunch. The children and the personnel of the home were the guests of those who had brought lunch baskets. The lunch hour was a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and fun.

At 1:30 P. M. the new Albemarle cottage for boy's was officially opened. Mr. R. L. Spencer of the Albemarle Conference presented the building as a gift from his Conference to the Orphanage. Then a former superintendent, Mr. Walter McD. Croom, showed everyone through the building. This building is modern in every respect and should be a source of pride to every Free Will Baptist.

Many people said that this was the most successful Thanksgiving Day services ever held at the Orphanage. The crowd was large, the offering was generous, and a fine spirit of fellowship prevailed throughout the day. However, we must not think that this generous Thanksgiving offering supplied the needs of the Home for the next year. The needs are still urgent. We must continue to pray and send our offerings to the Home.

F. B. Cherry

Homecoming at Loyal Chapel

By Elsie Price

Our Home-coming, which is celebrated on the second Sunday in November, started with regular Sunday morning services this year. The Rev. J. B. Bloss, our beloved pastor, talked of past events since the organization of our little church. The charter members present were Mac Parrish, Robert Parrish, Nathan Staggs, Mrs. Jim Mangrum, Mrs. Sally McClure, Miss Mattie Caudle, and our pastor. Each one of these "First members" and dear friends, gave their own personal testimony of God's presence in their own lives.

During this morning session, one soul was saved and two persons joined the church. We other members welcomed them to our midst, as well as all the other new members of this year. May God's richest blessings and presence always be with them. Franklin Sexton, a student of the F. W. B. College, in Nashville, dismissed the congregation for lunch, that was brought and served by the ladies of the church.

The afternoon session consisted of special singing by the Lindsay Quartet, the Falkner Trio, a solo by Bob Hyle, a solo by Sue Spencer, and a duet by Mrs. J. D. Roberts and son, Jimmie.

The Rev. W. B. Hughes, our assistant pastor, brought the evening message.

Since the church was organized, the congregation has prospered to the extent of over 200 members with a Sunday School of 200 members. The Lord has certainly blessed us; for with these members we are able to support every phase of the work. Our League is a good one with 80 members and the Woman's Auxiliary has 18 members. So, with such a fine number, we cannot and will not fail to do all we can to carry out the Lord's will. We feel that our church is a big part of our own lives, and very dear to our hearts. May we have the prayers of all the Christian people that we may be stronger in our love and work for Him, and for each other.

Editorial Comments

COUNTING THE COST?

Are church people in general prone to sit down and count the cost of launching new projects before they fully decide to go ahead with those projects? Do they analyze fully the need, purpose, and effectiveness of the project for the cause of Christ before they decide to put the ideas into operation? Do they have the money essential to do the job, or are they assured of the sources from which adequate money can be obtained for the completion of the project?

Christ gave the Jews a lesson on "counting the cost" in his Parable of the Tower. He said, "Which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?" (Lu. 14:28). This lesson applied to true discipleship, as well as it did to business affairs. For example, if a follower of Christ is not willing to pay the price of true discipleship, he will fail in the end; and, if the person who wishes to build a tower, or a group of persons desire to erect and maintain a business or a public institution, do not first count the cost and see their way clear to make the business or institution safe and sound for the public welfare, they will most likely fail in their efforts.

If David had counted the cost of shame, remorse, criticisms, and political censure from within his kingdom, and from those kingdoms about him, before he fell in love with Bathsheba, Uriah's beautiful wife, and before he had Uriah put to death, he would have saved himself much trouble, and great deal of repenting. He let his mind and fleshly desires dominate his better senses. As a result, he had to pay the price for his mistakes, and to pay it dearly.

Had the United States military leaders first counted the cost of going into a war in Korea, they would not have fired the first cannon, nor would our American homes have a single dead son in Korea. Our military men first thought that the cost would be negligible, but now they have changed their minds, and the American people are paying dearly the cost in heavy taxes.

Some church leaders are that way, too. They fail to weigh things, and do not look far enough ahead as to the cost before plunging into new projects that they cannot bring to successful fruition. Great mission fields in foreign lands, public institutions as orphanages, Bible colleges, Seminaries, religious hospitals, and the like are not built in a day. It takes time, vision, patience, brains and money, and then more money to bring them into great fruitage, and historical significance. The history of those that have succeeded in the past is proof of this statement. Long-range vision, much hard work and co-operation, along with patience and ceaseless efforts, and a rich source of financial support through the years, all

these are required to build institutions of honor for God, and for the cause of humanity.

Had the leaders of Israel listened to God's prophets, and had they counted the cost of wars, dissension, and strife without the kingdom, as well as the greed, strife, idolatry, rank crookedness from within their own ranks, they would not have suffered so much bloodshed, destruction of property, and the great captivity of their people scattered and made slaves in foreign lands of their enemies. That cost was so great that it took centuries for them to get back to normal living.

We sometimes wonder if church people today are counting the cost of their complacency, and willingness to yield to the countless satanic forces at work all about them. Dr. John R. Mott said a few years ago this astounding truth, and few paid it any mind: "If we do not send ten thousand missionaries to Japan to Christianize the Japanese, in a few short years we will have to send one hundred thousand American boys there to die in battle." And that is what happened, because we did not send the missionaries needed to Christianize the Japanese people. Consequently we had to pay the price. And we are paying the price today.

What will we pay in a few more years—in taxes, materials, wealth, bloodshed, destruction, sorrows, living anxieties, and utter despair—unless we turn to God as a Christian people, and let him clearly reveal to us the cost of the way we are going today. There is no need for church people to close their eyes, and wander around, and let chance take its course. We must be for God and with God, and be willing to sit down, and count the cost, and then take the stand to bear the cost for Christ and righteousness for the peace of the world. Nothing will save the world from wreckage and ruin, deprivation and abject poverty unless Christianity asserts itself by the direct power, influence, and saving grace of the true and living God. Sin and Satan seem to be dominating the hearts of many of the political leaders of the great nations of earth, and dictating their course of action in world affairs. Unless Christianity, as the dominating spirit in the hearts and lives of the true followers of Christ have sawy and compelling influence upon the leaders of world problems and differences, the nations will be reduced, by a colossal devastation of lives and property in an atomic warfare, to the extent that civilizations will be brought to utter ruin.

As God permitted his "Chosen People" to be wrecked and ruined because of their disobedience, greed and selfishness, idolatry and lustful pleasures, may it not be expected that God will sooner or later bring sorrows, disappointments, and utter destruction upon the nations of the earth today if jealousies, contentions, the spirit of aggression and colonialism, and conflicting ideologies between the nations continue to be argued in international counsels? It is time for national leaders, and all Christians to count the cost, and see what the future holds for them.

Woman's Auxiliary Department

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JOINT THANKSGIVING SERVICE HELD AT FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH IN MALONE, FLORIDA

Wednesday evening, November 21st, at seven p. m., the First Free Will Baptist Church of Malone, together with the Baptist and Methodist churches of Malone, held its Annual Thanksgiving service at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Malone.

As each of the participating churches took part in the program, it was a service that was inspiring to all that met to give praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord. He had so richly blessed us that the three churches could come together in love one with the other, and that we could all truly be "Laborers together with God."

Written by,

Thelma Grondin
Malone, Florida
P. O. Box 345

YOUNG LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT BETHANY CHURCH

The young ladies of Bethany Church met on November 11 in the home of Mrs. Dick Granger for their regular meeting. After the devotional part of the meeting was over, the theme for the day, "The Meaning of Thanksgiving" was discussed by Claudia Hicks. A poem entitled "Thanksgiving" was rendered by Mary Lovice Lee. Then a trio was given by three girls.

The subject: "Gratitude" was discussed by Dorothy Garner. Then we had a song entitled, "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings" and a thanksgiving prayer was offered by Launa Welch. We closed the meeting by all members forming a friendship circle and singing the closing hymn, "God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again." Refreshments were served by the hostess, and everyone enjoyed them very much. Eleven members were present with one visitor.

Sara Garner, Reporter

MT. BEULAH AUXILIARY REPORT

The Woman's auxiliary of Mt. Beulah Church, Rockingham, North Carolina, held its meeting on November 18, 1951, at five o'clock P. M. After the opening exercises, we took up the study of the topic: "Am I My Brother's Keeper." It was discussed by Mrs. Clara Goodwin. Mrs. Myrtle Brown discussed the subject: "Keepers or Witnesses." Then Mrs. Katie McIntire discussed the subject: "Women as Witnesses." Mrs. Margaret Brown used the subject: "Ways to Witness."

Personal application of questions was asked to strengthen our convictions which were answered by personal believers. We had also a testimony meeting, and the Lord wonderfully blessed us. We felt the wonderful power of the Lord with us for this meeting. We are asking the Christian people to pray for us that the Lord will continue to bless us in our work as auxiliary workers.

We have a Prayer Band that is being conducted in the homes of the members of the church. Our auxiliary has bought and placed a carpet on the rostrum of our church, chairs and rubber runners down the aisles of the church.

Mrs. Katie McIntyre,
Publicity Chairman,
Hamlet, N. C.,
411 East Hamlet Avenue

None can study the character of Christ without falling in love with Him.—Rev. J. H. Flower.

NEW EBENEZER CHURCH ORGANIZES AUXILIARY

We have recently organized a Woman's auxiliary in our church with six active members, and we are praying that more of our women may join us in this good work.

We have just finished our new church, and the women have given some needed things to the sick and have visited them. We women are enjoying the work of our auxiliary very much. We are beginning to see a great many things that we can do as an auxiliary of our group. We are hoping and praying that we shall be able to do a number of things that need to be done for our church and community. We had the first district auxiliary meeting at our church, which convened on August 25. It was a good meeting and we enjoyed it very much.

We are asking each person to remember our auxiliary, and our new church when you go to God in prayer. Please pray that God will use each of us for his glory, and as he sees fit for us to work in his moral vineyard.

Mrs. John F. Cannon,
Second Vice-President,
Cochran, Georgia

TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF NORTH CAROLINA

As the Sixth Vice-President of the Woman's Auxiliary of North Carolina, I should like to ask each local Auxiliary society of the State to remember the superannuated ministers of your local district with a Christmas gift this Christmas. It might not be an expensive gift, but it will cheer them up, and their hearts will rejoice to be remembered by you on our Lord's birthday.

Please observe the list of these disabled ministers, and their addresses given in this issue of the Baptist paper.

Yours for the blessings that will be realized by them,

Mrs. Frank Edmundson,
Pikeville, North Carolina

YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY ORGANIZED

On November the thirteenth at seven o'clock, the young women of the Free Will Baptist Church of Davis, North Carolina, met at the home of Mrs. Johnnie Davis, to organize a Young People's Auxiliary.

Seventeen young women were present. Officers were elected and it was decided to have our next meeting at the home of Mrs. Lenora Hill, on December the 19th, at seven o'clock.

The meeting adjourned following the business session, after which refreshments were served by the hostess, which was enjoyed by everyone.

Mrs. Elsie Bobbitt,
Fourth Vice-President

Signed:
Damon C. Dodd, Promotional Secretary
of the National Association of
Free Will Baptists

-:- Department of Foreign Missions -:-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE
HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

Dear Friend:

The October report of the Foreign Mission Board gives you an idea as to what our Foreign Mission Department is doing and also reveals our need.

The following people have responded to the appeal to raise \$7,000.00 by January 1st to pay for Mission property in India.

Rev. Raymond Riggs ----- \$100.00
Shady Grove F. W. B. Church, N. C. 200.00
John Moody, Texas ----- \$100.00
Opal Bentley, Kentucky ----- \$100.00
Gordon Boyd, North Carolina ----- \$ 20.00

We have asked for seventy persons or churches to contribute \$100.00 each by January 1st to relieve the board of this obligation. We are off to a fair start but as you can see we still have a long way to go. We would like very much to add your name to this list, with the amount of your contribution. Perhaps you can interest others in your state to do something extra for Foreign Missions at this Christmas season.

Prayerfully yours,

Rey. Raymond Riggs,
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

PROPERTY PURCHASED IN INDIA

As per the authority of the Foreign Mission Board, Miss Barnard has purchased property for the India Free Will Baptist Mission and she and Miss Wilson are now occupying our own Free Will Baptist property in India. I'm sure all of us are grateful for this good news. The opportunity came to buy this desirable property before the Board actually had enough money to purchase with, but the Lord intervened and through the co-operation of all the missionaries in India who realized this need, once again they moved by faith and the transaction was made. To be sure it was made at a sacrifice, and now we must trust God to reimburse each fund that was drawn upon for this much needed project and pay off the balance. We need seventy (70) people who will give \$100.00 each, thus making the \$7,000.00 which is the authorized purchase price. If you cannot give it all personally, ask your church to do it. We would like to dispose of this special project by January 1st. Remember, this is in addition to our regular budget. I'm going to take the lead and pledge \$100.00 for this project to be given between now and January 1st. Will you add your name to this list? If so, send it in NOW. Let's watch the list grow.

"DEEP IN THE MINES"—Barnard

"As you see from the above, we are actually in "Westfield," our very own Free

Will Baptist Mission property. We shall get you a snapshot as soon as possible, but the rains are on and weather not favorable for photography. It is a lovely place, too large for our personal use just now, but then we have not acquired it for personal use primarily. At last I have enough office space, while at Shamrock it was sometimes embarrassing. As days pass I shall try to write you other details about it all. There is much to do—I keep telling Volena I'm going to find her a man to look after things for the Mission! We shall just have to do what we can month by month in order to make the place serve our purposes to best advantage. Anything else we might have bought would have required much more work, ever so much more expenditure and that immediately. Each succeeding day seems to confirm His guidance in this purchase.

"I enclose you herewith our latest financial report. All others to date have gone to you by seal mail. You will note we have recalled from reserve funds every "pie" (not an edible) that we had and have begun all over again. Bro. Woolsey has very generously refunded from Puneia, having received a great deal along from family and friends at home. Besides, we destroyed our repatriation fund and all others) and made the transaction.

"We are keenly aware that, to friends at home, a casual perusal of our financial sheet would indicate a healthy balance. But it won't be necessary to repeat to you here our position with regard to the Indian Government. You will recall that as each new missionary is given permission to enter the country the Government makes me liable for one passage to America. More, actually. I must guarantee repatriation funds plus any support that might be required during possible internment awaiting repatriation. So before the Government of India, I am responsible for having within my reach at all times sufficient cash for six ocean passages home. Although our present balance does not provide for this, and perhaps I may always have to face this possible embarrassment, I surely do not feel we can allow our funds to run any lower than at present. This is the irreducible minimum, surely.

"The week-end we were packing to move here, the man baptized while Dan was here passed away. He had given a beautiful testimony during the two months the Lord left him with us, and the funeral has been a great witness. It was an inspiration to observe the son's radiant faith and his unusual courage, as he engineered all arrangements for funeral, even to leading the pall bearers right to the grave. All recognized he was being helped by an unseen Hand.

After all was over he said, 'I have only to rejoice that my father died in Christ. All my sorrow is overshadowed by the knowledge of this.' As I think of all the well-meaning friends who advised against my returning at this time I humbly bow before Him Who kept His faithful hand upon me and led me back just at that time. He could have saved Chinnusamy without my presence, but he designed to use my coming, as He knew as I did not know until I arrived, that Chinnusamy was saying, 'Let the Missamma come back and show me the Way and Baptize me.' It is wonderful to be 'in His place.' And in this way the Lord of Life and Glory is working daily in our midst. Never have I had anywhere people seek me out and ask to be led to God as I have been experiencing these last weeks, since I returned. Again, I plead, 'Brethren, pray for us!' And, Brother you hold on to the ropes over there—we're down deep in the mines!"

Yours in His glad and fruitful service,
Laura B. Barnard

NEWS FROM EVANGELICAL FOREIGN MISSION ASSOCIATION

New Colombian President. We have received word of the resignation of President Gomez, for many years the publicistic leader of the extreme Roman Catholic Party. He has stepped down for health reasons and Roberto Urdaneta Arbez has been appointed President. For the encouragement of our friends in Colombia, the new President is one of the most open minded, well liked men of all the Roman Catholic Party. He has expressed hope that the country may soon get back to constitutional government. We hope this will mean religious liberty and protection of the rights of minorities, in Colombia.

Colombian Baptist College. Authentic sources in Colombia state that the Southern Baptist Convention is establishing a million dollar college in Cali, Colombia. This is in the face of present adverse conditions where mission schools have been closed by force. The latest affected was the Menonite Brethren Church schools in Choco. The United States Embassy protested the closing of two schools there without success.

Colombian Visas Refused. One of our Boards has recently had two missionaries refused visas by the Colombian Consuls although the missionaries were in possession of legal return certificates from the Colombian government. We have lodged a State Department protest.

Persecution in Greece. Although not characterized by any violence, there has been a steady refusal on the part of the Greek government to give recognition to Evangelical church activities. The old Evangelical Church in Greece has been repeatedly refused licenses and other privileges which are theirs by constitutional right and the Oriental Missionary Society and the Church of God have had their problems. The Oriental Missionary Society has been refused license to continue the use of

December Message from India

November 19, 1951
Westfield
Kotagiri, So. India

Dear Friends,

It is hard to remember what we have written when it takes so long to get back to us. The dear old man, Ranguswamy, is holding true. Two weeks ago the outstanding Hindu festival of the year took place, and as Ranguswamy used to be a priest and always led his people in offering the sacrifice in these festivals, they naturally looked for him to do the same this year. But they were disappointed. And when he declined to take any part in this big Deepavalli Festival some of his relatives and friends, in their deep and sincere concern, dragged him to the temple and attempted to compel him to worship. They were afraid for themselves and for him if he denied the gods in this way. But Ranguswamy not only steadfastly refused but also gave a fearless witness to his faith in Christ as the true and living God, and took that opportunity to publicly renounce all his former belief in idolatry. A young man who is also a believer but not baptized told me this story about Ranguswamy, and the old man's faithfulness through this persecution was an inspiration to this young believer. I had to choke back the lump that came into my throat as I heard of the persecutions of this very frail and feeble old man, but I do praise God for a faith like his. Continue to pray for his wife who is now stoutly opposing him and in ways inconceivable trying to be a stumbling block to him.

I feel helpless when I try to present our most crucial problems to you for prayer. They are foreign to our Western customs, thought, and experience. You hear of demon possession and it seems unreal; you read of it in the New Testament and it seems but a thing of the past. Will this woman's story seem fanciful to you? She can neither read nor write, and she knows little but hard work every day. Some years ago she and her husband together went down to the plains to a famous tem-

ple and there dedicated themselves to a certain god and the priest burned the seal of this god into their necks with a red-hot iron as a sign of their pledge of worship and service to this demon god. A few years ago the Lord brought us into touch with the husband at a time when he was open to the truth. Fortunately, he could read and we encouraged him in searching out the truth from the Bible. As he read, the Word itself gripped him and led him to faith in Christ as Saviour. Through the years that faith has grown and, as the Word brought light, he found himself trusting Christ completely. But the poor wife, without the aid of literacy and the written Word, is still under the power of darkness. Some days ago the young man called here for fellowship, counsel, and strengthening, and in course of conversation expressed a deep burden for his wife and lamented her hardness of heart and apparent inability to receive gospel truth. The very next day the Bible-woman went to see the wife, and in her own sweet, tactful manner inspired her confidence. "Amma," she said, "I do not feel free to speak my heart to the teacher (the evangelist) because he is a man and he may not understand women. And I am ashamed to tell the white Missamma what is on my heart because she may think it strange. You are an Indian woman and so I shall open my heart to you." Then she told the Bible-woman the whole story of how she and her husband by yielding themselves to the demon god, had come into its power. The husband, she said, had been liberated but she was still under the power. "I am bound by that power. I can do nothing about it. I long to be made free." The Bible-woman told her that if she would put her faith in Christ He would set her free. But she had yielded herself once, only to find herself in bondage. She wants to have evidence that Christ is the true God before she yields to Him. "I believe there is one true

a meeting place in the outskirts of Athens and a missionary with several Greek Evangelical natives was arrested while holding a prayer meeting in a private home. Various accusations were brought against them falsely but representatives of the U. S. Embassy attended the trial and they were acquitted and given the right to continue their work. We suggest that all Christians remember this challenge in prayer.

Professors Needed for Africa. This office has been requested to help supply Christian professors to a university in Africa, in fields such as, Accounting, Domestic Science, Mathematics, Economics, English, Chemistry, Commerce, History and Physical Education. Thorough going evangelical professors interested in such a project in Africa, where they may have ample opportunity to give their witness for Christ, are encouraged to write us.

Visas for India. We have received many inquiries concerning visas for India. It was thought that the Indian government might be adopting new regulations for missionary visas and we rather believe that they have made some changes in procedure. From now on we would suggest that India Missions continue as in the past, to apply for their India visas either through Indian Consuls in other U. S. cities or at the Embassy in Washington, using our office if they so desire. Simultaneously, they should have their representatives in India contact the Indian Foreign office to clear the desired visas and to make sure that their missions are on the approved India list. It is not necessary to be a member of the National Christian Council of India to secure this.

Missionaries to Latin America. One of our high ranking diplomats recently stated that missionaries today are causing themselves unnecessary difficulties by insisting to use the word "missionary" in describing their occupation on travel documents. This is especially true in dealing with Latin American Countries where the word "missionary" is considered a gratuitous insult to many of the nationals. They consider themselves to be Christians, not pagans and are usually willing to welcome any profession other than missionary. Colombia, Argentina and some other republics are automatically closed to missionaries. We therefore, suggest that this word be dropped in all passport and visa application forms for missionaries to these lands. As a proper substitute, the words, educator, teacher, clergyman, and so forth could be used.

—Submitted by Raymond Riggs

GUESS WHO

His mother taught him when a child;
Her mother taught him, too;
He went with Paul to many lands
As a missionary true.

Paul wrote two Letters to him once,
As teacher and as guide;
He loved him as he would a son,
And kept him by his side.

—Junior Life.

God somewhere, a god who is Spirit and not made by men's hands," she said. "If He will appear to me in a dream I will believe that He is the true God and I will put my full trust in Him," she promised. Upon hearing this, one of our workers exclaimed, "That is not a difficult thing for God to do. He has often revealed Himself to sincere souls in a vision or dream. He will do it for her."

This woman's story illustrates the reason it is so difficult for idol-worshipping, demon-serving human beings to turn from idols and serve the living God. Romans 6:16 says "To whom ye present yourselves . . . his bond-servants ye are." Many think of heathenism as a powerless religion. This is true insofar as the immediate images which they bow down and worship is concerned, but each idol represents an unseen Satanic force and the demon power behind that idol gets a strangle-hold on the worshiper. It was no idle act when this poor woman and her husband bowed down before this idol and the priest burned that demon's seal into their flesh. In doing this they yielded themselves and became bond-slaves of the power, just as the Scripture says. Pray for this woman and all others in a similar condition. Many men are believing, but they are tortured by their ignorant, illiterate, unbelieving wives who are still held in demon power. This woman's husband said to me, "You cannot understand how a heathen wife can torture her husband." And referring to elderly Ranguswamy, he said, "I think he will have to leave his wife, for he can't live a Christian life under the roof with her."

A young Braham boy through some odd circumstance has come to live in the home of Bro. Thomas, our evangelist. One morning Thomas came in and found his wife massaging the young lad with great concern. "What is the matter—is the lad sick?" he asked. The boy answered for himself, "Sir, I have wrestled with a demon in the night. Since I came here and you told me about the Lord Jesus I have wished to believe in Him, and as I have

heard more I have loved Him and desired to receive Him as my own. So in my sleep last night this heathen god visited me and fought me. He kicked me, bruised me, and abused me, and forbade me to believe in the true God. Look at my arms and my thighs!" It was a fact, and no imagination, that the lad was bruised and aching, and Thomas' wife was helping to relieve his pain. Yes, we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual hosts of wickedness in high places. Satan's throne is here and the devil is not just a myth. Here on this Spiritual battlefield we need to feel the impact of revival and consecrated living on the home front. We count on your prayers.

Yours in His glad service,
Laura B. Barnard
Volena Wilson

PRAYER AND PRAISE LETTER

November 1, 1951

Dear Friend:

Another month has swiftly gone by and here in the office we find ourselves 'swamped' with work—but happy in the Lord—for his many wonderful blessings. Please excuse if we seem over jubilant but we just closed a wonderful revival in Highland Park Church, with thirty-one first time decisions and seven re-claims and a general revival in the hearts of Christians. We have never experienced such moving of the Spirit, neither have we seen such crowds come out for every service. Our revival was really under way when Mrs. Willey visited in our church, and then we had a twenty-four hour prayer meeting which really brought the blessing from the Lord. The pastor was chosen as the evangelist and even, after thirteen years with the same church, we saw mighty results which prove that revivals can be had to-day when we "let go and Let God."

Raymond Riggs

FROM THE FIELD

Anderson, Texas
November 9, 1951

Rev. Raymond Riggs

Dear Bro. Riggs,

I am enclosing check for one hundred dollars, to help reimburse the seven thousand and which was used to purchase the property in India. I know this will be a great help to our missionaries and my prayer is that others will soon respond to this cause.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) John Moody,
Anderson, Texas

OVER HILL AND DALE WITH THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST

Mission House
Sonapurhat
Purnea Dist., Bihar
November 12, 1951

Dear Bro.:

This is a brief report on our first camp of 2 weeks, Oct. 26-Nov. 9. There were 8 in our party. We had 4 missionaries and 4 Indians. We visited between 30-40 villages for the first time, although they have all been visited by our Sontali Worker. With very few exceptions we were well received. I would say that on the average more than a 100 people came to the tent daily. Part of the time 2 teams were out visiting in different directions at the same time. We were also able to give instruction to our Christians in 3 villages. Bro. Cronk baptized 5 who had accepted Christ several months previously, they were all adults, 3 men, 2 women and were from 3 different villages.

We have seekers in 4 more villages. They seem in earnest but we are anxious that they not only shall have experienced the new birth but have at least a working knowledge of the essential Bible teachings and the things of the Kingdom.

We found that cycles were useless in this area and that one could only travel by foot or by horse. The first week we were able to visit 5 or 6 villages, preaching and giving instruction each day but after the nearest villages had been reached we could only include about 3. The last week found me flat on my back a large part of the time. This left a large part of the visiting on Dan's (Bro. Cronk) shoulders and Trula (Mrs. Cronk) bore the greater burden of talking and preaching to those that came to our tent. They were relieved by some of our Indian Workers.

The Cronks made a real sacrifice as interest is daily increasing in and around Kishanganj. We have all been encouraged by the results of this first camp. We trust and pray that the months and years ahead will show forth and bring forth fruit as the results of this 2 week effort in the Master's name.

If my health permits we will hold 3 more camps during the cool months. The Cronks will try and be with us for at least one more and Bro. Cronk will visit a day or two in the others. He also gave medicine to approximately 200 people during our first camp. Four more months will see us leaving here for Bombay and New York. We trust that God's grace will sustain body and soul enabling us to make these last few months really count for the Lord.

Pray for us

(Signed) Paul and Nelle Woolsey

You will notice that within four months the Woolsey's will be starting home for their first furlough. We will need extra money for their passages. Send that Special Gift to-day!

MY SINCERE PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I have long since dedicated my life in prayer for the unsaved. I earnestly pray for the service men and women of all wars. I pray for those who have been taken from their homes, and carried to military camps here and in the foreign lands. I pray for the crippled and blind people, all of the sick and suffering the world over. I pray for the relatives of all who have made the supreme sacrifice, and for all who are troubled in any way.

May the wars cease, and peace reign everywhere. Oh Lord, bless all preachers, and the messages they bring to troubled hearts. May there be a great religious awakening in this and all other countries. I pray unto thee, O Lord, that all the sermons preached by thy messengers may help to win sinners to Christ.

May all Christian people everywhere unite in heart and love in dedicating their souls anew unto the Lord. This is my prayer.

Mrs. Magdalene Brinn,
Church Clerk,
Ransomville, N. C.,
Route 1, Box 10

A GOOD FRIEND OF THE BAPTIST

Mr. R. B. Spencer
Editor Free Will Baptist
Ayden, North Carolina
Dear Brother Spencer:

Enclosed are the subscriptions that I promised to send last week, my solicitation was not complete last week therefore the delay resulted in more subscribers to the paper.

Six two dollar subscriptions are enclosed and five six months subscriptions, total enclosed is seventeen dollars (\$17.00).

This makes a total of seventeen subscriptions sent in by undersigned. I do not take the paper yet I solicited seventeen new subscribers, you have my permission to send the paper to me for a couple of years free.

This brings the total up to eighteen subscribers from our church, we shall look forward to the fine messages in the paper.

Sincerely yours and His,

Rev. Billy R. Yawn,

Box 158, Lowell, N. C.

(Editor's Note: Thanks a lot for your subscriptions. Your free copies of the Baptist paper will be going to you regularly.—R. B. S.)

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

THE ONE TEXTBOOK

F. L. FRENCH

"Well, Jackie, so school has begun again, has it?"

"Yes, sir."

"What grade are you in now?"

"The fifth, and we're going to study geography and history."

"My! You'll be quite a scholar soon; you'll have a lot of books to carry around; I hope you'll learn all that is in them."

"I'll have a lot more books than Mr. Daniels said we would have in the Sunday School. He told us yesterday that in Sunday School we have only one textbook."

"And what book is that?"

"Why, it's the Bible. He said that is the only Book we need to study in Sunday School."

That one Book is the greatest Book in the world; the Book which boys and girls need to know above all others. No matter how much book learning a scholar has, if he does not know that one Book, the Bible, he is ignorant of God, of his own sin and need, and of God's way of salvation. Sir Walter Scott was a great British author. He owned hundreds of books and wrote many himself. When he was sick and on the way to death, he said to his secretary, Locksley, "Bring me the Book!" Locksley asked, "What book, sir?" The answer was, "There is but one Book—the Bible."

It is the Book which God had holy men write; it tells us of God's holiness, who cannot overlook sin, but must punish it. It tells us that every boy and girl is a sinner, needing a Saviour. It tells us that God came into the world as a Man, in order to die on the Cross for our sins, and that God saves all who trust in His blessed Son and confess Him as their Lord.

In Psalm 119 there are a hundred and seventy-six verses, of which all but one have something to say about the Word of God, our Bible.

The first verse says, "Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the Law of the Lord."

Verse 105 reads, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." We need the light of the Word of God so that we may not go astray.

Verse 9 reads, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy Word."

In school and business boys and girls are surrounded by evil and sin, which will defile them and make them impure; but knowing and thinking about the Word of God cleanses them from evil thoughts and words.

Verse 11 reads, "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." Knowing and obeying our Bible keeps us from sin and brings us to God.

Verse 50 says, "Thy Word hath quickened me," or made me alive. Without the Lord Jesus as our Saviour, the Bible tells us, boys and girls, men and women, are dead in sins. The Bible tells us of the Saviour; how to trust Him and be saved, or made alive.

Verse 72 tells us, "The law of Thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver." One might have all sorts of money, but without the Bible he is poor. So verse 127 reads, "I love Thy commandments above gold."

And the Bible makes us wise. Verse 99 says, "I have more understanding than all my teachers: for Thy testimonies are my meditation." So our one textbook, the Bible, is called the Word of God; His Law; His Commandments and God's Statutes.

How important then for us to study it to know it, to obey its teachings, and to love and trust the Saviour whom it reveals to us, our Lord Jesus Christ.—The S. S. Visitor.

WAS IT YOU?

Someone sang a little song,
And the day that had been long
Was brightened by a little song.
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And another heart was stirred
By that little kindly word.
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THE CONQUEST OF CANAAN

(Lesson for December 16)

Lesson: Joshua 1-11; Joshua 1:1-7; 6:1-5, 30.

Golden Text: Joshua 1:5.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

We conclude our study of the beginnings of the Hebrew nation with two lessons upon the book of Joshua, though the Christmas lesson of next week comes between them.

Joshua had been Moses' minister, his military and political helper, as well as religious leader (Num. 11:28; 27:22, 23) in the wilderness for around forty years. He had been a noble and trustworthy character in ministering unto the orders of Moses. God called him, as a tried and experienced man of power and influence, to lead the two million Israelites across the Jordan into the land of Canaan. The Israelites were encamped on the east of the Jordan, waiting orders from their new leader to fold their tents and march across the Jordan.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. God's work does not come to an end because a human leader, whom He has used, dies (Josh. 1:1).

2. God is sure to give us everything He has promised if we will claim it by setting our foot on it (vs. 3).

3. God calls us and expects us to believe His Word, for He usually accompanies His call with a promise (vs. 3).

4. The spiritual possessions which God has provided for us are so great that few, if any, of us have ever possessed all of them (vs. 4).

5. God gives the promise of His every one whom He calls (vs. 5).

6. A holy courage is not inspired by self-confidence but by simple faith in God (vss. 6, 7).

7. The devil knows when his works are in danger, so he shuts all believ-

ers out from them if he possibly can (6:1).

8. Faith can see the fulfillment of God's promise before it comes to pass (vs. 2).

9. Such a procedure might seem ridiculous to military leaders today, and perhaps it would be if the plan were designed by men. God commanded His military commander to gather his army and march around Jericho once each day for six consecutive days, and the commander obeyed his Superior. It was God's military strategy, and it could not fail. (vs. 4).—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

10. The wall fell down flat (Josh. 6:20). It fell inwardly. Archaeology confirms this. The soldiers went straight ahead scrambling over the large stones, taking all before them. Faith without the least sign of anything happening was first. Absolutely no feeling. Joshua believed God. "By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days" (Heb. 11:30).

11. Rahab and the two Hebrew spies (Josh. 2:1-21; 6:22-25). Rahab was not a good woman when we first meet her, but she believed God and did what she could to line up with his cause. She made the honor roll in Hebrews 11. To me her story stands today for the fact that very useful Christians come out of very unlikely circumstances. Also that our safety and happiness lie in lining up with God's plans.

12. The Lord gave Joshua explicit directions concerning the circumvention of the walls of Jericho and the taking of the city, and these directions were carried out. Israel's fighting force numbered about 40,000 (Josh. 4:13). Jericho was the only important town in the Jordan valley, and it was the key to western Canaan. Round about it were many palm trees (Deut. 34:3). The city and its contents were utterly destroyed, except that the silver and gold and ves-

sels of brass and iron found therein were put into the treasury of the house of the Lord.

Take some time to study about Achan's sin. What lessons are here for people today?

13. There were two other important battles that broke the back of Canaanite resistance to Israel, often called the battles of Bethhoron (10:10) and Merom (11:5). The first of these was occasioned by an attack of five kings upon the Gibeonites, who through trickery had induced Joshua to make a covenant with them. Quickly the Gibeonites appealed to Joshua for aid.—Arnold's Commentary.

It was in this battle that Joshua commanded the sun to stand still. Read this chapter again.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Possessing the Land

Last year as I stood on one of the tropical green hills of Bataan, I saw row upon row of still white crosses stretching out over the earth before me. A lump rose in my throat. My eyes dimmed with tears. The remains of high school pals lay buried there on that Philippine hillside.

Then there came to my mind the words of John R. Mott, spoken in 1920: "Unless we immediately send ten thousand missionaries to Japan it will soon be necessary to send a hundred thousand soldiers."

We did not send the missionaries, but the 100,000 soldiers now lie still under lonely white crosses scattered over the South Pacific isles.

Before the collapse of Free China a missionary there said to me, "Unless thousands of American young men go to the Orient with the gospel now, they soon will have to go with guns." The Korean war has shown how true this statement was.

Have you ever noticed the contrast between Acts 1:8 and Acts 8:1? In the first of these verses our Lord promised power for a purpose. But the disciples failed to fulfill that purpose. They stayed in Jerusalem when our Lord had told them to go to the uttermost part of the earth. And when they did not go voluntarily out of Jerusalem, the Lord allowed them to be scattered abroad by violence (Acts 8:1).—Moody Monthly.

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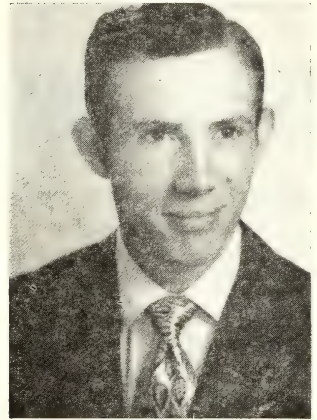
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Rev. W. H. F. Ivey	Selma, N. C.	Mar. 25, 1877	W.
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Rev. M. A. Woodard	Winterville, N. C.	Sept. 6, 1879	C.
Rev. J. C. Franks	Black Mountain, N. C.	Oct. 9, 1890	B. C.
Rev. J. A. Collins	% C. G. Roberts Alexander, N. C. Route 2	Jan. 6, 1872	F. B.
Rev. J. A. Martin	Marshall, N. C. Route 1	Jan. 6, 1872	F. B.
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Rev. J. C. Rogers	Box 22 Rockingham, N. C.	Feb. 9, 1890	P. D.
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Rev. Edgar Fowler	Tabor City, N. C.	Aug. 23, 1876	P. D.
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Rev. N. H. English	Hamlet, N. C. Route 2	April 12, 1887	P.
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These worthy Free Will Baptist ministers look to you, and other loyal Free Will Baptist people to make possible their regular pension checks by your continued support of the Superannuation Program.

This list prepared by:

M. L. JOHNSON, Chairman-Treasurer.



Private First Class Thomas W. Herring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Herring, La-Grange, North Carolina, is better known as "Tommie." He entered the Air Force on August 15, 1951. He completed his basic training at Sheppard Air Base in Texas on October 15, and was then promoted to Private First Class of the Air Corps.

Before entering U. S. service, he was an active leader in church work, and most any place there was any gospel singing, you would find him helping to sing praises unto his Lord.

Tommie is now stationed at Keesler Air Base, Mississippi, where he is taking a course in the Radio School. He still finds time for his church activities. By his serving as a choir member at the Chapel, and regular church attendance, he is in this way trying to serve his Lord. He, like thousands of other boys, hopes to be able to be home for the Christmas holidays.

By his parents

A NOTE OF THANKS

Words cannot express my appreciation for the money which I received from the North Carolina Central Conference to aid me in school. The Lord does have a way of looking after His children, and I know that He will bless the givers.

If at any time I can be of service to the people of the Central Conference, do not hesitate to call on me.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Miss Elsie Dunn, Member
of King's Cross Roads Church
Pitt County, North Carolina

Fear not your mighty enemy, for in Christ you have an almighty Deliverer.—*Silent Evangelist.*

Christ is to human hearts as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.—*Rev. Seth C. Rees.*

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

God teaches us to be "faithful unto death" (Rev. 2:10). Not "faithful until death" but "unto death." That is, "Be thou faithful if it costs you your life." "He that loseth his life for my sake and the gospel's shall save it" (Mark 8:35). In the first scripture used here the promise is "a crown of life" and in the latter it is "salvation."

Millions have and are giving their physical life for the Lord Jesus. We read of the dark ages when thousands and thousands gave their lives before they would give up the Lord Jesus. Often the persecutions came by those who professed to be Christians, killing others who believed differently from what they believed. But a great number of deaths were caused by the infidels.

In the early days of Christianity, the unbelieving killed the believers. Then there came a day when the church of Rome, under the authority of the Pope, killed those who opposed the decree of the Roman church. History gives the facts concerning such religious persecution. In Hurlbut's Story of the Christian Church, he writes the following: "In Spain, the Inquisition was established and untold multitudes were tortured and burned. In the low countries, the Spanish rulers undertook to kill every one suspected of heresy. In France the persecuting spirit reached its height in the massacre on St. Bartholomew's Day, and for weeks afterward, in 1572 when by different estimates from twenty thousand to one hundred thousand people perished. These persecutions in every land where Protestantism was not in control of the government, not only stayed the reforming tide, but in some countries, notably Bohemia and Spain, crushed it." (Pages 164 and 165 Hurlbut's "History of the Christian Church.")

PERSECUTION OF PROTESTANTS TODAY

In "THE AMERICAN PROTEST" quotes the Right Rev. Msgr. F. J. Sheen, as saying: "The difference between communism and the church is not as great as many people think"? "Which is to remind us to say, that if the martyrs to the cause of religious and political freedom could be accurately counted, the Communist would still need to murder many more millions of persons to equal the number murdered at the

instigation of the Roman Catholic Church by governments under its control during the one period of history, viz., the Inquisition. Many of those crimes against liberty were committed in Spain where, within the past 11 years the death penalty or imprisonment have been given some 30,000 Masons to say nothing of hundreds of thousands of other liberal thinkers, who were given equally brutal sentences.

"Moreover within the last 15 months some 25,000 persons in Columbia, South America, have lost their lives because of the religious fanaticism of the Roman Catholic leaders in collusion with the Madrid-Buenos Aires Axis, against the liberals of that country."

"Then, Archbishop Stepinac, reigning prelate of the Roman Catholic Church-State in Yugoslavia was responsible for the slaughter of over 500,000 Protestants, Serbians and Jews. A Minister of the State of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia and a fellow Roman Catholic lamented such barbarous cruelties and urged Stepinac to stop it."

We have said before that the "The Protestant Church is between two great powers." These two powers are opposed to each other when the interest of either runs in conflict with the other. But when they can kill out Protestants where they are in power, they do not hesitate at all, according to the records sent out by news reporters. We only know what we read in the papers about these atrocities. The above quotations are taken from Special Latin-American Edition of the American Protest, and the address of the American Protestant in Defense League, Inc., 350 West 26th Street, New York 1, N. Y.

MAKING AMERICA CATHOLIC

"It was under the title that a five-page editorial, apparently designed to prepare its readers for a Roman Catholic America, when expediency permits, appeared in the Roman Catholic magazine, "Catholic World," of last April. To the average American Roman Catholic, who has never visited a land dominated by his church, this ominous phrase, "Make America Catholic," suggests no unpatriotic allegiance and, the charge that his church is basically opposed to equal rights for religious beliefs, is a shocking revelation.

"The so-called brutal minds in religion, those who would alienate religion from national affairs, blindly assert complete indifference to what every religious belief that is predominant. A godly number of practicing Protestants, particularly those who are not acquainted with the historical background of Roman Catholic intervention in politics, classify as alarmists those who press concern about the avowed Roman Catholic aim to make America Catholic."

"But a careful study of history, together with an intelligent knowledge of official Roman Catholic pronouncements, and an alert observation of contemporary Roman Catholic practice, give most solemn warning that America must not be permitted to come under Roman Catholic domination." This is part of an editorial in the Converted

Catholic Magazine, written by W. M. Montano, a Converted Priest, who now is editor in chief of the magazine.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). America is fast sowing seed that will soon bring fruit, in the sending of an ambassador to the Vatican. A "Union of Church and State" is in the making; and, if it is ever made or completed, there will be only one religion allowed, according to the decree of the Pope. It is that way in Spain today. Protestant schools have been closed and Protestant religious organizations forbidden to worship. The liberals and Protestants are suffering death at the hands of the government dominated by Rome.

HUMILITY

"Humility is perfect quietness of heart. It is a cherished acquisition, and a practiced talent. It is to have no trouble. It is never to be fretted, nor vexed, nor irritated, nor disappointed. It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go and shut the door and kneel to my Father in secret, and I am at peace as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and above is trouble."—Andrew Murry.

"Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest in your souls" (Matt. 11:29).

"Be clothed in humility" (1 Peter 5:5). Quoted from the Converted Catholic Magazine.

TO BE CLOTHED

Since the inspired word teaches us to be "CLOTHED," I take it for granted that it means a FULL DRESS for our soul and body. Not a two-ounce bathing suit or shorts for either. God does not like nakedness, therefore He was not satisfied with the "Fig Leaf" aprons hatched up by Adam and Eve. So He made them a full dress of skins taken from animals. Thus, blood was shed to cover the physical nakedness of man, which shedding of this blood was a type of that Blood that flowed from Calvary, when our Lord gave His life that our sins might be covered by His blood. As animals had to be slain to take care of the physical, so the BLOOD of Christ had to be shed, for without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins."

There are a lot of people who put on shorts in dressing up their spiritual life, thus the shame of their nakedness appears before God (Rev. 3:18). These naked so-called Christians belong to the Laodicean church which is described as the church that is "neither hot nor cold"—the church that God says, "I will spew thee out of my mouth." (Read Rev. 3:14-22).

We certainly are concerned about those who only know of a peace-up dress. God wants us to be clothed IN RIGHTEOUSNESS. Our whole body must be put under the cover.

"I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies

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MISS HATTIE C. WATERS

On September 24, 1951, the death angel visited the bedside of Miss Hattie C. Waters, and closed her earthly stay with us.

She was a member of our church, and very faithful until her death. Her stay on earth was 74 years, 4 months, and 26 days. Left to await their summons are: one sister, Mrs. Sallie Alligood, many nieces and nephews, and a large host of friends and relatives.

The funeral was held at Shiloh Church on September 25, with Rev. J. R. Bennett, and Rev. Ralph Osborne officiating. Burial was held in the church cemetery. We hope to meet you again, Miss Hattie, in the bright and beautiful city of God.

By the Woman's Auxiliary of
Shiloh Church

MRS. C. WALKER WATERS

With sadness and sympathy, we write of the death of Mrs. Roxama Waters, which occurred on October 15, 1951, and she was our sister in the Lord. She was a very faithful member of our church for 58 years. She was a very kind and loving wife and mother. She was called by most people who knew her by the name, "Cousin Amie."

She was married to C. Walker Waters in 1895, and they did enjoy serving the Lord together for 56 years, until the Lord called her away from this place of preparation to her heavenly home. Cousin Amie reached her age of 73 years, one month, and 5 days.

She leaves to await their summons her husband, 7 boys, namely, Jarvis, Walker, Herman, Millie, Elvia, John, and Baker; and two daughters, namely, Dennie and Amanda.

The funeral was preached at Shiloh

Church, Beaufort County, North Carolina, by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Bennett of Bridge-ton, N. C. The burial was in the Latham Cemetery.

By the Woman's Auxiliary of
Shiloh Church

IN MEMORIAM

William Edward Sutton, age 17 years, 11 months, and 26 days, who was accidentally killed in an automobile wreck on the night of December 14, 1950. He was a member of Long Ridge Free Will Baptist Church.

Once we had a darling son,
William was his name;

Since he has gone and left us,
Things don't seem the same.

With such a sweet disposition,
A cheerful word and sunny smile;
Just to have him around
Seemed to make life worth while.

On Thursday, December fourteenth,
Nineteen hundred and fifty
God called to William,
And now our home seems empty.

He was in the best of health
On that cold December day,
When at Eve, with his brother,
And some friends he drove away.

There was no sleep for that night,
For heavy was our load.
For kind friends found him in the wreck-
age
Unconscious on the road.

They rushed him to the doctor
But nothing could be done.
That night we had to part
From our oldest darling son.

Our greatest hope, that life here
Will be enough worthwhile.
That again someday we'll meet
William and see him smile.

We often think of him
And the awful way he died;
How family, friends and classmates
Passed by his casket and cried.

We so often sit and think of him
When we are all alone;
For memory is the only thing
That grief can call its own.

A vacant place is in our hearts
No one else can fill;
But God knows what for us is best
Let us be submissive to His will.

—Written by his Mother,
Mrs. Pearl Wilkins Sutton

a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (Rom. 12:1). God cannot dress us up until we GIVE HIM OUR ALL. When a full and complete yielding is made, then God gives the full dress—A COMPLETE DRESS.

HOME-COMING AT PLEASANT HILL CHURCH, GEORGIA

As two weeks have elapsed and I haven't seen anything about the Home-Coming Day at Pleasant Hill Church in Dooly County, Georgia, I can't refrain any longer from mentioning it.

Several hundred people met, and opened services promptly at eleven o'clock. Song, "Amazing Grace." Bro. E. B. Jones of Glennville, Georgia, read Psalm 100. Prayer by W. L. Cason. Then the further services were turned over to Bro. M. H. Ellis of Cordele, Georgia, who conducted the song service for the rest of the day.

At one o'clock a sumptuous basket dinner was spread which was enjoyed by all present.

The congregation then assembled in the church where good gospel singing was enjoyed by all.

Several quartets and a large number of individual singers were present, and sang 'till after 4 o'clock.

All went home from a well spend day of heavenly and physical feasting to return at 7:30 o'clock P. M., to hear a soul feasting sermon by Bro. E. B. Joiner.

—Reporter

OUR WEDDING-DAY PRAYER

SONG

Poem and Music by Lydia Cortese

Oh Lord, with love we do greet Thee
In holy wedlock, man and wife;
By Thy Hand we would guided be,
Bless us now in this, our new life.

Our step, how often may falter
As we travel our chosen way,
But faith renewed at Thine altar
Shall live with us and grow each day.

The light that shines with Thy love,
Thy wisdom pure from above,
Grant us, Lord, as we pray
On this, our wedding-day.

Oh, humbly to Thy gracious throne
We come to Thee to pledge our troth,
In cherished love our life condone;
Oh bless us, Father, bless us both,
On this, on this our wedding-day.

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There is a wide difference between
knowing about God and knowing
Him.—Rev. H. C. Morrison.

Men never know God but by the
Holy Ghost.—Rev. Seth C. Rees.

PRESS RELEASE TO RELIGIOUS PRESS

Fourteen interfaith organizations have been receiving all the royalties of the religious best seller, "Building Up Your Congregation" by Willard A. Pleuthner, it was announced by Wilcox and Follett, Chicago publishers. "Sending out these royalty checks, says C. W. Follett, is one of my most pleasant tasks in our big operation."

Royalty checks of the popular promotion book which helps churches increase their attendance and effectiveness have been sent to the following interfaith charities: Laymen's Movement for a Christian World; Father Flannagan's Boy's Town; the Golden Rule Foundation; the Christophers; East Harlem Mission; Negro College Fund, Bowery Mission; the Gideons Bible Society; Madison Square Boys Club; CARE: the American Leprosy Mission; and the Christian Community Center in Kiyosato, Japan.

Although the book was introduced only last September, Wilcox and Follett have already had to run three editions to keep up with demand from laymen of all faiths. They read "Building Up Your Congregation" and then pass it on to their clergyman to join in carrying out the many useful ideas outlined in the book.

Despite the fact that the author's plan of giving away his royalties is printed on the frontispiece of every copy of "Building Up Your Congregation," it took nine months before any charity applied for a share of the royalties. The first request came from the American sponsoring committee of the Kiyosato, Japan, Christian Community Center. It was followed in the very same week by a request from Guideposts magazine.

As a result of the great use of the book, Mr. Pleuthner has been invited to speak at leading churches and colleges throughout the country. These include the Episcopal convocation of New York, Union Theological Seminary, Berkeley Divinity School, and the Yale Divinity School. This, and writing follow-up articles requested by religious publications, take up nearly all of his weekends. However, for five days a week the author is

still just a vice president of the leading advertising agency, Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn, in New York City.—(Printed by special request)

The attractive force in Christianity is Christ Himself.—*Rev. Alexander McLaren, D.D.*

We must make God's acquaintance and talk to Him much in secret prayer.—*Rev. G. D. Watson.*

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Beautiful Painting of Christ Knocking at the Door Is Presented to Church in North Carolina



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This picture was made on the occasion of the unveiling of a beautiful painting of "Jesus Knocking at the Door," recently presented to the Free Will Baptist Church at Deep Run, North Carolina, by Mrs. William H. Pulley, Salisbury, Md., in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Furney Davenport, faithful members of the church during their lifetime. The picture was painted in full colors by Rev. John G. Lambrides of Laurel, Md., whose paintings adorn many sanctuaries throughout the country. The persons in the picture are Rev. J. C. Griffin, who delivered the dedication address, and Mrs. Pulley. Rev. L. E. Ballard, pastor of the church received the picture in behalf of the congregation.

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The Pocket Testament League of New York is opening a campaign of Scripture distribution and evangelization in war-torn Korea, patterned after the nation-wide campaigns which are still bringing thousands to the Lord Jesus Christ in Japan and Formosa.

Mr. Alfred Kunz, Executive Director of PTL, reports that the need for the Gospel in Korea is extremely urgent. The Korean people—their country torn apart by war, their homes in ruins, their entire national life in a state of complete collapse—are a bewildered, disillusioned, despairing nation.

The New York Times reported in late October that U. S. Army officials expect many Korean civilians to die before the winter is over. The Koreans see no immediate help for their desperate situation—even if the war should terminate. Morale is so low that many of them will not have the stamina to withstand the rigors of winter coupled with inadequate food, fuel and clothing. These people face the future "without God and without hope." They need spiritual aid as urgently as they need

the food and clothing that America is now sending them.

Glenn Wagner, Foreign Secretary of the Pocket Testament League, flew to Korea in November to complete final plans for the Korean campaign. He had with him a personal letter of introduction to President Syngman Rhee of Korea from General Douglas MacArthur.

The first quarter million Korean Gospels are rolling off the presses now, and Mr. Kuntz reports that the Pocket Testament League is expediting their distribution—that men, women, boys and girls shall not die without Christ.

—Submitted for publication by one who loves the cause of humanity.

THANKS FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS

As the year is drawing to a close, I am wondering if we are as humble and as thankful unto the Lord as we should be to our heavenly Father, the giver of life and the one who sustains life.

But God who is rich in mercy because of his love for us, we should be ever thoughtful of him and his love for us. He has raised us up together and has made us to sit together in heavenly places for the glory of Christ Jesus.

But now in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were afar off are drawn nigh by the precious blood of Christ our personal Saviour. We are told that there is neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. The thought is wonderful to know that our Lord is making intercessions for us. He said for us to neither pray for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through the word, that they all may be one in Christ Jesus.

My prayer is that for them who call themselves Christians would be of one mind and in peaceful accord.

Mrs. May Rouse,
Dudley, N. C.

NEWS FROM THE WESTERN CAROLINAS

By EDGAR W. O'DELL
65 Belmont Avenue
Belmont, N. C.

The Piedmont ministers' conference of North Carolina and the Beaver Creek ministers' conference of South Carolina held a fellowship meeting at the Cramerton F. W. B. church where the Rev. Roy Rikard is the pastor. The meetings was on Saturday morning afternoon and evening. The speakers were Revs. Roy Gosnell of Spartansburg, S. C., L. D. Gray of Kannapolis, N. C., A. F. Lawter of Lockhart, S. C., and Hermon Hersey of Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. Wade H. Calvert of the Piedmont and A. F. Lawter of the Beaver Creek (moderators) were in charge. This was said by all to be one of the best. There were testifying, shouting and praising the Lord. The Lord blest wonderfully. This was so good that there will be another one the first Saturday in May at the Lockhart church in Lockhart, S. C.

At the last sitting of the Piedmont As-

sociation, the goal was set for seven (7) new churches this year, the last session was in August. We are happy to report four new churches now. They are Hamlet of Hamlet, N. C. Rev. Howard English is the pastor. Another is at East Lincolnton, N. C. Brother Foughtner is pastor. There is one near hamlet "Fairview," where the Rev. Williams is the pastor, and one at Smallwood in Charlotte, N. C. Rev. Smith is the pastor. This is our first Free Will Baptist church in the largest city in the two Carolinas. This is a pretty large church. Pray for all these new churches that the blessings of the Lord may be upon them that they may do great things for Him.

Rev. Wade Calvert just closed a good meeting in the Free Will Baptist church in Morganton, N. C. Several came to the Lord. The meeting ran for one week.

This is a young church, and they are just about a block from the depot. They are planning a new church here. Brother Davis from Caroleen is the pastor.

TEXAS CHURCH ENJOYS BANQUET

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Bright Light Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3 Bryan, Texas, entertained the church in a fellowship banquet recently at the Harvey Community Center. The tables were laid with white linen cloths, centered with an arrangement of mixed flowers and yellow tapers. The guest speaker's place was marked by a corsage of mixed flowers.

After dinner, the pastor, Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, introduced Mrs. Huey Gower of Henderson, Texas, and formerly of Nashville, Tennessee, who gave a review of the book, "How I Know God Answers Prayer," by Mrs. Rosalind Goforth, a former missionary to China. Mrs. Gower is now Fifth Vice-President of the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptists and formerly served as Executive Secretary for the organization.

Forty-six members and friends of the church shared in the occasion.

Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook

PROGRAM

Program for the Fourth Union District Auxiliary of the Central Conference, convening with Owen's Chapel, Sunday, December 30, 1951.

10:00—Sunday School, Mr. Ernest Baker
11:00—Devotions, Miss Joyce Proctor
11:15—Welcome, Nick Little
—Response, Mrs. Luther Goff
11:25—Special music, Harrell's Chapel
11:30—Recognition of ministers and delegates
11:35—Sermon, Rev. C. D. Hamilton
12:10—Announcements
12:15—Lunch
1:15—Devotions, Mrs. Tom Tyndall
1:30—Special music, Daniel's Chapel
1:45—Business
2:30—Program by local church
—Benediction

Mrs. Tom Carraway

Olivet Church Has Praise, Prayer, Thanks and Home Mission Program

MRS. SMITH CROCKARELL

Guthrie, Kentucky, Route 1

The three Auxiliaries of Olivet Church, Montgomery County, Tennessee, sponsored a week of prayer program preceding Thanksgiving. Mrs. Smith Crockarell, fourth vice-president of the Woman's Auxiliary, was program chairman. The program was divided into three main divisions. The first division consisted of a praise service under the leadership of the pastor the Rev. Charles Sapp. Praise songs were sung and a responsive praise scripture was used followed by a prayer of praise.

The next division was the prayer and thanks service. The Go-Tell and Y. P. A. Auxiliaries were in charge of this portion of the program. Betsy Crockarell, Go-Tell president, read where we were commanded to "pray without ceasing." She told how this command had once troubled her but using her own experiences she explained how she now understood how even children could pray without ceasing. Rita Siler, secretary of the Go-Tell Auxiliary, led the meditation and prayer of thanks for the different phases of our church program. As each one was mentioned, the entire group responded with "We Thank Thee, Lord." This was followed by a special duet, "Did You Think to Pray," by Miss Carolyn Olson and Mrs. Fred Beffa.

Mrs. Crockarell gave the poem, "Shall We Pray On" to introduce the Y. P. A.'s part in this division of the program. The Y. P. A.'s showed we MUST pray on and gave examples of those who had prayed on until the answer came. Alvin Moore, Jr., gave examples of Biblical characters whose prayers were answered. He pointed out some incidents when prayers were answered for Moses, Jonah, Paul and Elijah. Mrs. Walter Head, president of the Y. P. A. Auxiliary and Mrs. Richard Parham, leader for the Y. P. A.'s, each gave present day experiences. Mrs. Head told of a teacher who always had her class bow for prayer at the beginning of each class period and as a result out of this class one boy became a successful surgeon who always has all doctor and nurses assisting him bow for prayer while he asks his Father for direction, help and strength before he goes into the operating room. His prayers are surely answered and many doctors have explained this as the reason for that doctor having hands so steady and eyes so unafraid and courage so strong. Mrs. Parham told of answered prayer experiences taken from the book, "A Hundred Years with a Free Will Baptist Family," which was written by the Rev. Paul Woolsey. She told also of an unusual example of a prayer being answered when a poor woman wrote her prayer for food on a piece of paper and presented it to a mer-

chant as her only means of paying for the needed food. The groceryman used this prayer paper as the weight to balance the scales to show the lady how little she could buy with it, but the results of this prayer was astonishing for no one can explain why the scales broke at that moment and the weight would not rise, no matter how much food was placed on the scales. Mrs. Crockarell added to this a brief review of answered prayers of Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, as taken from her book, "Rolling Stones." At the close of this division Mrs. Beffa and Miss Olson sang, "Have You Prayed It Through."

The next division of the program was on Home Missions. This part of the program was sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. George Head, third vice-president, reviewed the book, "Christ and Our Country," by Bishop Arthur J. Moore, which was a splendid review of Home Mission work. She gave the definition, the aim and scope of Home Missions. She told of the Home Mission work in the west and in the mountains of rural America, and of the much needed work in larger cities with the foreigners. She pointed out that the local church's responsibility for Home Missions begins at its door and can only be done by the pastor and his congregation. Following Mrs. Head's review a sacrificial offering for Home Missions was taken which came to \$50.00.

The church carried out the harvest motive in decorations, which included gift bouquets of chrysanthemums and at the altar were three large boxes covered in harvest colors. Each box carried the lettering of the program divisions as: PRAISE, PRAYER and THANKS—HOME MISSIONS.

At the conclusion of the program the boxes were turned and the lettering on the back read, LOVE GIFTS FOR "THE SAPPs." Here the audience brought pantry gifts for the pastor, the Rev. Charles Sapp, and his family and placed them in these boxes, as "Bring Ye All Your Tithes into the Store-House," was sung by Alvin Moore, Jr., Frank Murphy, Mrs. Walter Head, Miss Carolyn Olson, Mrs. Fred Beffa, and Miss Nancy Bellar. Mrs. Jesse Hayes, president of the Woman's Auxiliary, served as pianist throughout the program.

NEW IDEALS FOR OLD

He who, having lost one ideal, refuses to give his heart and soul to another and nobler, is like a man who declines to build a house on the rock, because the wind and rain have ruined his house on the sand.

NORTH CAROLINA REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Raleigh, Dec. 6.—A family guide on alcoholism, written and published by the North Carolina Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program, is now ready for state-wide distribution, it was announced today by S. K. Proctor, executive director of the ARP.

The new family manual is a 52-page, pocket size booklet titled CORNERSTONES For Building A Better Understanding of Alcoholism and For Securing Ethical Help For The Sufferer.

According to ARP Director Proctor, "This booklet is designed to show some of the factors contributing to alcoholism, the progressive stages, and how it can often be recognized and diagnosed in its earlier stages. It gives some suggestions to the family and friends as they attempt to cope with this problem in their family circle."

The ARP guide takes the reader on a verbal journey of the following cornerstones to better understanding:

What's Wrong With Joe; A Democratic Illness, At Least; Steps Toward An Insidious Illness; Some Teasing Temptations; There Is Help—Realistic, Experienced; Some Vital Whys—A Drama of Reasons; Human Personality—A Prime Factor; Desire Should Match The Need; Into The Clinic And A New Day; Balanced Treatment—Like That Of Butner; Rehabilitation—A New Attitude; and A New Approach To An Old Problem.

As part of the ARP educational services, the guide can be secured by writing the North Carolina Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program, Box 9118, Raleigh, N. C. —Printed by request

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

Because of a serious heart ailment suffered by the chairman of our Radio Commission, Rev. W. A. Hales, the first broadcast of the Free Will Baptist Hour scheduled for January 1, 1952 has been postponed for at least 60 and possibly 90 days.

Plans were developing rapidly for the first program until Mr. Hales suffered two heart attacks. Because of this, it was deemed advisable by the Commission to wait until he was recovered enough to resume his activities. Barring further delays, the first program will be ready by March 1 or April 1.

We wish to express our thanks to the many individuals and churches who have responded financially to this cause and we urge you to continue your regular support. Send your contributions to Rev. James A. Evans, P. O. Box 203, Wilson, North Carolina.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Vice-Chm.,
Rev. James A. Evans, Secy.-Treas.

Responsibility gravitates to the shoulders best able to bear them.—Elbert Hubbard

My EXPERIENCE in PRAYER

By NAAMAN BORDERS, Waverly, Ohio

At another time when I was going to talk and pray for a dying man, I had to go through a man's yard. All at once the lady (if we can call her such) came out on me very unexpectedly and began vilifying me over some lies her children had told her and I could not do a thing with her. She would not listen to me, when I tried to tell her the truth about the incident. She cursed and swore and blessed me out until she aired herself properly. (I think she was drinking.) She was a newcomer in the neighborhood and was a nuisance to the vicinity. After taking the abuse, I went another route and went on to pray for the sick man. I soon discovered it was a trick of the devil to keep me from praying for the man. That is "one time I suffered persecution for righteousness sake," and Jesus said on such occasions to rejoice and be exceeding glad. When I went home that night I said to my wife, "Let's pray to God that that family might be removed out of that neighborhood." In ten or twelve days one of my neighbors said to me, "Mr. Borders, I hear your neighbors have sold out and are going to leave you." Those bad folks were the neighbors he referred to. If that was not a direct answer to prayer, I would like to know what to call it. There are many other prayers I have had answered, that I am not recording and many experiences I am leaving out but I am recording enough to convince the most skeptical to prove that the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and His ears are opened to their prayer, and the prayer of a righteous man availeth much. We do not profess that we are so righteous for we feel that we are one of the most unworthy mortals that ever lived and full of shortcomings and mistakes. We have been humiliated by false brethren almost unto despair but we remember the Lord

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said, "I will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able to bear."

One more incident I would love to record is the following: Several years ago I mortgaged my place to get money to put up a nicer building than I had. I managed to pay about half but then bad luck struck me and hard times set in. I also got crippled so I could not work or get about, or make a penny for six months. Some bad debtors beat me out of some good money. Seems like all our troubles come on us at once. It seemed for six months that I could see no way out. Everything was dark as a dungeon to me. The Building and Loan Company gave me a certain time to make a payment of at least \$100 or they would foreclose on everything I had. I could not sleep scarcely any for the last week, looking for the foreclosure. I just lay awake and prayed for God to send me a buyer for half of my little farm. In just a day or two here came a man that bought half of the place and that meant enough to pay off the debt. I felt that was a direct answer to prayer. It made me think of the song:

"He may not come in a hurry,
Sometimes you'll wonder why,
Not in the way you expected,
But He always comes in time."

You may ask, "Does He answer every prayer you pray?" No, He doesn't give me everything I ask for. Neither do we give our children everything they ask for. No matter how much they cry for a razor we will not let them have it. There is that great man of faith, Elijah, that got so discouraged that he lay down under the juniper tree and prayed to die. God would not grant him that request because He had something better for him than death. God send down the holy angels with a chariot with horses and fire carried him up to the pearly gates without having to suffer the pangs of death. Jesus said if you being evil know how to

give good things unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give good things to them that ask Him.

Note that word "Good." We might ask for some things that wouldn't be good for us. When Jesus Himself prayed He said, "Not my will be done, but thine be done." Again, it's God's will sometimes for us to hang on and pray until we do get our petitions through. Elijah prayed several times for rain before he saw that little cloud about as big as a man's hand, then he knew he had got his prayers through and he said for them all to make haste and get down from here and flee unto the cities. I think they all got a good soaking. Jesus himself, at one time, went out and prayed all night. He tells us about a widow woman calling on the unjust judge and kept on calling until she worried the judge and he said, "I must avenge her of her adversary because of her continual coming."

Jesus came into the world to give us that abundant life and he wants his children to call, knock, and pray until we do get that joy and happiness that is unspeakable and full of glory. O, if we would earnestly contend for that faith that was once delivered unto the saints. He said for us to exercise our faith. By exercising our faith, we became strong in faith. I don't think he wants his children to suffer unless it is to bring them closer to him. There was a very close neighbor of ours once operated on for appendicitis and the doctor must have cut her intestines, or either it bursted. Her father was there and he didn't believe in divine healing and had said many hard things against it. When we saw food and refuse working out through the incision he became frightened. She was going through much agony. She wanted the Christians to pray for her, and he finally gave his consent. We gathered around and prayed. Her suffering ceased at once and we saw no more of that refuse and

the incision grew up without the aid of a doctor. Could these things just happen without divine intervention? I don't see how they could. The Bible says that all things are possible to him that believeth.

I think it was the same spring that the above incident happened that our baby, about a year old, took a severe fever and we called a doctor. The doctor came about daybreak and said the boy had double pneumonia and a bad case of it. He gave some medicine and gave instructions. He left and said he would be back at one o'clock. The boy was choked up and had a high fever; so much so that we decided to call in some good folks to pray for him. They came and prayed about 9 o'clock. It was on Sunday morning. The minister said he had the evidence that he was healed and left. When the doctor came at one o'clock the boy was down in the floor playing. The fever had gone and his breathing was perfect. The doctor was surprised and asked what we had done for him. If the medicine had done it, the doctor was surprised at it. You can pass your judgment upon it; but my judgment is that the Great Physician had a hand in it. In fact there is much more accomplished through prayer than most people imagine. When men are overwhelmed with perplexing problems, they invariably turn to God. Our extremity is God's opportunity.

Some people say they believe every thing in the Bible and that God wrought mighty miracles through Moses, Samson, Gideon, Jephtha, David, Elijah and Elisha, Peter, James, John, and Paul, but they cannot see how God can have men this day and time that can get such remarkable results through prayer. Doesn't the Bible say that He is just the same God yesterday, today and forever? Doesn't He tell us to contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints?

Don't you remember the story of Eddy Rickenbacker during the last war who was thrown out on the ocean and drifted around on a life raft for twenty-one days without food? He and his men prayed for relief and a seagull alighted on his shoulder and he reached up and got it and saved their lives until they

were rescued. Don't you remember the wing of a plane was shot off and they came in on a wing and a prayer? Remember the song?

My own son who was in the European theater can tell of such a miraculous escape. Yes, and many others. One such incident happened during an engagement in the navy which portrays the faith a certain boy had in his mother's prayers. While the battle was raging, the cannons booming, the shells screaming through the air, and while the submarines and bombs were churning the mighty deep, then the flag was shot off the mast. The captain called for volunteers to go up and tie the flag back and this young man asked what time it was. It was fifteen minutes till twelve and not a sailor would volunteer for the job. He kept calling for several minutes. Finally the first boy said, "What time is it now, Captain?" The captain pulled out his watch and said, "It's exactly twelve o'clock." The boy pulled off his coat, threw it down and up the staff he went. He placed the flag to its place and came down. The captain said, "Boy, why didn't you go when I first asked you?" He replied, "Sir, my mother told me when I left home that every day at exactly twelve o'clock she will be on her knees praying for me. I know I am safe."

Jesus said over and over, again and again, "Only believe," and you shall have the things you ask for. If our faith is weak, we can say as one of the Apostles, "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief." Little sins cripple our faith; also, when we fail to do our duty as Christians our faith weakens.

When the last great war was on and our four sons were in the army, one night, October 24th, I felt a great urge to get out of the bed and pray for the boys. I first feared to get up and get on my knees to pray for fear the family would think I was a little fanatic. I lay there and prayed as long as I could stand it. The longer I stayed in bed and prayed, the greater the urge was to get out of bed and down on my knees. Finally I did just that. I then felt at ease. I thought I would remember that date. When the war was over and the boys came home I asked them if they re-

membered what happened to them on October 24th. One of them said, "Yes, Dad, I sure do; on that day I was sure in a tight spot." During that time this boy was surrounded by Germans. He and his men took shelter in a stone building and stayed there five days and nights without a bite to eat except a little sugar. Each night the Germans drew in a little closer with machine guns. The enemy set fire to the roof several times and our boys climbed to the roof and put out the fire. On the fifth day they bombed the building down. They had to pull my boy out of the debris. He said, "Boys, we'll have to run." He took a hand grenade and ran straight to a machine gun nest and blew it up, killing three or four men. He said the men just stood and looked at him. About forty of his men took off through a freshly plowed field for about 300 yards. The rain had been falling and the field was plenty muddy. The mud splattered all around their feet and not a man killed while about a thousand shots were fired at them.

After having gotten down in a hollow out of danger they consulted as to how they were to get back to the main army. They had no compass and couldn't tell which direction was north or south, it being cloudy. This boy went off to himself and got down on his knees and prayed for guidance. When he arose from prayer and wiping the tears from his eyes, he looked down at his feet and saw a compass that someone had lost. He told the boys to come on and let's go for I have found a compass. They traveled through the woods and fields for five miles in the night until they came up to one of our sentinels. When the sentinel cried, "Halt!" they had a hard time convincing him that they were Americans since it was dark.

To show you how God works on both ends of the line at the same time, I will tell you what else happened here at home. We were at Sunday School and Church during the time he was going through those trying days. My wife called the church for special prayers for her boys. She said that she felt the boys

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Editorial Comments

THE GIFT AND THE GIVER

We are nearing the Christmas season when it is the time for the giving of presents to friends and loved ones. It is always a pleasant time for the buying of presents, and the arranging them into beautiful packages.

It is with great joy that most people look around to see whom they should give presents to please them and to make life more enjoyable during the Christmas holidays. This is what it should be, because most people are appreciative of the gifts that they do receive during the Christmas season.

This year there are so very many things for people to give thanks, it is hard to know where to start and where to stop. But this we do know: The orphan homes, the poor widows, the corrective institutions, the hospitals, and many worthy causes are always standing in need of financial help for the good of those who are there standing in need of help. This Christmas those who have money, and who are considerate of the needs of others will have the opportunity to do a good service by making suitable gifts to the poor and needy. It will be true that a great many American people will make splendid gifts for the poor and needy in that war shattered land of Korea in the old world. And that is what a great many people should do. Those people who are starving and freezing to death do certainly need the love, sympathy, and material blessings of those people because they now have no way to earn their bread and necessary clothes to keep them from freezing this winter. Let us hope that a great many of our church people will be certain to make gifts to the right sources so that aid will go to those dear people.

Then there are schools, orphanages, and other institutions that need to be remembered this Christmas, and should be given large sums of money to enable them to move forward in a very strong way. There are people with tremendous incomes, and many of them do not know where to invest their money. They can do a most wonderful thing by giving wisely to these most worthy causes to bless humanity, and to thank God for all the wonderful blessings which he has bestowed upon them in the past. It is significant that great hearts do this very thing and serve as blessings unto multitudes of people over the country. Let us hope that this will be true in a greater sense than it has ever been done before in the history of this great nation of ours.

THE WAY A MAN LIVES

The way a person lives day by day determines very largely the type of life he sets forth before the world and before God. His interests, concern, and application to a calling determines his happiness, his interest, and his achievements in the world. There was nothing that made Christ's days more happy than when he was out among the people bringing to them the truth of eternal life, and also blessing them with his divine healing powers. And it was true that those who were blessed by his tender hand and consoling words were always made happy and were cheered up to greater desires in life. His contact with the people always meant great blessings to them, and it resulted in the multitudes laying down their work and going after him for more satisfactions.

It is the wish of man that he will have something to cling to and to become interested in for the satisfaction of his soul. It has been said: "The idle brain is the Devil's workshop." And so it is in a great many instances. But the Lord Jesus sought to interest people everywhere to become interested in the blessed things of the soul of mankind. As he reaped great joys in serving mankind, so individuals should today be so interested in the good things of life as to be able to do a great work for the cause of mankind in the world about them.

There is always plenty of space and time for a person to become busy with things that will become not only a blessing to him and his family, but also will be of great advantage to multitudes of others. Money and personal pleasures of the flesh are not the things that give most people the best of happiness and satisfaction. The Christmas season is one in which most people should be drawn closer to the Lord, and be more concerned about their spiritual lives, and spiritual pleasures. Loved ones and dear friends can go only so far in the joy of making and contentment of a person's life. They have their limitations. But the fullest satisfaction to the human soul is that deeper joy of communing with the Lord, and the feasting on His word through prayer, reading of the Bible, and deep meditation in spiritual worship before the throne of grace. That is what counts most for the soul of man.

THE REAL WORTH OF CHRISTMAS

The real worth of Christmas is hard to define for the average person in this country. To a great many people Christmas is only a day of rest from toil, with the joy of a good dinner, and some friends to enjoy it with such people. Back of this such people get very little more from the historic Christmas day. A day of rest or leisure from manual labor or irksome labor, and that is all. But there are those who see more than this in Christmas day.

To most intelligent and trained people, as well as with most children and young people, this day has a great deal more for them to think about. To such people, it is holy and sacred. It is meaningful and wholesome. A day in which all should have assembling places for worship and consecration unto the Lord. It is a day to them of praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord for all of his manifold blessings which they had received during the past year. To them it would be sinful and ungrateful not to take time to think of God and his goodness unto everyone. To them they see the need of praise and worship before the Lord on this day, and to sing praises unto him for all of his benefits unto the children of men. To them the day is significant and meaningful.

Christmas is a time for individual checking of habits, achievements, kind of living one has done during the year closing, and the time for making new decisions for the years to come. Man is a being who needs time for meditation, deep consideration, and a checking up of his habits, disposition and his outlook for the years ahead. His worth is measured by the steps he takes week after week, and year after year, as he moves along the path of time to the setting of the sun. What he has sought to become will make of him what he really is, and what mankind views of his life is the record which he leaves behind when he is gone to his reward.

Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey Report on Indian Mission

Mission House, Sonapurhat
November 14, 1951

Dear Friend in Christ:

Isn't it wonderful to be able to write: "Friend in Christ"? Here we have many "Friends" but so few "Friends in Christ." But thanks be to God, our Heavenly Father, they are becoming more and more numerous. Now in ten villages, from near the Nepal Border to that of East Pakistan, a distance of more than 35 miles, we are greeted in the Name of Christ by those who profess to be His. In four of these villages the converts have not yet received Baptism as we feel a period of instruction and waiting is beneficial.

This Fall and Winter we plan four camps—We and The Cronks have just finished a two weeks' camp on a river bank in the jungle. We found that our cycles were useless and that we could only go by foot or horse back. We visited between thirty and forty villages and had, on the average more than a hundred visitors at the tent each day. Our party numbered eight people and all were busy from morning to night.

We have baptized eighteen in the past twelve months and have more than that number under instruction waiting baptism. Pray for all these new converts whether they have received baptism or not.

This has truly been a pioneering task.



A Glimpse of the Mission Compound

ing here, is daily traveled by buses, trucks and motor cars. Many of the villagers saw their first white man when they saw me for the first time. My first Gospel Message in most of the places I have gone was the first Gospel message ever heard in that place. We have lived in the tent when we had 18 inches of rain in a 24-hour period, also when it was well over 100 degrees in the shade. We have slept in our clothes with our blankets over us and our little oil heater going all night and yet felt damp and cold. Tigers have been seen within a tenth of a mile, I have crossed rivers with water running across the saddle and wade water many times up to my arm pits. I have crossed rivers as many as 15 times on one trip. Why do I write this since we did and do count it nothing? Roads are being built. In villages where not a soul could read three years ago, many children are attending school. People everywhere are receiving tracts and hearing the Gospel. At least a large part of the Pioneering stage is completed. We have enjoyed this

work more and felt closer the Lord and ever before. But we feel that the work here need younger and better trained workers. We had a definite call to this work and you, God's people made it possible for us to answer the call. Wherever we may go or whatever we made do, our interest, prayers and love will be with the work here.

We hope to see you again soon and have a long talk with you. God being willing we will leave Bombay for U. S. A. the last of March (20th) and will arrive in New York on or soon after the 16th of April. We plan on visiting as many Conferences and Conventions, ad churches as possible during the first four months after our arrival in the U. S. A. Be seeing you soon.

(Rev.) and Mrs. Paul Woolsey



Rev. Woolsey on Mission Horse to Make Evangelistic Tour

FROM THE FIELD

Greenville, N. C.
November 29, 1951

Dear Brother Riggs:

I want to be one of the seventy that are going to give a hundred dollars apiece on the property just bought in India. I know that there are more than seventy that could give that much. I do hope and pray that it will be sent in soon.

You may give Reedy Branch Church credit for this amount. I am sending one hundred dollars you may send me the receipt. May the good Lord bless you all in this work is my prayer for you all.

Very sincerely

(Signed) Mrs. Evelyn Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Bagley Morris of Fremont, N. C., have also sent in one hundred dollars toward the India property fund.

Send your Foreign Mission Offerings to:
Rev. Raymond Riggs,
242 Victor Avenue,
Highland Park, Michigan

Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm . . . It moves stones, it charms brutes. Enthusiasm is the genius of sincerity, and truth accomplishes no victories without it.—Bulwer



Doctor Bango Dass, Wife and Baby

The first time I came to Sonapurhat, the road—if it could be called such—ended several miles from Sonapurhat. I made the last miles by bullock cart arriving between one and two o'clock in the morning. The second time, I walked in with a man hired to carry my baggage. In places the mud was over my shootops. Now the main road from Kishanganj to Darjeeling, pass-

FROM THE FIELD

Fremont, N. C.
November 28, 1951

Rev. Raymond Riggs
242 Victor Avenue
Highland Park 3, Michigan
Dear Bro. Riggs :

Enclosed is a Post Office Money Order for \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) to be applied on the purchase price of the Mission property in India. We certainly are happy that the Lord has blessed us that we are able to be one of the 70 to help purchase a home and other property for our faithful missionaries who are laboring for our Lord's cause of that field.

We are praying that before or by January 1st, you will have received enough to clear this transaction. We do believe that Miss Barnard and those other dear missionaries should be relieved of this added financial strain, and our prayers are to that end.

It was our pleasure to have Miss Barnard in our home and church just before she sailed back to India this last time, and we believe her to be one of God's own messengers.

Yours in interest of His cause,
(Signed- Mr. and Mrs. Bagley Morris

A CHARGE TO KEEP I HAVE

(The following is the beautiful and stirring Charge given to the Rev. Billy A. Melvin at his ordination to the full Gospel Ministry November 25, 1951, in the Memorial Auditorium of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, directed by the Presbytery of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists. Outstanding features of this ordination lay in the fact that this service occurred on Billy's 22nd birthday and the the Charge was delivered by the candidate's own father, the Rev. Henry Melvin.—C. F. Bowen, presiding officer.)

Brother Chairman, members of the Cumberland Presbytery, brethren, and my son:

It is needless to say that I come to this hour with deeply stirred emotions and this act of giving the Charge to my own son upon his ordination to the full work of the Gospel Ministry involves a great deal that is personal and intimate.

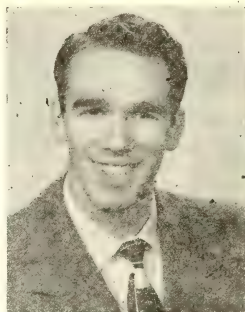
If I may be granted the privilege of reminiscing, I shall use it as the basis or background for this Charge.

My son, I well remember the day—it was twenty-two years ago today that you were born in the city of Macon, Georgia. Your mother and I watched you grow and develop as a normal boy and then came that Sunday morning in the home church—which was Edgemont in Durham, North Carolina—when you made your public profession of faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour at the age of ten years. With my own hands, I administered unto you the sacred rite of Christian Baptism; oft I administered to you the Lord's Supper and fellowshiped with you in the humble rite of Washing the Saints' Feet.

The years passed rapidly and you, like every young man, passed through all the developing emotions which are a part of normal life, among which were the questions: "What shall I be?" "What profession shall I follow?" You ran the entire gauntlet of adolescent hero worship—from that of being a policeman, a fireman, a postman, to that of an airplane pilot!

By nature, you are very mechanically inclined and as you matured your natural inclinations were leading you into that field. But, son, again I remember another time . . . when you knelt at the altar of the church in a surrender of your life . . . There were yet some months of struggling as the battle raged. Would you live your life as YOU willed it, or would you live your life according to HIS will?

Then came the series of studies on the Holy Spirit which the Holy Spirit used to lead you definitely into the path which the Lord had for your life. Once again it was in the home church that I saw you kneel at the altar—this time to die to all selfish ambitions and dreams and to follow in the plan and pattern He had for your life. It



REV. BILLY MELVIN

was then that you stood and declared yourself publicly for the work of the Gospel Ministry before a congregation that had known you from babyhood.

After this public declaration, son, brother Frank Joyner—remember him, son?—came to me and said: "Brother Melvin, I suppose you are surprised at the stand which Billy took tonight." I answered: "Not in the least, brother Frank; rather, I would have been surprised if he had not taken the stand." For, son, like your father, before either of us had ever opened our mothers' wombs, we were dedicated, in the event we were sons, to the work of preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ . . . So now, despite personal ambitions we have set our faces as flint to that most glorious task of all tasks: the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And now, son, that you have met the requirements of your church for ordination, we are come to this solemn hour in this public service when the Presbytery sets you apart to the "full work of the Gospel Ministry according to the usages of the Free Will Baptist Church." And it becomes my solemn duty as your father, and at the kind and deeply appreciated thoughtfulness of the Cumberland Presbytery, to deliver to you the Charge of the work of the Gospel Ministry.

I would charge you first, my son, ever look to the keeping of your own faith and spiritual life. In the words of Paul to Timothy: "A bishop (the overseer of souls) then must be blameless, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality . . . not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous . . . not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without."

The sermon preached by the life of the preacher carries far more weight than do those preached from the pulpit—so, let your life be an example. As Jude says: "Keep yourself in the love of God" and see to it through that consecration of life and

by CLARENCE BOWEN, Nashville, Tenn.

habits that your life is one that will glorify Him, who has purchased you by His own blood, and cause those about you to be constrained to glorify your heavenly Father.

I further charge you, my son, with the fact that you are called to be a preacher. This statement on the surface may seem superfluous, but when one has had occasion to observe many that have assumed the high calling of the ministry, and yet apparently are content to do very little about it, or by becoming entangled with various professions of the world, their ministry becoming a "side-line," I feel the necessity of urging upon you the charge—that if you are called to be a preacher, you are called to be a preacher. God has not called you to be

a politician,
a business man,
a school teacher, or
a social service worker—

but you are a man of God peculiarly called. You are not entering a profession.

You are entering upon the full work of a calling—a divine calling. Literally, you have not chosen, but have been chosen.

You are not out to make a living, but to make a life.

You are not out to GET, but to GIVE.

I charge you, my son, that the impelling motive that has stirred your very soul—that irresistible CALL, a call that is clarion to the soul—is the call to preach the Gospel. I charge you, never step down to a lower task.

I further charge you, my son, that you are called to be a preacher—a preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Just here I would charge you of the solemn fact that if you live of the ministry of the Free Will Baptist Church, honesty demands that you preach the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist Church—not with bigotry and hatred—a thousand times NO!—but preach them with conviction, yet with Christian kindness and true charitableness to all who may disagree.

However, with all the fervor of my soul, I charge you, my son, preach the Gospel—

not essays on moral subjects;
Not lectures on learned subjects;
not theories—

leave all these to those who do the lesser tasks. Remember, you are a preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Even then, I charge you, let not your preaching be about

Christ as the idealist, or as
Christ the Great Teacher, or as
Christ the perfect man even—

He is all of these and infinitely more. Preach the Gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation. Preach Him as the crucified, yet risen and ascended Christ of Calvary; the only hope, yet the

sufficient hope of all men who will believe. I charge you, my son, preach the Gospel.

I would further charge you, my son, with the serious responsibility of your calling.

1. The preacher of the Gospel does not deal with things material; but with things eternal.

2. He is responsible for the general spread of the Gospel.

3. He is responsible for the building up of the saints or Christians over whom the Holy Spirit may from time to time make him the overseer.

"Reprove, rebuke, and exhort
with all longsuffering."

4. He is responsible for the unsaved of his congregation or parish—yea, all men who come under his ministry.

I charge you to remember that God has set you as a watchman upon the wall. If you are unfaithful and warn not the sinner—yea, if all the ardor of your being is not exerted in the warning—their blood, remember my son, will God require at your hands.

I further charge you, my son, with the sorrows and joys of your calling.

I would not be true to you nor to the high calling to which you come if I were not to charge you that there will be sorrows

when those you trust, betray;
when all the pent-up furies of hell seem
to loose themselves against your soul;
when failure comes after apparently
having done your best;
when you must walk alone in order to
be true to your convictions and the
call to duty that is within your soul.

Ah, yes! but there are also JOYS!

Joy when victory comes at the end of
each of the above named sorrows.
Joy when you lighten a burden.
Joy when you have brought sunlight into
the shadows of a life.
Joy of joys—my son, when you have taken
the hand of a lost sinner and placed
it within the grasp of the nail-
scarred hand of Jesus.

Yea, in the words of the Apostle Paul to Timothy, his son in the ministry: I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned into fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

Thus I charge you, my son, in the next three verses of the glorious end of your calling:

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous

THE PAWNED BOOK

Dr. W. P. Mackay left home to attend college at the age of seventeen. His mother gave him a Bible, writing her name, his name and a verse of Scripture on the fly leaf. He graduated with very high honors and became the head of an infidel club where they practiced everything that was licentious and vile. He was open in his ridicule of God and the Bible. The only thing that gave him any thrill was when an ambulance would unload some patient in a critical condition.

One day they brought in a man on a cot, the lower part of whose body had been horribly crushed. On his face, however, was a look of calm and peace so pronounced that it amazed Dr. Mackay who was accustomed to seeing people suffer. With a smile the patient asked what the verdict was.

"O, I guess we will pull you through and fix you up," replied the doctor.

"No, doctor, I don't want any guess," the man said. "I want to know if it is life or death. Just lay me down easy, anywhere, doctor. I am ready. I am saved and am not afraid to die." With a face fairly shining with radiance, he continued: "I know I am going to be with the Lord Jesus Christ.

"He says, 'Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out,' John 6:37, and I have come and accepted Him as my own personal Saviour. But I want the truth. Just what is my condition?" Whereupon the doctor replied,

"You have at the most three hours to live."

The doctor was touched and thinking there might be relatives to notify, asked:

"Is there anything you would like to have us do for you?" Thanking him, the injured man said,

"In one of my pockets is a two weeks' pay check. If you can get to it, I wish you would send it at once to my landlady, and ask her to send me the book."

"What book?" inquired the doctor.

"O, just the book," the man answered. "She will know."

Dr. Mackay arranged for the man's request to be cared for, and then started on his rounds through the hospital.

judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee;
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace.
And may the God of peace, that brought
again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that
great Shepherd of the sheep, through the
blood of the everlasting covenant, make you
perfect in every good work to do His will,
working in you that which is well pleasing
in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom
be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

God bless you, my son.

But those words kept ringing through his ears,

"I am ready, doctor. "Just lay me down easy, anywhere, doctor." "I am ready."

Dr. Mackay had never been known to inquire about a patient from any personal interest, but for the first time in his life he wanted to know how this one was getting along. He returned to the ward where the man had been placed, and seeing the nurse whom he had assigned to the case, he inquired as to his condition.

"He died just a few minutes ago," the nurse informed him.

"Did the book get here?" asked the doctor.

"Yes, it arrived shortly before he died," the nurse answered.

"What was it? His bank book?" inquired the doctor.

"No, it wasn't his bank book," replied the nurse. "He died with it under his pillow."

"What was it?" asked Dr. Mackay.

"It is still there. Go and look at it," said the nurse.

Dr. Mackay went to the bedside, reached under the sheet and drew a Bible from under the pillow. As he did so the Bible opened and the pages turned over to the fly leaf. There in his mother's handwriting, was Dr. Mackay's name, his mother's name and a verse of Scripture. It was the Bible given him by his mother when he left home to attend college. In a drunken brawl he had pawned it years before in order to get whiskey.

Dr. Mackay slipped the book under his coat and rushed upstairs to his private office. He asked God to have mercy upon him, and in repentance accepted Christ as his Saviour. He came into the realization that,

"God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8, and that

"By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8, 9.

God had His eye on that Bible, and planned it so that it would get back to the person to whom it was first given, to be used for his salvation.

"The Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Heb. 4:12.

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Now is the Accepted Time to Labor

We are workers together with Him. That His way may be known upon earth. Many of us probably have not thought too much about this our watch word for 1951. It's meaning should furnish us with all the inspiration we need to go forward with Christ in his work, not until we realize what a full partnership with God means and strive earnestly through prayer, study, soul winning, Stewardship of time, talents, and money, can we accomplish anything for His glory.

To do this we must not be passive, indifferent, and put off until a future time what we can do now, for in II Cor. 6:1-2 Paul tells us: "We then, as workers together with Him Beseech you also that Ye receive not the Grace of God in vain. Behold now is the accepted time—Behold: Now is the day of Salvation."

I'm afraid that some of our auxiliaries have become root bound. After potted plants stay in a small pot too long the roots become tangled because they have no room to spread and grow. Finally, the plant will wither and die. Like plants, our auxiliary for want of new ideas, new thoughts, will cease to move forward. They will become root bound. We must seek new ways, new ideas and broader understanding so that we may be able to win more souls for Christ.

Before we seek to enlist others into the service of God let us search our own souls and know that we are truly crucified with Christ, and that he rules and reigns in our hearts. Let us be able to say with Paul—"I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I; but Christ liveth in me—For ever." The worst sinner, can recognize the Spirit of Christ in his fellowman. After we have enlisted new members into our auxiliary we usually have a tendency to sit by, and feel that we are really making progress. Some of these new members will lack the courage to do those things they feel they can do. In all our auxiliaries there are those

who are capable of filling a real place in the service of God if they were placed under greater responsibility.

Let us remember that we are all saved to serve. Too many today believe that harmlessness is holiness, that the only requirements for being a Christian is not being bad. We are so ready to tell of the things we don't do wrong, but the important thing is what are we doing for Christ. We should labor together with God to show new Christian members their place in His service.

For after one has cast sin out of his heart, unless he is willing to take up the cross with Christ, sin and evilness will come back and upon seeing nothing to take its place will enter again into that one's life, and make it worse than ever.

As women and members of the F. W. B. Auxiliary we are also mothers. In our homes we have a great opportunity to teach and train our children in God's way. Let us not neglect to give our children Christian training at home. The Scriptures tell us: "Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation."

Laborers Together

We are laborers together with God
Living on earth here below
He's depending on all his disciples
To let all his people know,

That he gave not his angels in Heaven
To save us from sinful graves
He gave His most precious possessions
A sinful world to save.

God's plan of salvation is all over
It's finished completed, just right
He depending on all his workers
Always to carry his light.

So think of your friends and your loved ones
Living their sinful way, never dreaming
That a new tomorrow might be their final day.

As you stand there over them weeping
With your sorrow so heavy and great
The cold, cold words will be ringing too late, too late.

If only I had just warned them
And told them of God's great love
Their souls would now be resting
Up there in Heaven above.

As workers together with God
Let's tell all of his wonderful plan
Not only here in America
But those in foreign land,

For when my work here on earth is all finished
A life crown in heaven I've won
I want to hear God's voice saying
Thou faithful one, well done.

And again; "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." The greatest lesson we can teach our children is to live Christian lives before them and let them see in us kindness, patience, meekness, honesty, and sincerity. Not only this but we should give them special instructions. We should have a special time for the study of God's word and prayer. A family altar and prayer is our most vital contact with God. It is the very breath of a Christian, and God will meet us in prayer any hours we choose. "With heart never changing and brow never cold." If more prayers were prayed by more people, friends would be truer, neighbors would be better, it would help to roll away the darkness, the hatred and sorrows of this earth and the beauty and happiness of Heaven would be made clearer. God heard Solomon's prayer. Answering said: II Chron. 7:14, "If my people, shall humber themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sins, and heal their land." That is God's message to his people today. Through our united prayers great changes can be brought about in world conditions. If God could be accepted by all people as Our God, all people would naturally be accepted as "Our Brothers and Our Sisters," and all races and creeds would find that shining star of human kindness and brotherly love.

The responsibility of being a soul winner is given to every Christian. There are millions of unsaved people in the world today, whom you nor I probably never felt the call and may never feel that call to go as a missionary to a foreign land, but out of the millions of unsaved in the world there are some in your community, my community, and it's a great challenge to all who know Christ to go out and win those to Him.

In seeking to do this let us not dwell too much upon the picture of Hell, but show them the beautiful picture of Heaven. If I started out

to be a certain place and came to a crossroad, was undecided which road to take, I would ask a man standing there the right way and he began telling me that if I took the wrong road it would be rocky, rough and that I would finally get to the place where it was too narrow to turn back and finally I'd be lost if I took that way. When he finished talking I still would not have reached my destination. I would still be at the crossroads. Let's show them Christ, for he says, "I am the Way." As co-labourers with God it is our duty to sow the seed of righteousness and God will water and care for it and give the increase.

As labourers together with God we should not expect fame and fortune here upon earth. Our reward is in Heaven, but there is one reward we as Christians do have here on earth that is peace. Peace of heart and mind, Jesus in comforting his disciples says in John 14:27: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you; Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." A splendid example of this peace was given in an incident that happened at an art institute. A prize was to be given for the best picture illustrating peace. One picture showing a quiet pasture on a warm summer day with motionless cattle standing in the shade of a tree by the side of a quiet blue pool was the choice of many of the spectators. Great was their surprise when the award was given to a picture of a turbulent waterfall with the branches of a tree blown violently by a wind that equalled the swiftness of the water dashing over the rocks below. Back under the waterfall in the crevice of a rock a little bird sat on its nest pro-

tected by the rock from the wind and water unconscious of the raging storm. Its little bill was opened in song, what a great picture representing the peace we too can enjoy here on earth, where sinfulness, fearfulness are embedded in the hearts of mankind and where war is raging, but, if we are sheltered in the rock of God's great love we too can open our mouths with praise to God and peace in our hearts. Unafraid of tomorrow for we know that God is with us always.

As laborers together with Him let's renew our efforts in every way for now is the accepted time to labor,

ATTENTION FREE WILL BAPTISTS EVERYWHERE!

On January 13, 1952, the Billy Graham Evangelistic party begins a great revival campaign in the city of Washington, D. C. Christian people everywhere are being asked to pray for the success of this revival. I am sure that you realize how much it would mean to our nation and the nations of the world if success would attend this venture and our Governmental heads would come to accept Christ. This could well be the turning point in this dangerous world crisis. We must join forces with countless other Christian people over this nation of ours in earnest prayer for the blessings of God upon Billy Graham's ministry in our nation's capitol.

THEREFORE, I am calling upon every Free Will Baptist church to call a special prayer meeting on the night of December 31 and again on New Year's Day, January 1, for the specific purpose of praying for the colossal undertaking of revival in Washington. I am also taking the liberty of writing Billy Graham, assuring him of our prayers as a Denomination for the success of the effort.

Signed:

Damon C. Dodd, Promotional Secretary
of the National Association of
Free Will Baptists

for we know not at what time Jesus will come to earth again and we want to be ready to face Him unashamed, knowing that we have fought a good fight.

This talk was given at the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention at Glennville, Ga., by Mrs. C. C. Sheffield, Leary, Ga.

NOTICE

To the F. W. B. ministers and churches of Georgia and Florida, I am planning to spend February, March and April, 1952, in those states. Any minister or church desiring my services for a week or ten days will please write me at once, and I will notify you when I can be with you. If you wish references, write Rev. M. H. Mellette, Turbeville, S. C., clerk of the South Carolina Conference.

Rev. E. P. Kirby,
Cades, S. C.

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Farm Sales	2,499.61
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Total Receipts	\$13,037.20
Deduct, Paid Outs:	
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	\$ 6,157.74
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THE PROMISE FULFILLED IN CHRIST

(Lesson for December 23)

Lesson: Luke 1 and 2; Luke 1:46-55; 2:1-7.

Golden Text: Isaiah 9:6, 7.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

"The Babe lying in a manger" (Luke 2:16).

"While He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into Heaven" (Luke 24:51).

"This same Jesus * * shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go" (Acts 1:11).

These three stand up, like linked summits in a mountain. We can understand none of them unless we embrace them all. If the story of the birth is true, a life so begun cannot end in an undistinguished death like that of all men. And if the Ascension from Olivet is true, that cannot close the history of His relations to men. The creed which proclaims He was "born of the Virgin Mary" must go on to say "He ascended up into Heaven"; and cannot pause till it adds "From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead." So we have then three points to consider in this.—Alexander MacLaren, D. D.

1. Magnifying the Lord will be our occupation through eternity, and it is the most blessed activity in which we can engage in this life (Luke 1:46).

2. We can rejoice in the greatness and character of God, but our greatest joy comes from knowing Him as our Saviour (vs. 47).

3. All generations of true Christians confess that Mary was greatly blessed, but not that she can bestow any blessings (vs. 48).

4. God never exercises His might apart from His holiness, that is why the great things He does are things of blessing (vss. 49, 50).

5. The mercy of the Lord is not bestowed temperamentally nor temporarily, but from generation to generation (vs. 50).

6. The strength of the Lord scatters and shatters the swords and spears of the scornful (vss. 51, 52).

7. God remembers the needs of the hungry, nor does He forget the boasts of the rich and haughty (vs. 53).

8. The promises of God are reliable and sure to be fulfilled because it is God who gave them (vss. 54, 55).

9. was a decree of Caesar Augustus, Roman emperor, that sent this newly married couple all the way from Nazareth to Bethlehem. God used the great emperor to fulfill the prophecy that the Messiah should be born in Bethlehem, for had it not been for this decree no doubt they would have remained at home in Nazareth.—Selected.

10. We may summarize briefly this song, namely: (1) In the first part Mary praises God for all he had done for her (vs. 46-50). (2) In the second part she praises him for what he had done, and would do, against the oppressors of his people (vs. 51-53). She, in the third part, praises God for what he had done, and would do, through his Church (vs. 53-56) for the world.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

11. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. Evidently Mary was acquainted with the Mosaic law and the prophecies of the Old Testament, and she sang out her experiences with the Lord in perfect agreement with the words of the psalmist (Psalms 106:1; 107:1; 118:1; and others).—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. "We have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world." Much will be said about the Christ Child this Christmas, and lessons will be drawn from His Childhood; but if the purpose of His advent is omitted, we shall miss the important and essen-

tial thing. The supreme need of the world to-day, as in the first century, is a Saviour, and it is our privilege to declare how God, in Christ, has fully met that need. One thing which impresses us in John's Gospel and Epistles, is the number of times our Lord emphasized the truth that He was sent of God (John 3:17, 34; 5:38; 6:29; 7:28; 8:29, 42).

II. The Lesson Illustrated

A Christmas Experience of World War II

Captain Bruce Bairnsfather, a veteran of the World War, telling of his experience in Flanders on Christmas eve and morning, says: "As the dawn came I was able to see the situation. Our soldiers were everywhere in disorder. Some were standing on the parapet, a position which at a normal time would have meant sudden death. Others were straggling out into 'No Man's Land,' past our barbed wire, laughing and talking. Looking toward the German lines I saw precisely the same scene. Numbers of German soldiers were swarming out of their trenches toward us. The soldiers of both armies were approaching one another across 'No Man's Land' with smiling curiosity in just the way a crowd surges over a football field after a match. Something had leaped across the intervening space, like the leap of electricity between two overcharged spheres. The Spirit of Christmas had been too much for war. We were soldiers who had fought, and had to continue fighting. To stop suddenly and be friendly seemed a preposterous thing, but there was a greater force than armies at the front that night."—The Sunday School Times.

ENTHUSIASM

Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money and power and influence single-handed. The enthusiast convinces and dominates where wealth, accumulated by a small army of workers, would scarcely raise a tremor of interest. Enthusiasm tramples over prejudices and opposition, spurns inaction, storms the citadel for its object, and like an avalanche, overwhelms and engulfs all obstacles. It is nothing more or less than faith in action.

"Usually, why does a human being laugh?"

"Usually, just to avoid offending a friend."

LIST OF SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS

The following is the list of all the ministers' names, addresses, and dates of birth, who are now on the Superannuated List of the North Carolina State Board of Superannuation, as of January 1, 1951.

Names	Address	Date of Birth	Conference
Rev. H. R. Faircloth	Smithfield, N. C.	Feb. 15, 1882	C. F.
Rev. Howard Pipkin	Mt. Olive, N. C.	Oct. 15, 1881	E.
Rev. L. J. Potter	Sneads Ferry, N. C.	June 26, 1879	E.
Rev. W. E. Anderson	1400 Shepard St. Morehead City, N. C.	Dec. 9, 1872	W.
Rev. W. G. Pike	Selma, N. C. Route 2	Aug. 27, 1887	W.
Rev. W. G. Boykin	State Hospital Raleigh, N. C.	Oct. 10, 1900	W.
Rev. Barney Griffin	606 Sycamore St. Kannapolis, N. C.	July 30, 1892	W.
Rev. W. H. F. Ivey	Selma, N. C.	Mar. 25, 1877	W.
Rev. M. L. Cummings	119 W. Hargett St. Raleigh, N. C.	June 2, 1876	W.
Rev. W. A. Dail	Winterville, N. C.	Aug. 23, 1876	C.
Rev. M. A. Woodard	Winterville, N. C.	Sept. 6, 1879	C.
Rev. J. C. Franks	Black Mountain, N. C.	Oct. 9, 1890	B. C.
Rev. J. A. Collins	$\frac{1}{2}$ C. G. Roberts Alexander, N. C. Route 2	Jan. 6, 1872	F. B.
Rev. J. A. Martin	Marshall, N. C. Route 1	Jan. 6, 1872	F. B.
Rev. B. E. Guthrie	Walnut, N. C.	July 15, 1880	F. B.
Rev. J. C. Rogers	Box 22 Rockingham, N. C.	Feb. 9, 1890	P. D.
Rev. I. J. Greene	Chadbourn, N. C. Route 1	Nov. 29, 1863	P. D.
Rev. Luther Inman	Conway, S. C. Route 1	Nov. 10, 1893	P. D.
Rev. H. C. Adcox	Box 202 Bladenboro, N. C.	April 7, 1873	P. D.
Rev. Edgar Fowler	Tabor City, N. C.	Aug. 23, 1876	P. D.
Rev. H. H. Snyder	Box 142 Erlanger Sta. Lexington, N. C.	Jan. 22, 1891	P.
Rev. N. H. English	Hamlet, N. C. Route 2	April 12, 1887	P.
Rev. Duffy Toier	Chocowinity, N. C.	Oct. 4, 1880	E.

These worthy Free Will Baptist ministers look to you, and other loyal Free Will Baptist people to make possible their regular pension checks by your continued support of the Superannuation Program.

This list prepared by:

M. L. JOHNSON, Chairman-Treasurer.

MY EXPERIENCE IN PRAYER

(continued from page five)

were in great danger and that they needed our prayers. We all had special prayers for our boys. When this boy came home we figured out the best we could the day we had prayer in church for him and we decided it was the same Sunday.

Dear reader, I will tell you one more incident that seems very real to me and then you can pass this booklet on and let someone else read it. If you have had any inspiration in it, maybe someone else can be helped by it. I have given it to you as nearly right as I know how to tell it and I pray God that it will do you some good.

The last incident I will relate is this: Sometime ago a certain person tried to poison her husband's mind against me by talking about me. It hurt me so badly I could hardly endure it. No one until this moment knows who, when or where this happened. But I could read between the lines that this poisonous influence was going on. I took it to the Lord in prayer. In order for me to know positively that I got my prayer through I said, "Lord, I want you to make her so sick tonight that she will have to confess and quit."

The next day her husband told me that she was sick all night and couldn't sleep. The next day he had to take her to the doctor. I don't know whether she confessed it to her husband or not but he did take her to the doctor. So, dear friend, I am thoroughly convinced that prayer changes things. Let us look up and believe what David says: "Because thou hast made the Lord which is my refuge even the most High thy habitation, there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For He shall give His angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways.

IT'S ALL IN WHERE YOU LOOK

"When I look at the congregation," said the preacher, "I ask myself, 'Where are the poor?' And then, when I look at the collection, I say to myself, 'Where are the rich?'"

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

WINDOW SHOPPING

Often I go window shopping, then I see things that I would like to be the owner of, but not willing to pay the price, even if I had it, so I get some joy out of leaving it off, nevertheless, often I think that at a later date, I will get so, and so, and that gives a little encouragement toward the future possession.

Often I find people who are window shopping, so to speak, concerning the good things that the Lord has on display, every day, for all, who will pay the price. But like my physical, window shopping, they just look forward to a day when they expect to come in possession of those things that are spiritual. Thus they are saying, "Not now but after awhile I will be in better position to secure that for which in reality, I really long for." They just keep "window shopping" thinking that they will get better prepared for receiving at a later date. They go to church, they listen to the message from the man of God and often think before the message is half delivered: "I will make that decision when the invitation is given. But the time comes, and they go on to another window without going into the BUILDING OF GOD and surrendering their life to the Lord Jesus. They go to the Sunday school. They listen to a good teacher and hear the words of the Lord as written in the lesson and decide that they are good and are almost persuaded to make the decision, but they go on, sometimes from church trying as sometimes stated, looking to get into a church that they think to be better than all the rest. So from church to church, from day to day, they go on "window shopping," and often die as a window shopper, never coming to the "Knowledge of the Truth."

These window shoppers, usually say, "I'm not ready yet," when they are invited to come in by some servant of the Lord.

SALVATION A GIFT

You do not have to purchase SALVATION. It was purchased by the BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST. All that man has to do is to accept it at the hands of the Lord Jesus. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast;" (Eph. 2:8, 9).

So we are not saved because we do some-

thing, WE ARE SAVED BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN SOMETHING ALREADY DONE. THE "FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST." When He said, "It is FINISHED," He had made the work COMPLETE. Therefore "We are complete in Him." (Col. 2:10). "For it is God which worketh both to the will and to do of his good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13).

If WATER baptism could save us, then it would be of "WORKS." But not of works, but "BY GRACE, THROUGH FAITH."

Not because we Pray, but because we BELIEVE ON THE FINISHED Work. If I could pray THROUGH, It would be of works, and I would have something to "BOAST OF." I could say "I PRAYED THROUGH" and God saved, me." Yes, we are SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH." Salvation is of the Lord, purchased at a Tremendous COST. It took the blood of the Lord Jesus to do the work. We can add nothing to that BLOOD. It was sufficient. It satisfied God. I believed in it and it SATISFIED ME. "I am satisfied with Jesus." I cannot trust myself BUT I CAN TRUST HIM. He COMPLETES THE WORK.

My lost friend stop going around looking for satisfaction. Walk right into His wonderful STOREHOUSE and find everything that you need for time and for eternity. He has it all just by asking in faith; you receive ETERNAL LIFE.

TOO LATE

I looked at a suit that really I liked. The color was just what I wanted. It was a perfect fit, but I thought the price too much so I went on "window shopping." So after a few days, I decided that I would go back and get that suit, but when I got back I was too late to make the purchase. So often I have heard the word, "He just waited too long." "He was a good boy and went to Sunday School and to church, but never made the decision for Christ.

Often I have had to say, the last words over that dead body, when I would have been so happy to have been able to say, "He was a real Christian and I am satisfied that he is at rest, instead of having to say, "He was a window shopper, always looking around."

These window shoppers, always find something wrong to their mind, due to the fact that they are looking for a denomination instead of "SEEKING CHRIST." They can tell you about the many faults of the church. There is a plenty, too much, wrong with the denominations, BUT EVERYTHING IS ALRIGHT IN CHRIST. So my friend, quit that going around and go direct to the Lord Jesus who has said; "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He is able to meet your every need. He has the "Robe of Righteousness that fits every true repenting sinner, who will believe His word." This garment does not have to be made to fit you, you are made to fit in the

suit as soon as you turn away from your sins, BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus, with a yielded life unto Him, you are made a Child of God.

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENES

The Texas State Association convened in its 37th annual session, October 30, November 1, at the Mt. Olive church, near Henderson, Texas. Rev. A. A. Williams is pastor of the church.

The theme of the convention was, "Reaching the Lost." Speakers and messages were, Rev. Huey Gower, Henderson, "Passion for Souls," Rev. R. B. Crawford, Bryan, "Reaching the Lost by Preaching from the Pulpit"; Rev. Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tenn., "Reaching the Lost Through the Ministry of the Free Will Baptist Bible College"; and Rev. C. B. Thompson, Houston, "Winning the Lost Through Personal Contact."

The Association unanimously adopted a resolution reading as follows: "The Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists strongly opposes the appointment of an ambassador or envoy to the Vatican." Copies of the resolution were wired to President Harry S. Truman, and Honorable Senator Tom Connally, chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Association went on record as actively, prayerfully, and financially supporting Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvary in their preparation to get on the mission field in Japan and to support them after they get to Japan. An offering of \$215.16 was received for this purpose. Sufficient funds to increase this amount to \$300 was taken from the State Association treasury.

Rev. Henry Melvin, representing the F. W. B. Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, received \$778.00 in cash and pledges for the college.

General officers elected were:

Moderator, Rev. Noah Tuttle, Houston
Asst. Moderator, Rev. R. E. Conner, Buffalo Springs

Recording Secretary, Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, Bryan

Treasurer, Rev. Herbert Richards, Denton

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The entire session was blessed with harmony, fellowship, and the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

The next session of the State Association will be at the Pleasant Mound church, Buffalo Springs, Texas., October 28-30, 1952.

Alvin F. Halbrook,
Recording Secretary

DO YOU GET DISCOURAGED

Do you feel the urge to quit when you fail once or twice before making your plans work? Think of this—the great Edison failed ten thousand times before he made the incandescent light work!

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

REV. A. R. FLOWERS PASSES

Brother A. R. Flowers died at the Masonic and the Eastern Star Home on November 23, and the funeral was conducted at the Baptist church in Wendell, North Carolina, on November 25, with the interment in the Wendell Cemetery.

Brother Flowers was 82 years of age. He was taken with a heart attack a week before his death, and never regained consciousness. He has one sister, Miss Ida Flowers of Mount Olive, N. C., and two brothers, B. E. and W. F. of Wilson County, North Carolina.

Brother Flowers was a school teacher of note for many years in the state of North Carolina. He took his college training at the University of North Carolina a great many years ago. He was counted in his day of teaching as an outstanding teacher and leader of public education. He was at the head of the Theological Free Will Baptist Seminary of Ayden, N. C., for the year 1918 to 1919, and made a good teacher and leader of this Free Will Baptist Seminary for boys and girls. He was greatly appreciated by the students, and the other faculty members of the school. Feebleness of body prevented him from leading the school more than one year.

Following that time, Brother Flowers traveled quite extensively lecturing in churches, and public places in the interest of worthy boys and girls who sought to obtain higher education above the high school level. As a result he was able to find arrangements for many worthy students to get assistance to go to colleges and seminaries for higher training by getting organizations and special friends to give to them the needed financial assistance. He was the means of seeing that quite a few students entered the Free Will Baptist Seminary at Ayden, North Carolina, for religious training. He was greatly liked by all the students who came in contact with him.

Brother Flowers was a Free Will Baptist in faith, and in his early days he pastored quite a number of Free Will Baptist churches in Eastern North Carolina, and was considered as a man of outstanding educational and religious knowledge. He was well informed in economics, history, the American way of life, and many other subjects of interest to wise thinkers.

Brother A. R. Flowers lived simply, humbly, and consecratively before his fellow men, and the world. He never sought to stand in the way of any one, but to be a

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blessing and a servant to mankind wherever he went, and whatever he sought to do for the elevation of those with whom he came in contact. His going means that a great personality has been called from us, and that heaven is made that much better for his passing.—R. B. Spencer, His Life-Long Friend.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Our Heavenly Father called home our beloved friend, Sister Hattie Beaman, on July 4, 1951. She was 77 years old. She was a member of Free Union church, Greene County, and the Women's Auxiliary. She was the oldest member of our auxiliary and was very faithful until death.

We thank God for all the good things she did and we trust that our loss is her eternal gain.

The many floral offerings attested to her many friends.

Therefore be it resolved:

First, That in the passing of Sister Beaman, the Women's Auxiliary has lost a very faithful member, but we trust our loss is her gain; and we bow in humble submission to God.

Second, That we wish to extend to her bereaved family our deepest sympathy, and we trust we shall all meet again where we'll never say good-bye;

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy be placed in our minutes, and a copy be sent to The Free Will Baptist Press for publication.

She has left her friends and loved ones in this sinful world below;
I pray that we shall meet her
In that happy home above.

Respectfully submitted:
Mrs. Viola Tyndall, Chairman,
Mrs. Irma Rae Hardison,
Mrs. Elsie Hardison

IN MEMORIAM

The prince of peace in gathering precious jewels, for his mansion, came on October 25, 1951, and claimed the spirit of Mrs. Melcie Lewis Barrow, making her stay on earth 78 years.

She had been in failing health for some

time, although she was only in bed about ten days.

Everything was done for her that loving hands could do, but God always knows best and took her home to rest.

She was a member of Oak Grove F. W. B. Church. Also a member of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Aunt Melcie, as she was better known, was gentle and kind and always ready to help those in need. She was loved by both young and old, black and white.

Heaven is her gain, as a reward for a well spent life, whose faith in Christ was expressed in her daily walk.

She leaves to mourn her loss 4 sons, 2 step-daughters, several grandchildren, a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Elbert Edwards, of Chocowinity, assisted by Rev. Graham Baker, her pastor, at her home near Vanceboro, N. C.

The body was laid to rest in the family cemetery, beside her husband who preceded her to the grave 8 years ago, beneath a mound of beautiful flowers.

Aunt Melcie it was not far, you had to go.

You have followed the path we all must go;

Your sorrow and sufferings are now over.

Your life crown has been won.

Mrs. M. W. Barrow,
Woman's Auxiliary Reporter

A WORD OF THANKS

I should like to express my sincere thanks, and appreciations to all the Woman's auxiliaries of North Carolina, and the neighboring states for the nice cards and gifts which I received for my birthday. May you ever have the blessings of Christ in your good work.

Sincerely yours,
Rev. J. C. Franks
Black Mountain, N. C.

The funny thing about your dreams is that you have to stay awake to make them come true.—Martin Vanbee

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

THE BLIND BOY'S PAL

CLARA M. BROOKS

Joan had gone to the house crying. "That hateful Clyde! I wish I didn't even have a brother!"

"What's happened now?" Mother asked. "My brand new bike's ruined. That pesky Clyde ran into it just as I was turning the corner. And look here at this tear in my dress!"

"Try not to worry, Joan, we must pray for Clyde, and when your father gets back he will have a good talk with him."

But Clyde had not played outside long when he spied Joan's pet kitten, and soon Miss Persian was crying piteously while Mother tied some splints on her leg.

Father had plenty to say that night—and do, and Clyde went to his room feeling very sorry for himself. And it was not a bit funny to have to unlock his bank and dump every penny out to pay for Joan's bike repairs. "Why don't folks keep their old bikes and cats and things out of the way if they don't want them smashed?" was the wicked thought he let into his heart.

For a few days after these affairs, Clyde acted better. Then he seemed to forget, and started in the old way again. Up town he rode so carelessly that he almost ran into a dog that was leading a blind boy. But by putting on his brakes real hard his bike stopped just in time.

Clyde watched how quickly the boy's doggie friend, a fine German shepherd, jumped between him and danger. "Some dog, I'll say," he muttered, as the dog carefully guided the boy along. Clyde followed them to where the boy lived, and saw the dog go slowly up the steps to the sun porch, then lie down in front of his charge as if he meant to guard him with his life.

"Fine dog!" Clyde called, keeping at a safe distance.

"Lie still, Buddy. He's a friend," said Denny, for Clyde's voice was friendly. "He really is fine," he said to Clyde; "he never leaves me night or day. Before I got Buddy I was always stumbling over things and running into folks. But now I am spared all that trouble for Buddy is a very trusty guide."

Running into folks! Clyde was thinking. That's what I'm always doing. In a short time Clyde was telling Denny about his own meanness. "I almost ran into you there on the street today. There's something that makes me like to pester other folks. I always feel awfully mean afterwards, but I go right on doing the same things again.

Maybe if I had a dog like Buddy it would help me to be a better boy!"

"It isn't just having a guide," Denny explained, "but in obeying him. If I tried to go my own way instead of letting Buddy lead me, he would be of no use to me."

The bike that went rolling down the highway carried a very thoughtful boy. Clyde was thinking of Christ who had often asked to be his guide, but Clyde had not said, "All right," to Him. "I guess it was Christ that told me not to break Joan's bike, and I'm sure glad He didn't let me run over Buddy and his blind pal."

Clyde leaned his bike against a tree and looked up and asked Jesus to come into his heart and lead him to do right things. "And I'm going to listen to You, Jesus, for Denny says it's no good having a guide if you still go your own way."

"Say, Father, if you don't mind, after I get all the chores done could Joan and I go and see a sort of pal of mine? It's the blind boy down the highway, and I really like him a lot. He has a new buddy—a seeing-eye shepherd dog, that I know Joan would be fond of—anybody would."

"Why, yes, Son," father replied. "Just so you're not out too late."

"I don't know what's come over that boy of late, Mother," he said when the children had gone. "You can trust him anywhere. And he always asks now, instead of just going off when and where he likes."

"Joan says he talks a lot about following his new Guide. I really think Clyde has become a Christian—he is so changed."
— P. Boys and Girls.

"Beginning to study electricity at your age?"

"Yep, I want to learn just enough about it to trim a Christmas tree."

"Aren't you going to put up any mistletoe?"

"No, boys don't seem to need any nowadays."

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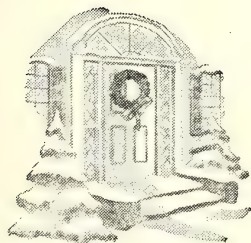
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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. C. L. Patrick will begin a series of Sunday School Teacher Training courses at Free Union in Greene County January 1, and at Grimsley January 2. Each class will begin at 7:00 p. m., and meet one night each week for twelve weeks. Interested persons from other churches and communities are invited to register and attend. These courses while primarily designed for teachers and prospective teachers are very helpful for all who would be better workers for the Master.

C. L. Patrick

A WORD OF THANKS

I take this privilege to answer the many Christmas cards which I received from many ladies and friends, and auxiliaries over the country. Many of them have come to me from all over the State of North Carolina. You will not be able to know how much these gifts pleased my heart.

Christmas is soon coming again to us, and I do hope and pray that God will bless every one of us this Christmas season. I will be 80 years old on January 6, 1952. I had been preaching for fifty years the Gospel to lost souls. I pastored churches for forty years, and the Lord wonderfully

blessed me. He has blessed many souls, and many have been saved through my preaching of the gospel to the lost.

Now I am looking for the coming of the Lord soon. May God wonderfully bless everyone in my prayer. May everyone have a good Christmas and a happy new year.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
Rev. J. A. Martin,
Marshall, N. C.,
Route 1

PROGRAM

Central Second Union Sunday School Convention of North Carolina convenes with Reedy Branch Church December 30, 1951.

10:00—Sunday School by local school
11:00—Devotions led by Hull Road S. S.
11:15—Address of welcome by Mr. Russell Little
—Response by Mr. Connie Hines
—Special music by Hines quartet
11:30—Sermon by Rev. C. L. Patrick
—Brief business period
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions by Pleasant Hill S. S.
1:15—Business period
1:45—Oral reports by delegates
2:15—Special music arranged by Rev. D. A. Windham
—Miscellaneous business
—Adjourn

By Committee

Mr. Junior Lee Dail
Mrs. Loyd Johnson
Mrs. H. L. Spivey

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Fifth Union of the Eastern Conference of Free Will Baptists which convenes with Pilgrim's Home Church, December 29, 1951.

Theme: The Gospel, Our Stewardship.

"A dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me."—First Corinthians 9:17.

Morning

10:00—Devotional, by local church
10:15—The call to order, Moderator's remarks
10:20—Receiving the letters
—Seating the delegates
—Recognition of the ministers
—Recognition of the visitors
—Appointment of the committees

NO BAPTIST FOR NEXT WEEK!

Since Christmas day will come next week, we will not get out a Baptist paper for our readers.

For the New Year 1952, we will have a special number which will go out on Wednesday, with new messages for the New Year for our readers to enjoy. Many things will be run in the first number for January for the good of the subscribers. We will lay plans for the new year for a great work of our Baptist paper.—EDITOR.

—Reading minutes

10:45—Our Stewardship Obligation—"Pulpit Qualification and Service," by J. C. Griffin
11:05—Special Music by Friendship Church
11:10—Our Stewardship Obligation Accepted by Woman's Auxiliary, by Mrs. W. J. Gaskins
11:25—Congregational song and offering for orphanage
11:30—Our Stewardship Obligation Portrayed in Union Sermon, by Clifton Rice
12:00—Luncheon

Afternoon

1:30—Devotional period by Willie Stillely
1:40—Reports from churches not reporting in morning
1:45—Our Stewardship Obligation Realized through the Teaching Service, the Sunday School, by Walter Sandlin
2:00—Special music, by Beverly Ballard
2:05—Our Stewardship Obligation in Prospect through the Training Service, the Leagues, by N. D. Wiggs
2:20—Congregational song
2:25—Business session
2:40—Our Stewardship Privileges Expressed in Round-Table Testimonials, led by Johnnie J. Grimsley
3:00—Adjournment

The Program Committee

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Albe-marle District Sunday School Convention convening at Trinity Church, Beaufort County, Sunday, December 30, 1951.

10:00—Opening devotions by Mr. F. H. Allen
10:15—Remarks by the president
10:25—Sunday School lesson taught by Mr. Carl Heynen
10:55—Enrolling the ministers, recognizing visiting ministers
—Reading minutes of last convention
—Sunday School reports
—Orphanage report
—Offering for Orphanage
—Congregational singing
—Special music by the host church
12:00—Convention sermon by Rev. A. B. Chandler
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Devotions conducted by the young people of the church
1:45—Business period.
—Election of officers
—Treasurer's report
2:45—Adjournment

Mrs. Alton Reynolds,
Program Committee

A man does not begin to live until he knows God.—Rev. C. O. Moulton.

The fellowship of kindred spirits is sweet beyond expression; but not half so sweet as when we draw the curtain between us and all created things, and walk alone with Jesus.—Rev. A. A. Phelps.

TIDE-WATER CHURCHES ORGANIZE QUARTERLY MEETING

Saturday, September 22, 1951, the churches of Tide-Water area in Virginia, met with the Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia, for the purpose of organizing a Tide-Water Quarterly Meeting. Newport News, Little Creek, and Fairmount Park churches compose the membership.

Before the organizing of these churches, they have been members of the Albemarle Conference of the North Carolina State Association. Due to the contact with the Virginia State Association and the opportunities of the work in Virginia, and they are Virginia residential Churches, and in cooperation with the National Association, the decision was made. The following ministers have become members of the Virginia State Work also: Rev. D. W. Cherry, pastor Newport News Church; Rev. M. C. Roscholar, pastor Little Creek Church; and Rev. W. A. Hales, pastor the Fairmount Park F. W. B. Church and Rev. J. Albert Harris, Educational Director for Fairmount Park Church.

We feel that we have a wonderful opportunity to serve our Lord in seeking to bridge the gap between the far extremes of the West and East in the Denominational work. There is a vast gulf between the movements of Free Will Baptist. However, we understand that there are a number of churches between here and there are independent until some group such as we organized invite their fellowship. We feel that the Western groups can help the eastern groups and visa versa.

Along with the Quarterly meeting, the Leagues and the Sunday Schools organized their quarterly conventions likewise. The Auxiliary plan to do same as soon as the correct contacts are made.

Rev. J. Albert Harris, Moderator

TIDE-WATER QUARTERLY MEETING

Following is the program of the Tide-Water Quarterly Meeting to be held at Newport News Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday, December 29, 1951, at 10:00 a. m.

Devotions—Mr. Don Mdeley (License from Fairmount Park)

Welcome Address—Rev. D. W. Cherry (Pastor Newport News Church)

Response—Mr. Jim Hewitt
Moderator's Message

Seating of delegates and ministers

Reading of minutes of last meeting

Appointment of committees

Song service

Special Music—Norfolk Church Choir

Sermon for the Quarterly Meeting—(by one of the State Asso. Board Members)

Lunch

Devotions—Rev. M. C. Roscholar (Pastor Little Creek Church)

Report of all Officers and Committees

Business Session

Petition for next meeting in March

Closing Song and Benediction

Committee

TIDE-WATER LEAGUE CONFERENCE

Following is the program of the Tide-Water League Conference to convene with Newport News Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday night, December 29, 1951, at 7:30 p. m.

Song Service and Devotions—Mr. Jim Hewitt (General Director in Norfolk)

Welcome Address—Mrs. Frank Parish
Response—Miss Joyce Pittman

President's Message

Business Period

Roll Call of Leagues

Appointment of Committees

Report of Standing Committee

Special Program by the Young Adult League group in the Fairmount Park Church

Program of Special Music

Special Message to Leagues—Rev. Leroy Forlines

Closing Song and Benediction

Committee

A TRUE DIVERSION

Mary S. Stover

It was a particularly unsettled period in Mexico of some years ago. The young missionary in charge of a certain student group was aware of grave danger from armed conflicts which might break out at any moment in the streets adjoining her school. Every girl doubtless understood the situation better than this teacher from north of the Rio Grande, and the evening atmosphere was too tense for study or fancywork.

The missionary tried to think of some new game or other pleasing diversion, whatever would keep the girls from growing too panicky. She was startled when a few of them came up to ask if they might have—a prayer meeting.

No time was spent on formal preparation. They just prayed. And a wonderful calm displaced the fear.

Instead of merely forgetting their fright for a while, through some innocent but comparatively trivial means, the girls themselves chose this triumphant turning of thought and emotion—Diversion of a higher sort. Prayer enabled them to mount into that serene stratosphere of perfect peace “near to the heart of God.”

HOW WE FOLLOW OUR SHEPHERD

When we hear our gentle shepherd's voice,
We follow, and are baptized like Him by choice;

So we may receive the blessings of the Holy Spirit,
And please our heavenly Father too.

Then we search the Scriptures daily,
For in them we are told,
How to lay up treasure in heaven,
With more for us than silver or gold.

And when the day of rest in dawning,
To church we go (like sheep at night to the fold)

To thank Him and to praise Him,
And like Him to grow more.

Mrs. B. S. Spright

"GOD SAYS I AM SAVED, AND IT MUST BE TRUE"

Such were the words uttered by a young convert on the night he found peace. Reader, can you truthfully adopt his language? "I wish I could." Then there is nothing to hinder you from doing so now. Jesus has died on Calvary. He has "suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust," and Jehovah has declared that those who believe on Him have eternal life (John 5:24; 6:47). If, therefore, you really believe on Him who bore the wrath and curse for you, you have God's Word for it that you are saved.

"I don't feel I am saved." Neither do I, but thank God, I know it, simply because He says so in His word, and I am confident He always speaks the truth. Salvation is not through our feelings, but through faith in what Jesus did for us (Rom. 1:16). Jesus felt the weight of sin when He exclaimed, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me"? (Matt. 27:46). Now, as you read these lines, believe on Him who bore sin's penalty, and with the young man you will be able to say, "God says I am saved, and it must be true." — Sunlight for the Young.

A THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

A thanksgiving and a homecoming program was given Union Grove Church on November 22. This was three and one-half miles from Slocumb, Alabama. Mrs. Besie Hall was in charge of the services. Rev. Rufus Hyman, of Slocumb, Alabama, was in charge of a morning devotional services. Following the devotions, Mrs. Vera Bolin led in a testimony meeting. She was very inspiring. Rev. T. B. Mellett of Blakely, Georgia, brought the Thanksgiving message. Brother Mellett is one of the best educated preachers in this part of the country. After the eleven o'clock sermon we had dinner on the church grounds. There was plenty of food for all to eat all they wanted. It was a most enjoyable occasion to be sure.

In the afternoon, the following program was rendered: After the devotional service which was led by I. W. Bolin of Slocumb, Alabama, the Reverend Rufus Hyman brought the Homecoming message. This message was entitled, "Jacob Returns Home." It was a good message. After the homecoming message was over, the Sunday School had a special program. We adjourned the meeting at three o'clock in the afternoon.

A member of Union Hill Church,
Beth Hyman, Slocumb, Ala.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7).

Report of Executive Board of Cape Fear Conference

November 1, 1951

The Executive Board, consistent with the stipulations and requirements of the constitution of the Conference, has endeavored to discharge the functions and duties incumbent upon the Board with faithfulness and diligence during the past year.

Executive sessions have been held as follows: Goldsboro, N. C., Nov. 26, 1950; Goldsboro, N. C., Mar. 26, 1951; Goldsboro, N. C., April 30, 1951; Smithfield, N. C., July 23, 1951; Powhatan Church, July 28, 1951; Smithfield, N. C., Sept. 24, 1951; Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 29, 1951; Smithfield, N. C., Oct. 29, 1951.

Goldsboro, N. C., Nov. 26, 1950

Motion was passed approving the adjustment of the By-Laws of the Mission Board to coincide with the new Conference constitution and By-Laws and the "Go-Forward" Program.

A resolution regarding aid to church building projects was adopted. (See attached mimeographed sheet)

By motion the Treasurer of the Conference was authorized to pay for the meals of the Executive Board members at all the sessions of the Board.

A motion was passed authorizing the Secretary of the Conference to have one thousand registration cards printed.

Funds were allocated as follows: The Board of Missions, \$200; The Board of Education, \$100; Student Loan Fund, \$25.

Goldsboro, N. C., Mar. 26, 1951

At this meeting a motion authorizing a letter of dismissal and commendation to the Central Conference for Rev. Rashie Kennedy was passed.

Motion adopted which directed the Sunday School funds received in our Union Meetings be placed in the general fund of the Conference conforming to the new constitution.

On motion C. H. Coates be elected assistant Moderator to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Rashie Kennedy.

On motion Rev. Stedman C. Davis be elected to the Board of Ordination to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Rashie Kennedy.

By motion the Moderator was authorized to appoint a special committee to work with himself in preparing new report blanks both for the Conference and the Union Meetings. Thos. E. Beaman, C. H. Coates and the Secretary of the Union Meeting were appointed. The duties of this committee are to prepare the blanks in keeping with the new system of records and reports conforming to state and national set-up.

The program committee, to outline programs of the Conference, was appointed, and also for the Union Meetings. This com-

mittee met during the intermission and prepared their reports and submitted them to the session in the afternoon for approval.

Goldsboro, N. C., April 30, 1951

At this meeting a resolution was passed authorizing the acquiring of title to a lot for a building site in Clinton, N. C., and subsequently a motion was passed authorizing the Board of Missions to act in its official capacity approaching the people in the town of Clinton regarding the building of a Free Will Baptist Church.

Smithfield, N. C., July 23, 1951

A resolution was passed authorizing the re-location of the 1951 session of the Conference to convene with Bethel Church, Johnston County.

A resolution was passed authorizing title deed to Trustees of West Clinton Free Will Baptist Church, thus closing the equity of the Conference in the lot in the town of Clinton, N. C.

Powhatan Church, July 28, 1951

Motion was passed authorizing Thos. E. Beaman to purchase a loose-leaf minute book for recording and preservation of all the minutes and proceedings of the Executive Board at the expense of the administrative department of the Conference.

Smithfield, N. C., Sept. 24, 1951

On motion we purchase loose-leaf binder for keeping record of the Conference minutes.

The Union Meeting program for September

ber 29, 1951, was revised.

A motion was passed stipulating that in the future all advertising, of whatever nature, regarding our Conference, Union Meetings, and activities of our Boards, news items, and press conferences, be authorized by the Executive Board, or some person, or persons, designated, or authorized, to handle them.

A motion was made that we add to our "Go-Forward" Program the Christian Family Life.

We authorized the Board of Education to circularize our churches regarding the division of educational funds.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 29, 1951

This meeting was held to authorize the donation of \$100 to Raleigh Church.

Smithfield, N. C., Oct. 29, 1951

At this meeting a letter of resignation from Rev. Stedman C. Davis was read offering his resignation on the Board of Missions and Board of Ordination. Brother Davis' resignation was due to his present employment which made it almost impossible for him to render proper service.

We elected Rev. Albert T. Coates to fill the unexpired term on the Board of Missions, and Rev. Walter W. Reynolds on the Board of Ordination.

We authorized Rev. Thos. E. Beaman as press agent to have charge of all advertising and press conferences for the Conference.

In accordance with the requirement of

CRAMERTON HAS A GREAT REVIVAL



Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church closed out an old-time revival on October 14 with great success. Twenty-five accepted Christ as their Saviour and the Sunday School reached a height of 301. Rev. Wade Jernigan, Norman, Oklahoma, was the evangelist. A teachers training course and Bible study is in progress this week with Rev. Herman Hersey of Charlotte, N. C., doing the teaching. Rev. Mr. Hersey is

well qualified as a teacher and is a fine preacher. He finished Bob Jones University and is now in full time evangelistic work. The above picture is of our Men's and Young Men's Bible Classes. Our Pastor, Rev. Roy Rikard, is a man who believes in keeping the church on the move for God's Kingdom work.

Rev. Roy Rikard,
Cramerton, N. C.

the Constitution making it mandatory for the Executive Board to allocate all undesignated funds, a motion was passed automatically allocating all undesignated funds on hand, and such funds as may hereafter come into the Treasury undesignated, on the following basis:

I—Administrative Fund, 40% (This fund is to include general operational cost and expenses of the Conference and the Executive Board in its promotional activities, and will include such items as cost of printing minutes, programs, any and all other public meetings, postage, stationary, expenses of all boards and special committees not otherwise provided for—and such expenses are generally termed “administrative”)

II—Board of Missions, 30%

III—Board of Education, 30%

Respectfully submitted,
Executive Board

RESOLUTIONS REGULATING AID TO CHURCH BUILDING PROJECTS

Adopted by Executive Board Nov. 26, 1950

Whereas, The Constitution of the Cape Fear Conference provides that the Executive Board shall allocate all undesignated funds to the work and objects supported by the Conference; and,

Whereas, A major phase of the Conference work is that of missions and church extension;

THEREFORE RESOLVED:

That all churches and mission points that desire financial aid from the Conference as a means of acquiring building cites, church edifices, chapels, educational buildings, and improvements shall qualify as applicants according to requirement (4) below, and according to one of the other three requirements under numerals (1), (2), (3)

(1) Title to property shall be vested in the Board of Trustees of the Cape Fear Conference.

(2) Title to property shall be vested in the Trustees of the church and the Trustees of the Conference.

(3) Title to property shall be vested in the Trustees of the local church, but the Executive Board of the Conference shall maintain full supervision of the church budget, including all debt payments, maintenance of property, operational expenses, salaries, and gifts.

(4) That building plans and estimates of cost shall be approved by the Executive Board.

DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTIONS REGULATING AID TO CHURCH BUILDING PROJECTS

(1) Title to property vested in Board of Trustees of Cape Fear Conference.

The purpose of this rule is to answer the question, “Who shall hold title to necessary property used by an unorganized mission point congregation?” Answer: Trustees of the Conference. This rule is further justified by the very fact that Conference money would necessarily be invested in such property.

(2) Title to property vested in Trustees of the local church and the Trustees of the Conference.

This rule applies to duly organized churches that are confronted with the purchase of suitable locations on which to

build and the subsequent construction of church edifices. This rule would likewise be practical for established churches that might consider moving to more suitable property, said change of location being understood as entailing greater expense than the local church would be able to pay without aid from the Conference. It is to be noted also that this rule could work advantageously in the liquidation of defaulted local church indebtedness.

(3) Church budget supervised by Executive Board of the Cape Fear Conference.

The practical effects of this rule are many and varied. The chief aim, however, of this rule is to insure the financial success of the local church in handling any of its building needs, and at the same time, to justify the Confidence of the churches of the Conference in the use of church extension and Conference mission funds. The Executive Board, by this method, would undertake and effect the expenditure of funds provided for this purpose with the view of advancing the Kingdom of God, while guarding a high degree of Christian fellowship and inspiring the liberality of the churches.

(4) Building Plans

By this rule the Conference, through its Executive Board, approves all building plans for those churches that receive gifts from Conference funds that are to be applied toward the construction of church buildings.

Thos. E. Beaman,

Goldsboro, N. C., Box 120

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

We are submitting for your information the following report:

I. Daily Vacation Bible Schools

Name of Church	Total	Days
	Enrollment	Held
Bethel (Johnston Co.)	227	5
Oak Grove	103	5
St. John's	110	5
Daly's Chapel	50	5
West Clinton	78	10
Johnson's Union	93	5
Prospect	106	5
Corinth	53	5
Shady Grove	111	5
Goldsboro	79	10
Raleigh	72	5
Casey's Chapel	53	5
Tee's Chapel	102	6
Hopewell	68	5
Wooten's Chapel	57	5
Lee's Chapel	120	5
Total	1482	91

The following churches reported no school held: Stephen's Chapel, Pleasant Grove, Lanwood, Powhatan, Bethel (Lenoir Co.), Riverside, St. Paul, Smyrna, Smithfield, St. Mary's Grove, Yelverton Grove, Robert's Grove.

Two churches operated Nurseries with a total enrollment of 34. Other enrollments as follows:

1—Beginners, 335; 2—Primaries, 351; 3—Juniors, 360; 4—Intermediates, 266; 5—Seniors, 45; 6—Adults, 99.

Total cost of operating schools, \$564.54.

II. Bible College and Student Loan Fund

Through promotional effort we have received the following funds:

	Bible College	Student Loan Fund
Bethel (Johnston Co.)	\$100.00	\$5.00
Robert's Grove S. S.	50.00	5.00
Riverside (Wom. Aux.)	5.00	
Daly's Chapel	5.00	
Bethel (Lenoir Co.)	30.00	
Smithfield	6.00	
Prospect	25.00	
Allocated from Conf. Treas.		25.00
Total	\$221.00	\$35.00
Shady Grove—		
Pledged—Mrs. Pernon Jackson		\$ 60.00
Pledged—Mr. Kirby West		60.00
Offering, College Quartet		39.00
College expansion fund		100.00
		\$259.00

GRAND TOTAL \$515.00

The cost of this promotional work has been \$12.10. Without this promotional effort the college would have lost \$502.90, which proves conclusively the worthiness of our promotional program.

III. College Quartet

We cooperated with the Bible College in arranging for the itinerary for the College Quartet to give a program in the following churches: Bethel (Lenoir Co.), Goldsboro, Shady Grove; Smithfield, Hopewell.

As shown in the foregoing report, the offering of \$30 from Bethel, Lenoir Co., and \$39 from Shady Grove was received by this office.

The other churches received offerings, but did not send them via this office as required, and while the college received the offerings, yet the Cape Fear Conference loses the credit for same.

IV. Student Loan Fund

This fund will be loaned to worthy students in our Bible College. We will need in the end of 1951, \$500. In 1952 we will need an additional \$1,000, and individuals, Sunday Schools, Woman's Auxiliaries, and churches are urged to make contributions to this fund. This is a Cape Fear Conference project. The need is urgent. We have two worthy students in our Bible College; namely, James Earl Raper, and Mary Lou Raper, which we must help.

V. Training Program

1. New Courses in Training—We are ready to begin at any time classes in Sunday School Evangelism and will be followed by another unit on missions. These training classes will be held at Kinston, Goldsboro, Smithfield, and Shady Grove. We aim to train in these two courses more than five hundred people. Classes will begin in November.

2. Doctrine and Administration—we will continue our training program in doctrine and church administration.

3. Other Courses—Special text material is in preparation and courses will be offered.

(continued on page 13)

I Am Alpha and Omega

By DR. C. J. ROLLS, Kansas City, Mo.

Revelation 22:13: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end."

The greatness and majesty of Christ are utterly inconceivable. The most masterly minds when in their saintliest spiritual state have felt how impossible it is to conceive the grandeur of God and the glory of the Father so revealed in the character of Christ Jesus our Lord. Our researches in astronomy and anatomy are ever furnishing exceptional marvels in the material and physical realms by opening to man's mind limitless fields of investigation that exist in the handiwork of God. In such things we view but a tiny patch in the vast mosaic of the Great Maker's works. This Potter however is infinitely greater than the vessels He has fashioned and the designs He has framed. Immensity and eternity cannot encompass Him; He is the product of neither, for how can there be pedigree or ancestry with Infinity? "The heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee."

"Thus saith the High and Lofty One, inhabiting eternity, and His name is Holy; I dwell in the highest and holiest, with him also of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones" (Isa. 57:15).

Let us examine our Lord's last claim in which He uttered words which are inclusive of everything of majesty, dignity and glory everywhere, eternally. The statement He made on this memorable occasion to John on Patmos is a revelation of Himself as the spring and subject of Revelation, the source and substance of Creation, and the secret and surety of Redemption. These three interpret an earlier claim in which He said I am the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6). In range of grandeur and in regal splendor His Name is above every name.

In other studies we present twelve of our Lord's Titles beginning with B, C, D, E, F, and G. In a previous message we also gave those that begin with A. Here they are:

The Author of Eternal Salvation—Heb. 5:9.

The Anchor of secure hope—Heb. 6:9.

The Ancient of days—Dan. 7:9.

The Almighty which is and was

and is to come—Rev. 1:8.

The Apostle and High Priest of

our confession—Heb. 3:1.

The Advocate with the Father—1

John 2:1.

The Arm of the Lord—Isa. 53:1.

The Angel of the Covenant—Mal.

3:1.

The Altogether lovely One—S. S.

5:16.

The Amen, the Faithful and true

Witness—Rev. 3:14.

The Ark of the Covenant—Josh.

3:3.

The All and in all.

We now present twelve of Christ's titles commencing with the letter "H," and as we trace the majestic character of the one who bears these honors we should learn to repeat the lines:

"O Christ! there is no dearer name than
Thine,
Which time has blazoned on its mighty
scroll,
No wreath or garland ever did en-
twine,
So fair a Temple of so vast a Soul."

The twelve titles commencing with the letter "H" are:

The Highest Himself—Psa. 87:5.

The Holy One and Just—Acts 3:

14.

The High Priest of our Confession

—Heb. 9:11.

The Hope of Israel—Acts 28:20;

1 John 3:3.

The Head of the Church—Col. 1:

18.

The Healer of men—Matt. 8:16.

The Heir of all Things—Heb. 1:2.

The Helper of the needy—Heb.

13:6.

The Honored of God—II Pet. 1:14.

The Heifer of sacrifice for cleans-

ing—Numb. 19:2.

The Herald of Glad Tidings—Isa.

52:7.

The Highway of Everlasting Joy

—Isa. 35:8, 10.

In the sphere of splendor among the high and holy stations of honor there must be the highest of all in sovereignty, supremacy, sufficiency and superiority. Christ is the one who dwells in that very place of preeminence.

"Christ is Head of All Things"

Head of the stars and sea, Head of the powers that be;

Head of mankind is He, Head of eternity.

Head of the Church His Bride, Head of all things beside;

Head of the winds and tide, Head of the glorified.

Head of the plan of Grace, Head of the Human race;

Head, with His sunlike face, Head of our resting place.

Head of the glory land, Head of the Heavenly strand;

Head, at our God's right hand, Head of the martyr Band.

Head of all joy and bliss, Head of God's Righteousness;

Head of Holiness too, and Head of all things new.

—Reprinted by request for our readers

"THE CHRISTIAN VICTORY"

The most wonderful thing said about Jesus Christ is that "in Him was life."—
Dr. Louis Albert Banks.

The serpent on the pole was a picture of Christ on the cross. He Himself used it as an illustration.—*Westminster Quarterly.*

THE FIRST MIRACLE OF THE CHRIST CHILD

The Junior Choir of Hull Road Church will present *The First Miracle of the Christ Child* on December 16, 7:30 P. M.

(Cast of Characters)

Judith, a fortune teller . . . Bobby Waters
Zia, a beggar lad . . . Quincy Harrison

Prophets

Jeremiah Kieter McCoy
Isaiah Carlton Beaman
Micah Marvin Heath
Balaam Jimmy Heath
Simon Dennis Wise

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Mary, mother of Christ . . . Carol Wade
Joseph, Mary's husband . . . Wayne Phillips
Elizabeth, Mary's cousin . . . Brenda Barrow
Gabriel, Communicating Angel—

. Michael Jones
Newest Angel Billy Boy Moyer
Mother Angel Patricia Ginn

Angelic Host

Alma Hill, Bertie Ann Hill, Helen Hill,
Carol Hill, Carol Barrow, Sandra Ginn,
Cora Harrison, Ora Jernigan, Cleo Single-
ton, Barbara Barrow, Alice Lassiter, Mar-
sha Barrow, Linda Hemby, Peggy Wooten,
Suellen Hart, Lorraine Wise, Dolores As-
kew, Susan Mitchell, Mary Wynn Seymour.
First Shepherd Clifton Harrison
Second Shepherd James Jernigan
Third Shepherd Randy Ginn

Little Shepherds

Roger Sugg, Durwood Wise, Jimmy Hemby,
Willie Alvin Wise, Gary Askew, Ronald
Sugg, Jarvis Harrison, Jr., Carroll Heath,
Gregg Harrison, Joel Harrison.

Wise Men

First King Preston Waters
Second King Theda Ginn, Jr.
Third King Hugh Hill, Jr.

World Children

Indian Randolph McCoy
Chinese Ralph Heath
Negro Aubrey Hart
White Child Stanley Hemby, Jr.
Benediction—

The Lord's Prayer Linda Jones
Mrs. Gilbert Jones, Committee

LEAGUE UNION PROGRAM

The Third District League Union will meet at Lanier's Chapel Church December 29, 1951, 7:00 P. M.

Devotions—Sammie Swinson
Welcome—Mrs. Annie Lee Lanier
Response—Rev. J. B. Narron
President's Message—Lemmie Taylor

Organization—
Call list of Leagues
Sword Drill—Mrs. J. K. Rhodes
Winner Awards presented by President
Treasurer's report
Miscellaneous business
Program—Kinston League
Benediction

Lemmie Taylor, President
Mrs. J. K. Bryan, Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Quarter: August 26 to November 26, 1951
 Balance brought forward on last report \$ 256.45
 Expense item omitted through error 4.90

Correct balance brought forward \$ 251.55

Receipts

Co-Laborer Band	\$167.40
Cragmont Assem., Inc.	27.00
Christian Education	83.50
Earmarked for Bible College	23.00
To Bible College student	15.00
Superannuation	305.02
Home Missions	124.50
Foreign Missions	296.12
Orphanage	10.25
Church Finance Assn.	18.40
Per Capita dues	28.20

Total receipts 1,088.39

Grand Total \$1,339.94

Disbursements for Quarter:

Co-Laborer Band	\$167.40
Cragmont Assem. Inc.	27.00
Christian Education	83.50
Earmarked for Bible College	23.00
To Bible College Student	15.00
Superannuation	305.02
Foreign Missions	296.12
Orphanage	10.25
Church Finance Assn.	18.40
Exp. Exec. Com. meeting	36.85
Treas. salary, 2nd quarter	45.00

Total disbursements 1,027.54

Bal. in treas., Nov. 26, 1951 \$ 312.40
 Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Treasurer,
 Winterville, North Carolina

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Second District Sunday School Convention held with White Oak Hill F. W. B. Church, R. 2, Bailey, N. C., December 30, 1951.

Theme: A New Leaf

Scripture—"Old things are passed away: behold all things are become new"—II Cor. 5:17.

Song: Higher Ground.

9:45—Song Service, Rev. Willard Poythress, Song Leader.

10:00—Welcome, by Joseph M. Lamm, White Oak Hill.

10:05—Response, Algje Jones, Mt. Zion.

10:10—Devotions "A New Life" I Cor.2:14, Rev. L. H. Boykin.

10:20—Special Music, White Oak Hill.

10:25—Brief Business Session.

10:40—Congregational Singing, Rev. Willard Poythress, Song Leader.

10:45—Sunday School Lesson, Joseph M. Lamm, Superintendent.
 Subject: "The People Make Their Choice"

Adult Class, Mrs. Oscar Hinton, Teacher.

Junior Class, I. D. Boswell, Teacher
 Intermediate Class, Mrs. Vila Nixon, Teacher.

Beginner's Class, Mrs. Fred High, Teacher.

11:20—Special Music, Mt. Zion.

11:30—Worship Service, "A New Leaf," Rev. Ralph Clegg.

BITS, HELMS AND TONGUES

Charlotte E. Arnold

"Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven by fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth"! (James 3:3-5).

Yes, the whole body of a horse is directed by a little bit in its mouth. Great ships are changed in their course by very small helms. Many a life has been changed by a human tongue. What power is invested in little things! What tremendous power for good or evil in the tongue of a Christian! "Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith

12:00—Lunch.

1:00—Song Service, Rev. Willard Poythress, Song Leader.

1:10—Business Session, Report of Committees, etc.

11:50—Special Music by F. W. B. Orphanage.

2:00—Forum Discussion: "Sunday School Problems," Raymond T. Sasser, President, State Sunday School Convention.

2:45—Chorus Singing.

2:55—Song, "Blest be the Tie"

3:00—Adjourn.

All delegates and visitors are invited to bring and spread their lunch together and enjoy fellowship together.

W. P. Bunn,
 Temporary President.

TIDE-WATER SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

Following is the program of the Tide-Water Sunday School Union to convene at Newport News Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, December 30, 1951, at 3:30 p. m.

Song Service and Devotions—Mr. Otto Capps (Fairmount Park Church)

Welcome Address—Mr. George Howard (Newport News Church)

Response—Mr. Paul H. Kennedy (Little Creek Church)

President's Message

Business Session

Seating of Delegates

Roll Call of Churches

Appointment of Committee

Reports of Standing Committees

Business

Special Message to Sunday School Workers, Rev. Leroy Forlines

Closing Song and Benediction

Committee

course we men, which are made after the similitude of God" (vs. 9).

James tells the unadorned truth about the human tongue, "And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: but the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison" (vss. 6-8).

When we consider the potentialities of the human tongue Christians realize the need of asking the Lord daily to tame the tongue that no man can tame.

How easy it is to speak a word of thoughtless reproach. A guest one time remarked, "My, but your neighbors are quarrelsome! I could hear them arguing late last night." It was not the neighbors' arguing that had been heard. It was their radio. Do not be too quick to judge what you hear. Hold that tongue.

Once a group of ministers were going to a conference in Iowa. The train stopped at a station and several of them jumped off for a stroll and a breath of fresh air during the wait. A fellow passenger sat wide mouthed in consternation. There was one of the leading preachers in the shadows of the train shed with a lighted cigar in his hand. But do not be too quick to judge even what you see. Hold that tongue. The "cigar" turned out to be a ring on the preacher's hand as it caught the light from the train window and a tiny spurt of steam from the train shed in direct range of his hand.

Little do we realize the power for good or evil in the human tongue. If the passion to speak a word of encouragement were as strong as the passion to criticize among Christians how different our churches would be! "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be" (vs 10).

Live on confidential terms with God.—
 S. L. Brengle.

NOVEMBER RECEIPTS FOR 1951

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all accounts from each church regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

GENERAL FUND

Eastern	
Beulaville	\$ 253.00
Oriental	7.32
Davis	58.90
Eastern Conference	850.00
St. Mary's	254.50
Third Union Meeting	50.00
Trenton	14.00
Mt. Zion	22.00
Snow Hill	81.00
Juniper Chapel	48.50
Rock of Zion	25.00
White Oak Grove	64.90
Welcome Home	19.20
Pilgrim's Rest	3.00
Bethlehem	209.00
Gethsemane	186.64
Friendship	30.00
North East F. W. B.	25.00
Mt. Olive	6.41
Core Point Chapel	14.13
Fifth Eastern District	43.80
Gray Branch	49.00
Woodington	30.00
Warden's Grove	50.00
Beaufort	37.97
Union Chapel	94.65
New Bethlehem	22.00
Free Union	75.00
Edgewood	40.00
Folkstone	7.37
Edward's Chapel	1.00
Christian Chapel	64.00
Smith's New Home	60.00
Kinston	63.25
Ruth's Chapel	58.55
Holly Springs	130.00
Deep Run	116.23
Friends	15.00
Sarecta	24.17
Bridgeton	100.00
Sound View	30.00
Cabin	17.70
Bethel	62.01
Dublin Grove	9.76
Snead's Ferry	3.90
Wintergreen	2.00
St. John's Chapel	30.63
Dailey's Chapel	21.52
Long Ridge	19.00
Rooty Branch	80.19
British Chapel	30.00
Antioch	70.00
Grantsboro	17.89
Pilgrim's Home	46.37
Oak Grove	20.00
Palmetto	30.00
Lane's Chapel	5.00
Brice's Creek	30.00
Morehead City	50.00
Sandy Plain	12.18
May's Chapel	1.00
Mt. Pleasant	17.25
Warsaw	16.00
Pearsall's Chapel	64.58
Indian Springs	3.00
Bethany (Central)	62.00
Core Creek	343.51
Elm Grove	452.91
St. Delight	1.00
Russell's Creek	10.00

Total Eastern \$4,883.99

Central	
Rose Hill	24.85
Spring Branch	415.00

Sweet Gum Grove	137.89
Hull Road	485.50
Antioch	170.63
Marlboro	130.53
Central Conference	400.00
King's Cross Roads	86.52
Grimsley	91.08
Dawson's Grove	124.00
Winterville	95.50
Reedy Branch	212.40
Friendship	175.00
Hickory Grove	61.09
Parker's Chapel	75.00
Free Union	248.78
Harrell's Chapel	47.00
Hugo	40.00
Gum Swamp	66.96
Howell Swamp	60.00
Little Creek	16.00
Piney Grove	93.00
Pleasant Hill	103.95
Black Jack	75.18
Saratoga	164.11
Watery Branch	63.60
Rocky Mount 1st F. W. B.	47.19
Ayden	35.00
Aspin Grove	69.00
St. Delight	150.00
Daniel's Chapel	190.67
Greenville	149.20
Dilda's Grove	28.15
Rose of Sharon	40.00
Walnut Creek	36.00

Total Central \$4,408.78

Western	
Marsh Swamp	\$ 30.00
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	364.41
Friendship	85.61
People's Chapel	64.18
Barnes Hill	116.84
Union Grove	20.01
Holly Spring	35.00
Pine Level	151.25
Branch Chapel	98.81
3rd Union Meeting	63.75
Free Union (Nash Co.)	74.25
New Sandy Hill	23.25
Stoney Hill	27.00
Stoney Creek	157.28
First Union Meeting	100.00
Elwood Lane	12.75
Calvary	32.55
Everett's Chapel	26.75
Watson's Grove	10.00
Rain's Cross Roads	173.66
Flood's Chapel	25.00
Pleasant Plain	217.00
Pleasant Hill	10.00
Rock Springs	30.15
Piney Grove	111.00
Shady Grove	28.00
Five Points, Black Creek	1.00
Milbourne	138.36
Fremont Chapel	21.10
Spring Hill	38.32
Wilson	6.76
Selma	11.10
Tippett's Chapel	5.20
Union Chapel	6.10
Kenly	130.00
Stancil's Chapel	51.65
Sherron Acres	39.91
Mt. Zion (Wilson Co.)	15.00
Oak Grove	10.00
Black Jack Grove	8.70
White Oak Hill	3.00
Mt. Zion (Nash Co.)	50.00
St. Mary's	78.00
Rosebud	3.00

Total Western \$2,705.75

Cape Fear	
Cape Fear Conference	\$ 100.00
Powhatan	124.00
Steven's Chapel	98.29
J. H. French	50.00
Hopewell	69.42
Mrs. Horace Lancaster	11.00
Bethel	100.00
Prospect	200.00
St. Mary's Grove	116.30

Robert's Grove	56.58
Oak Grove	150.00
Corinth	50.00
Smithfield	171.66
Lee's Chapel	40.35
Goldshoro	20.00
Cape Fear Convention	70.53
Casey's Chapel	139.39
Yelverton's Chapel	1.00
Raleigh	12.00

Total Cape Fear \$1,580.52

French Broad	
Beaverdam	\$ 5.00
Avery's Creek	23.36
Union Chapel	5.00
Liberty	11.11
Asheville	58.18
East Black Mountain	20.00
Hyatt's Creek	32.00
Canton	10.00
Barnardsville	15.00
Sweeten Creek	8.00
Rocky Branch	14.10
Mt. Bethel	31.53
Marshall	23.50
Red Hill	54.83
Walnut	5.20
Horney Heights	7.20
Asheville	28.25
Marion 1st F. W. B.	40.00
Fugate	3.00

Total French Broad \$418.79

Piedmont	
Lowell	\$ 35.55
Morganton	17.00
Caroleen	39.40
N. Belmont	102.00
Stanlev	10.00
Bethlehem	20.06
Mt. Carmel	30.00
Mt. Holly	20.00
Arrington Heights	53.00
Robertson's Creek	4.40
Piedmont S. S. Convention	16.00
Mt. Zion	30.00
Ridgeway	22.74
Cramerton	49.10
E. Belmont	15.00

Total Piedmont \$464.25

Albemarle	
Soundside	\$ 16.40
Gum Neck	27.20
Union Chapel	.80
Mt. Tabor	10.37
Little Creek	27.28
Corinth	8.00
Free Union, Beaufort Co.	63.37
Sidney	13.44
Belhaven	40.00
Hickory	37.60

Total Albemarle \$244.46

Jack's Creek	
Davistown	\$ 5.00
Pensacola	4.00
Total Jack's Creek	
	\$ 9.00
Pee Dee	
Mt. Calvary	\$215.00
Mt. Olive	8.10
Cypress Creek	7.00
White Oak	108.00
Beaverdam	16.00

Total Pee Dee \$354.10

Rock Fish	
Pine Grove	\$ 45.00
Mt. Moriah	10.00
Sandy Grove	25.80
Bethel	5.00

Total Rock Fish \$ 85.00

Toe River	
Jerry's Chapel	\$ 1.00
McCoury's Rock	14.00
Lewis Chapel	45.00

Total Toe River \$ 60.00

Miscellaneous

Rev. D. W. Alexander	\$ 10.00
Miss Ad- Hardy	5.00
Rev. J. C. Moye	200.00
A Friend	7.00
Arnold E. Thomas	5.00
Tommie Griffin	5.00
D. L. Bronstein	20.00
L. J. Sandilii	25.00
Warren T. Thomas	100.00
W. M. Everton	100.00
J. A. Smith	10.00
C. M. Cartret	5.00
Leon E. Griffin	10.00
Ledar Brothers	150.00
Dr. & Mrs. E. L. Strickland	25.00
Mr. J. H. Wright	25.00
Rosa Belle Davis	1.00
Mrs. Alex Rodgers	6.40
Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jenkins	5.00
Mrs. Wilbur L. Worthington	25.00
Mrs. W. R. Womack	10.00
Mrs. Rutha Hardison	5.00
B. H. Owens	5.00
Mrs. W. H. Applewhite	25.00
Z. K. Corbett	10.00
Mr. R. L. Peele	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Piike	50.00
Mr. W. J. Uzell	100.00
Rev. Dan Walker	5.00
Mrs. C. A. Eubanks	5.00
Roy J. Outlaw	10.00
Mrs. Mary Rouse	1.00
Rev. W. L. Green & Family	15.00
Zebulon Dry Cleaners	25.00
Evelyn Pate	10.00
J. A. Kennedy & Annie	51.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Slocumb	5.00
Earle Tippet	10.00
Dr. G. A. Wooten	25.00
Mr. E. J. Harper	10.00
Newcomb Maytag Appliance	10.00
Frances Albritton	5.00
George W. Hart, Jr.	10.00
J. Edd Sugg, Jr.	10.00
L. G. Britt	10.00
Melvin Albritton	10.00
J. Hiram Stewart	5.00
W. A. West	5.00
J. H. Parker	20.00
H. M. Mallard	85.00
Annie Wallace	1.00
Mrs. Myrtle Stroud	6.00
Lyman Smith	10.00
Morrison Smith	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Gardner	25.00
O. C. Holland	10.00
W. H. Harrell	5.00
T. F. Davenport	10.00
Mrs. Henry Applewhite	10.00
R. B. Fagan	25.00
Rev. L. B. Manning	20.00
In Memory of Mr. J. T. Adams	10.00
Rev. J. C. Moye	5.70
Moye Motor Company	1,000.00
Mr. J. C. Moye	1,000.00
Friends	109.30
Auto Equipment	5.00
Kinston Auto Parts Co.	10.00
Dr. Oscar W. Cranz	10.00
Browning Auto Parts	25.00
Planters Warehouse	25.00
Motor Bearings & Parts Co.	10.00
Lenoir Auto Parts Co.	5.00
Edwards Auto Supply	5.00
E. E. Edwards Service Station	4.20
Friends	7.96
Parents and Relatives	66.60
Cash sale, farm, dairy & garden	5.28
Refunds	47.38
Coupons	57.36
Young People's Friend	4.50

Total Miscellaneous \$3,942.18

MUSIC

Greenville Aux.—Central	\$ 5.00
Kinston Aux.—Eastern	10.00
Grimsley Aux.—Central	2.50
Core Creek—Eastern	35.00
Total Music	\$ 52.50

PASTORAL SUPPLY

Spring Branch—Central	\$ 45.00
Friendship—Eastern	82.53
Daniel's Chapel—Western	75.00
Total	\$202.53

CLOTHING FUND

Goshen Grove Aux.—Piedmont	\$ 30.00
Walnut Ladies Aux.—French Brd.	40.00
4th Union District—Central	40.00
Free Union—Western	40.00
Reedy Branch Aux.—Central	2.50
Dawson's Grove Aux.—Central	40.00
Hopewell Aux.—Cape Fear	10.00
Hickory Chapel S. S.—Albemarle	30.00

Total Clothing \$232.50

GIRL'S BUILDING

Sweet Gum Grove Aux.—Central	\$15.00
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LINENS

Pleasant Hill Aux.—Central	\$ 5.00
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CHICKEN FUND

Deep Run	\$ 7.00
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BED FUND

Grimsley—Central	\$ 35.00
Pleasant Hill Aux.—Central	35.00
Black Jack Ladies Aux.—Central	35.00
Marlboro—Central	30.00

Total Bed Fund \$135.00

FURNISHING COTTAGE

Bethel Woman's Aux.—Eastern	\$ 22.00
A Friend	10.00
Johnson Union—Cape Fear	10.00
Davis F. W. B. Aux.—Eastern	10.00
Ayden—Central	5.00
Pearsall's Chapel—Central	10.00
Cabin Aux.—Eastern	10.00
Rain's X Rds. S. S. & Aux.—West.	50.03
Black Jack's Ladies Aux.—Central	10.00
Greenville Aux.—Central	35.00
White Oak Grove S. S. & League—Eastern	10.00
Christian Chapel—Eastern	5.00
Mosley's Creek—Eastern	10.00
White Hill Woman's Aux.	15.00
Pine Level Woman's Aux.—Western	20.00
Rosebud League—Eastern	5.00
Mt. Tabor—Albemarle	3.20
Kenly Woman's Aux.—Western	15.00
Rose Hill Ladies Aux.—Western	22.00

Total \$277.23

ALBEMARLE COTTAGE

Malachi's Chapel Union S. S.	\$ 50.00
Shiloh Ladies Aux.	25.00
Shiloh	230.76
Hickory Chapel	31.85
Trinity	70.00

Total \$407.61

CHAPEL

Knott's Warehouse	\$200.00
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SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM

Smith's New Home	\$ 19.50
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CONFERENCE UNCERTAIN

General Fund

East Ford S. S.—Mars Hill	\$ 5.00
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DONATED COMMODITIES

Powhich, Canned Food & Linens	\$ 57.49
Powhatan, Household	42.50
Aspen Grove League, Food & Corn	180.34
Sweet Gum Grove S. S., Corn & Food	164.00
Rose Hill S. S., Canned food, eggs and hens	84.30
Saratoga, Food & Corn	80.20
Black Jack, Food	92.70
Indian Springs, Hens	22.50
St. Delight, Chickens & Corn	31.50
King's Cross Roads, Vegetables, canned goods & Corn	74.00
Lester Lee Suggs, Vegetables & Canned goods	8.00

Piney Grove, Vegetables & Canned goods	17.95
Shiloh, Vegetables & canned goods	43.55
A Friend, Medicines	12.00
Wilson Co. Mutual Burial Assn.	13.10
Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Peele, Roaster	6.30
Mr. Bill Wood, Paint	6.95
Mrs. Jessie Proctor, Canned food & sweet potatoes	64.75
Canton, Canned food	17.60
Swannanoa, Blanket, canned food & potatoes	133.58
Free Union, Corn & Potatoes	16.40
Mt. Zion Aux., Clothing	7.50
Sarecta Aux., Chickens & Food	33.50
May's Chapel Aux., Food	10.00
Deep Run, Chickens	37.50
Rooty Branch, Food	60.00
Core Creek, Chickens	28.50
Friendship Aux., Linens	85.87
Christian Chapel, Chickens	54.00
Whaley's Chapel, Chickens	48.00
White Oak Grove Aux., Linens	3.00
Ruth's Chapel Ladies Aid, 1 quilt	3.00
Snow Hill, Chickens	36.00
Mt. Zion, Chickens, Potatoes, fruit & eggs	37.00
Bethlehem, Canned goods	71.10
Lanier's Chapel, Chickens	25.50
Beulaville, Food	72.70
Sandy Plain, Chickens	21.00
Cabin, Chickens	37.50
Warsaw, Chickens & food	14.00
Gethsemane, Food, Corn, hens & Household goods	95.00
Edwards' Chapel, 2 quilts	15.00
Rooty Branch, Pecans	6.10
Pearsall's Chapel, Canned goods, corn & hens	90.00
Wilson F. W. B., Linens	7.00
People's Chapel Aux., Food, clothing & linens	30.02
Friendship Aux., Canned goods	18.28
New Sandy Hill Aux., 1 quilt and food	35.21
Free Union Aux., Food	17.75
Union Grove Aux., Clothing	10.00
Piney Grove, Johnston Co., Food and Clothing	27.00
Goldsboro Circle, Wayne Co., Food	6.00
Milbourny, Food	3.30
Pleasant Plain, Clothing, food & corn	25.00
Stoney Hill, Meat & canned goods	3.90
Elizabeth Redding, Clothing	5.00
Rock Springs Ladies Aid, Donation	5.00
Stancil's Chapel, Food & Corn	25.20
Sherron Acres, Food	10.00
Goldsboro Aux., Clothing & Food	15.00
Bethel, Corn	45.00
Prospect F. W. B., Chickens	34.50
Lee's Chapel, Canned goods	16.50

Total value \$2,398.14

YOUTH RALLY

There will be no better place for you to go for inspiration than to the Youth Rally held at the Beulaville F. W. B. Church in Beulaville, N. C., at 7:30, December 22, 1951.

Students from this area who attend the Free Will Baptist Bible College will be in charge.

There will be inspiring music, testimonies, chorus singing, and a message from God's Word.

Everyone, young and old, are invited to attend this service.

Wilbert Everton

Exaggeration is a truth that has lost its temper.—Kahlil Gibran

The Gospel Ever Increasing Among the Lost

Mission House
Sonapurhat, Purnea Dt.
Bihar, Oct. 9, '51

Dear Beloved in the Lord:

We are back in the harness after a few glorious weeks of Christian fellowship and rest in the mountains. Mountain top experiences are indeed wonderful but in some ways it is more wonderful to be back down in the valley of human needs. If there ever was such a valley we must certainly live in the midst of it. I have already visited six new villages on special invitation of the people themselves. They are all interested in the "Pearl of Great Price."

Those of you that are acquainted with the early history of Free Will Baptist Missions in India, before the merger at the turn of the century, will recall that, by far, the largest part of that Mission work was among the Santals and that our most faithful workers were Santals. Not only are the Santals the most numerous of the Christian groups in North India, but on the whole they have proven to be the most faithful and sincere of them all. An early Free Will Baptist Missionary, Dr. Phillips, found the Santals without a written language and reduced their language to writing, using the Roman Script. Until this day, this is the only written script that the Santals have of their own language. Usually, it is only the Santals that have attended a Mission School that can read their own language. The six villages mentioned above are Santali villages.

We have baptized Christians in two Santal villages and have candidates, who will continue to study for some time, in another. We also have Christians in three villages of the regular Hindi (not Hindu) race. In the past 16 months we have baptized 13, only 3 of whom were Santals and all 3 could read at least one other language besides his own, one has been a school teacher. With these 3 were 6 other candidates, but since they had been receiving teaching for a year and although we did not doubt either their experience or sincerity, we felt that since only 3 of them could read even a little and could understand little but their own language they should wait. This was 4 1-2 months ago. They are still anxious for baptism. To date we have only baptized, counting those baptized by Brother Cronk, for us, 17 Santals. The others were not Santals. Had we only been interested in numbers we might have baptized many times that number. Among our 37 church members only 6 could read even a few words before we came. Now at least 75% can, at least read a little. We are looking forward to a strong, self-supporting, indigenous native church in the future.

However, 90% of the people in this area cannot even write or read their own name. Therefore, we are proceeding with night schools wherever possible. We are having to train our own workers from those who were either entirely or almost wholly illiterate only a few months ago. It is almost impossible to realize how fast and far some of them have progressed. It would have been entirely impossible without the active and progressive work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Of course this has added tremendously to our labors—but it is a labor of love.

We trust to have an active, spirit filled Association with from two to three Q. M. in working order before we leave for the U. S. A. The Cronks who have made vital contributions in many ways to our work here besides laying true foundations for the work in and around Kihanganj, will take over the general supervision of the work here. As some of you know we felt and so stated to the Board and others that our call to India was to North India to aid in the opening of a work there and we doubted if we would be applicants for a second term. We feel that, by the Grace of God, we have aided, in a small measure, the efforts of Sister Barnard and the Cronks toward this end. With 2 Mission Stations, 7 Indian Workers, several small Christian groups, Mission owned property and equipment here in North India, a small beginning has certainly been started. Pray for the work here. We will add that we are available for God and His people and their work here in India or elsewhere as God shall call.

Beginning Oct. 26, we shall spend two months camping at various points near our people and those interested, holding Christian Institutes during the evenings. During the day, Trula, (the Cronks will join their efforts with ours during this time), will conduct something similar to the Vacation Bible School. The other women will visit the villages that can be reached returning to the tent in time for the Institute—there will be at least 4 different groups. Our first one will be 8 miles from here. We are indeed thankful for the fine spirit of co-operation shown by both the Cronks. Be much in prayer that God will lead in this effort which is two fold in its aim. The first is to give teaching and instruction to our Christians; the second is to reach those

who have no knowledge of our Saviour. May God's richest blessing ever be yours.

Yours for Him,
(Signed) Paul Woolsey

P. S. We have about 20 candidates for baptism.

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS RECEIVED DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1951

ALABAMA		
Rev. R. B. Royal	\$ 1.00	
Alabama State Association	82.00	
Free Will Baptist League	10.00	
Total		\$ 93.00
ARKANSAS		
Mrs. Homer Collins	\$ 20.00	
Total		\$ 20.00
FLORIDA		
State Association	\$138.10	
Unity Free Will Baptist Church	10.00	
Total		\$ 148.10
GEORGIA		
Mrs. J. C. Barrentine	\$ 5.00	
A. L. Luce (Film Service)	25.00	
Georgia State Association	312.28	
Total		\$ 342.28
ILLINOIS		
Rev. Geo. W. Wagoner (State Director)	\$401.87	
Bear Point Auxiliary	15.00	
Illinois Auxiliaries	67.63	
Gertrude Bowe	10.00	
Total		\$ 494.50
KENTUCKY		
Quarterly Meeting	\$ 28.00	
Henry Evans	5.00	
Itinerant Work (Rev. Kenneth Turner)	402.25	
Total		\$ 435.25
MICHIGAN		
Highland Park FWB Church	\$240.00	
Highland Park FWB Church Prayer Band	20.00	
Highland Park FWB Church Auxiliary	20.00	
Highland Park FWB Church League	20.00	
Benton Harbor Sunday School	10.00	
First FWB Church of Hazel Park	75.00	
Mrs. Eugene Bemis	1.00	
FWB Mission of Hazel Park	26.07	
Total		\$ 412.07
MISSISSIPPI		
Priceville Free Will Baptist Church	\$ 9.60	
N. W. Mississippi League Rally	14.00	
S. S. Class of Columbus	5.00	
Mississippi State Association	35.23	
Rev. Luther Gibson (State Director)	15.25	
Rev. L. E. Winters	5.00	
East Tupelo Church	58.40	
Total		\$ 142.48
MISSOURI		
Goldie Elsea	\$ 10.00	
C. R. Romberger	5.00	
Missouri State Association	811.49	
Total		\$ 826.49
NORTH CAROLINA		
N. C. State Foreign Mission Board	\$848.95	
Dilda's Grove Church	36.35	
Dalley's Chapel Church	10.00	
J. H. French	50.00	
Wescon Farmmore	5.00	
Gordon Boyd	20.00	
Mrs. A. M. Brinson	2.00	



Shady Grove Church	230.00
Mrs. Ralph Tyndall	1.00
Mrs. John Hines	5.00
Mrs. Edwin Roper	1.00
Rev. R. B. Spencer	5.00
A. A. Jenkins	50.00
Mrs. C. F. Grant	10.00
Ada Mae Paramore	5.00
Mrs. Hal Willis	5.00
Total	\$1,284.30
OKLAHOMA	
First FWB Church of Sulphur	\$ 10.00
Mounds FWB Church	5.38
Oklahoma State Mission Board	43.71
Spring Hill Sunday School	5.72
Total	\$ 64.81
SOUTH CAROLINA	
Theodore McLain	\$ 5.00
Woman's Dist. Aux. Convention	28.38
Little Bethel Auxillary	15.00
Total	\$ 48.38
TENNESSEE	
New Hope League	\$ 4.00
Shady Grove FWB Church	3.50
Mrs. Clyde Wyatt	2.00
Bethlehem Church	7.50
State Woman's Aux. Convention	60.37
East Nashville FWB Church	200.00
Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Potter	7.00
Stoney Point Church	1.00
Mrs. J. P. Barrow	20.00
Steadfast Class of Coffers Chapel	10.00
Marjorie June Ellis	6.00
A Friend	42.00
Oakland FWB Church	20.00
Trinity Church	27.78
Head's FWB Church	5.00
Shady Grove FWB Church	15.22
Total	\$ 431.87
TEXAS	
State Association	\$300.00
Cross Church	5.00
Clayton Church	4.40
Good Hope FWB Church	7.38
John Moody	100.00
Bryan Church	86.00
Bright Light Church	7.00
Total	\$ 509.78
VIRGINIA	
Fairmont Park FWB Church	\$150.00
Total	\$ 150.00
WEST VIRGINIA	
East Gulf Auxillary	\$ 2.00
Rev. Carl Vallance (State Director)	128.51
Sheffie Pettry	5.00
Christian Workers Institute	55.00
Total	\$ 190.51
GRAND TOTAL	\$5,693.32

THANKSGIVING AT THE ORPHANAGE

Dear Sir:

The Sunday School at Barnes Hill presented the Orphanage with a Thanksgiving offering of \$116.84. The following classes collected with the turkey folders the following amounts: The Primary Class, \$19.37, with Earl Langley leading with \$11.00; The Junior Class, \$32.66, with Vernon Taylor leading with \$15.84; The Intermediate Class, \$32.16, with Donald Ray Winstead leading with \$25.00.

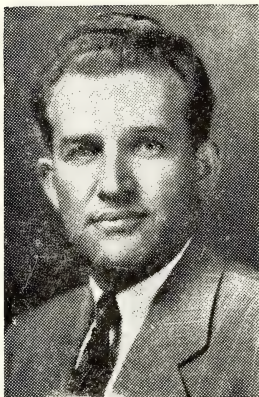
Sunday School collection was \$32.71 added with it makes a total of \$116.84.

Yours in Christ,

Ervin T. Vick,
Route 1, Box 267.

Secretary and Treasurer
Rocky Mount, N. C.

The Only Hope for America . . .



REV. WAYNE SMITH
Swannanoa, North Carolina

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:14; Eph. 6:18

Today America is crying, "Build more planes, more tanks, more ships, greater armies, more powerful bombs!" But the question is: why all the excitement?

Well, we, in a semiconscious manner, have become aware that the most precious principle in our democracy, which is freedom, is slipping from our fingers. But, my friends, we have become as other great nations, we have forgotten that God is the supreme ruler of the universe. We have changed the bulletin board of our faith. We have removed the slide from "faith in God," and placed it in "faith in works." Yes we have placed our faith in munitions and greater armies. You may say, "But we do have faith in God!" Yes there are many that do, I am sure of that. But listen, my friends, let's look back to the great Potsdam Conference in 1946, it is said that they omitted in their prayer the name of Jesus. Ah my friends, as we read daily of the U. N. Conferences, prayer is never mentioned. Yea, in all our peace Conferences trying to negotiate with the enemies of freedom, prayer is never mentioned. Ah, my friends, I believe that if we had Godly men at these Conferences that wasn't afraid what man might think. Yea, that wasn't fearful of these God hating atheistic beings, and in their presence call up heaven and seek God's face for help, I believe God would untangle this confusion and peace would come. Jesus has said in Matt. 10: 32-33, "Whoever therefore shall confess me before men, him also will I confess before my father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my father which is in heaven."

Hear me, my friends, the fear of man, not only in our world Conferences, but individual christians, yea, the fear of the consequences of a completely surrendered

life unto God, has brought on a spiritual blindness. Yea in our blindness we have missed the true meaning in Christian living. This blindness has caused us to sin many sins, of which I would like to mention only one. COMPROMISE. Out of this sin grows many sinful fruits. (1) Parental laxness in the discipline of our children. In most of our homes today, in place of father bringing up the children, the children are bringing up father. I hear many remarks today such as this, "O, what is our young generation coming to? What will be the outcome?" Well my friends, our children are going just exactly where we are letting them go. (2) Fruit is legalizing whiskey; in our referendums in counties, cities, states, there are larger numbers of church members, and even preachers, who vote to legalize alcohol beverages. Yea, my friends, wrong can never be legalized! Oh, my friends when one casts a wet vote, he or she is voting for all kinds of crime, the destruction of homes, lives, decency, nobleness, and all true principles of life. Only spiritual blindness would cause a Christian to vote a wet ticket. He that votes a wet ticket is legalizing the opening of the door for his son to become a drunkard, or even his daughter. So, our only hope is given in this God given recipe. "If my people will turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven." The next fruit of the sin of compromise is the permission of our children to smoke cigarettes, and parents living the habitual example before them. O, friends this thing looks too unbalanced for true Bible holiness. So, let's just sit down and consider this question together with brotherly love.

We know from medical science that the nicotine in cigarettes or tobacco is poisonous to our physical bodies. "What know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own." (1 Cor. 7:19). Now let's consider this question from the influential standpoint. "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." (1 Cor. 8:13). If mother and daddy smoke, then our children think it is all right for them to do the same. I would venture to say that there is not a single parent that would enjoy the scene of their five or six-year-old son or daughter smoking a cigarette. So, remember, mother and dad, you are your children's greatest example.

Then let us consider this question from the standpoint of wastefulness. If all the Free Will Baptist that use tobacco would be honest in their calculations, and for the next year, if they would send half of what they spent for tobacco to foreign missions

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St. Claire Bible Class

M. B. HUTCHINSON, McArthur, Ohio



THE PEOPLE MAKE THEIR CHOICE

(Lesson for December 30)

Lesson: Joshua 23 and 24; Joshua 24:1-18.

Golden Text: Joshua 24:15.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

This our closing lesson for the year brings us to our closing study of Joshua. He experienced about forty years of slavery in Egypt. He was Moses' minister in the wilderness for forty years. After about thirty years as conqueror of Canaan, and leader of the Israelites, Joshua called together, at his ripe old age of one hundred ten, the heads of the tribes to give them his farewell message. It was probably at his residence in Mount Ephraim that he warned them against forming leagues with the heathen nations around them. His people renewed their covenant, probably at Shechem, to worship and serve God. This covenant was kept during the remaining days of Joshua, and the elders who survived him for a number of years. Each student of this lesson would do well to make a careful study of all of chapters 23 and 24.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. Any nation, whose officers and leading men present themselves before God, can look into the future with confidence (Josh. 24:1).

2. It is well occasionally to be reminded of the fact that all of our ancestors were sinners, lest we become puffed up and self-conceited (vs. 2).

3. It is well, also, to have it called to our remembrance if we had forefathers who were saved by the grace of God (vs. 3).

4. As God plagued Egypt for mistreating the Israelites so will He deal with every nation indulging in the same sin (vs. 5).

5. Israel at the Red Sea with the hosts of Pharaoh at its heels learned that their God was "the God of the impossible" (comp. vss. 6, 7).

6. Every spiritual and material possession we have is a gift of God to us (vs. 8).

7. He who would do service for the Lord God will find it necessary to separate himself from all that is contrary to God (vs. 14).

8. One idol has no greater power than another, but there is a great difference between man-made gods and the Lord (vs. 15).

9. Careful and conscientious observers will be led to the conclusion that it pays to serve the living God (vss. 16-18).

10. The demands of God are very exacting, yet those who are wise will choose to serve Him by the grace of His enabling power (vs. 21).—Selected.

11. Joshua knew human nature, and he knew Israel. He knew that indifference and complacency lead to violation of pledges and obligations, and it was so many times over with the children of Israel. Acknowledging the Lord as our God, and confessing Christ as our Saviour is not enough, but we must give Him first place in our hearts and make our lives correspond to our profession.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. I have three or four suggestions for the class session:

1. Have your class skim through Joshua 23 and 24 and note all references to idolatry. Would you gather that the sin was quite prevalent and that it worried Joshua?

2. Have the class go through the two chapters a little more carefully this time and pick out verses that seem very familiar, or very interesting, or very much worth taking to heart. (In the 23rd chapter see the last part of verse 3; also verses 10, 11, 14, 15; and in the 24th chapter see verses 15 and 20. Others may seem important, too, and trying to choose should give rise to profitable discussion.

3. Have someone read aloud that part of Joshua's speech recorded in Joshua 24:2-13, and then ask several members of the class to mention anything that happened in the period of which Joshua speaks and which he does not mention. Some that occur to me are the story of Joseph, the preservation of Moses as an infant, the burning bush, the slavery in Egypt, the manna, the law at Sinai. (This is a way of reviewing the lessons of the quarter.)—Arnold's Commentary.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Now is the Accepted Time

A young soldier from Glasgow was talking to a comrade. In their ears was the muffled sound, the "Dead March in Saul," as a comrade was carried to his last resting-place; and this Glasgow soldier, converted up there at Maryhill, was talking to his friend, and pleading with him to come to Christ. The young Highlander there in the funeral march was terribly impressed, and he said: "Jack, I will be a Christian when I leave the service." He had just nine months to put in. He said: "I am determined to be a Christian when I leave the service." Ah! That was his decision. Next week there came orders for the 79th to embark for Egypt. The two friends were in the march across the sands to the Arab encampment of Tel-el-Kebir, march-

ing side by side—the one with the acceptance of salvation in his heart, and the other putting it off till he should leave the service. Softly did they walk across these sands, silently did they steal through the darkness of midnight to the camp of the slumbering Arabs; but the sentinels were on the alert, and they saw a flash of light, and five hundred rifles from the Arab encampment poured their bullets on the advancing Highlanders; and there, dead and cold, was the body of the man who put off the acceptance till he should leave the service. Oh, comrade, what a fatal decision! —John Robertson.

A CALL FOR HELP AT WARSAW CHURCH, NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ:

We are a little group of Free Will Baptist people, and we wish to report here that here at Warsaw, North Carolina, we are working together in the name of our Lord to build a church here in our community which is very much needed. The Lord has laid it on our hearts to ask any of you good people who will, or who can send to us anything that God lays on your hearts to send to us for our church to the Warsaw Original Free Will Baptist Church to help us to get a church erected here. Any size check money order, or any amount will be highly appreciated from anyone. Our little church group will thank you very much for your gifts for this purpose.

Send any gift or donation to the Deacons: E. C. Taylor, Warsaw, N. C.; to William Anderson, Warsaw, N. C.; or to S. E. Parker, Warsaw, N. C.

ALSO NOTE THIS REQUEST

We are trying to get together enough of everything to put up a church over here in Warsaw. We are few and very poor, but with the help of our Maker we are hoping to build a church here. We are few and very poor, but we hope that in years to come we will have a church established here in this town for our church people.

I have written to several places concerning a Bell for the Church. If you know of a place that we might find a church bell, please let us know where we can be able to find one for our church. Any person who knows where we might be able to get a Bell from some old church, please let us know about it, so we will be able to get that old church bell. Any help that anyone can give to us we will be great to receive their help for our church.

Please pray that God will bless us in establishing a new church in Warsaw, N. C.

M. R. S. E. Parker,
Warsaw, N. C.,
Box 456

Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.—Franklin

"Can you suggest a present for my daddy?"

"How much would he be willing to pay?"

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

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ed later on important phases of our church work.

4. **Free Will Baptist Leagues**—Courses of instruction will be offered in this field at an early date.

VII. Youth Meetings

In our "Go-Forward" Program we have five special objectives as follows:

1—To enlist 2,000 young people in a vast program of activity and Christian living.
2—To conduct at least four youth revivals in this division.

3—To strive to win one hundred converts for Christ.

4—To increase church attendance and growth in all departments of church life and activity through the young people.

5—To multiply the trained and consecrated leadership of youth.

In the special rallies held we have had thousands of young people to attend. Through this over-all casting to interest the young people, we have been reasonably successful. We are getting results. All this work will be followed with specific organization and training of our youth.

We have just commenced this work. Please remember; it is still in the infant stage, and please be patient with us. We are doing what we can, as best we can, with what we have to do with.

VII. The Family Life

The following resolution was adopted by the Executive Board in the meeting held September 24, 1951:

Whereas, there is a serious decline in the religious and spiritual life of the homes of America, and,

Whereas, our Free Will Baptist homes are no exception, and,

Whereas, there is a definite need for a return to the devotional, religious, and spiritual life of the home, and,

Whereas, there is the necessity for training and direction of parents and future homemakers, therefore be it resolved:

1—That we add the family life EMPHASIS to our "GO-FORWARD" Program as one of the specific objects of the Program;

2—That the Board of Education be charged with the responsibility of developing and promoting this phase of the Program; and

3—That when, and if practical, suitable literature, teaching, and training be given to our ministers and Sunday School teachers and officers, and others.

We shall do our best to carry out the requirements of this assignment.

Thos. E. Beaman,
Goldsboro, N. C., Box 120

Always do what is right. You will gratify some people and surprise the rest.—Mark Twain

Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are, and doing things as they ought to be done.—C. E. Stowe

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Convention of Free Will Baptists for November, 1951:

RECEIPTS	
Balance on Hand Nov. 1, 1951	\$ 1,079.36
Receipts for November	863.09

Total to account for \$ 1,942.45

DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid to Superannuated Ministers	\$220.00
Operating expense	3.55
Paid to National Board	88.95

Total Disbursements \$309.50 \$ 309.50

Balance December 1, 1951 \$ 1,632.95

RECEIPTS ITEMIZED	
Mt. Moriah	\$ 10.00
Sound View	10.00
Rains X Roads	62.79
J. D. Balance	6.08
Washington Auxiliary	6.75
Sidney Leagues	5.27
Spring Branch	45.00
Rev. R. B. Spencer	5.00
St. Paul	25.00
Dilda's Grove Auxiliary	2.00
Oriental	20.00
Rev. Willett L. Moretz	5.00
Powhatan	50.00
Davis	5.00
Holly Springs Auxiliary	5.00
Pleasant Plains	30.00
Marsh Swamp	25.00
Mrs. Annie Ayeock	2.00
3rd Eastern Union	20.00
Stacy	12.94
Edwards Chapel	30.75
Spring Hill	13.50
Bridgeton	22.95
Smyrna Chapel	8.50
Cramerton Auxiliary	5.00
Gum Swamp	10.00
Daniels Chapel	25.00
Smith's New Home	30.00
Bethel (Pamlico County)	28.63
Eastern Conference	100.00
Trent S. S.	12.50
Trent Church	12.50
Winterville	25.00
Sound Side Auxiliary	5.00
Russell's Creek	8.00
Elwood Lane	25.00
Gum Neck Auxiliary	5.00
Rev. C. J. Harris	15.00
Central Conference	40.00
Hickory Chapel Auxiliary	6.00
Welcome Home	2.00
West Clinton Auxiliary	2.25
Micro Auxiliary	10.00
Micro	25.00
Howell Swamp	33.73
Core Creek S. S.	9.90
Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Furlough	5.00
Gum Swamp S. S.	3.00
Friendship (Johnston County)	1.00

(Signed) M. L. JOHNSON,
Chairman-Treasurer.

WE NEED A PASTOR

DAVID BREWER

We have just had our meeting with our deacons, and we decided to call a pastor to preach for us, provided he will preach the way we see the Bible. We are pretty shrewd and have a good understanding—that is, the way we understand it. We have a lot of different beliefs on the Bible in our church, so we don't want to cause any division. We want him to preach on Saturday nights, although most of the people work on Saturday, and go to town on Saturday night. Sometimes we have company and can't be there, but we want him there. We want him there on Sunday

morning, as the most of our church members do their visiting on Sundays.

The most of us go to the show or ball games on Sunday, and we are too tired on Sunday night, but we want him to be there, because we are going to pay him. That is, the free-will offering—some times it amounts to five or six dollars and maybe ten dollars. We give generously, and we want him to preach all the funerals free of charge, because we believe God will take care of him.

We had rather have a man who doesn't have a car. We feel like if he has a car he is a little proud of himself. It will not hurt him to walk a little.

We should like to have one to preach Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night, visit Monday and Tuesday nights. Conduct prayer meetings on Wednesday night, business meetings on Thursday night, choir practice Friday night. He must work through the days, that will keep his mind active, if he has any time left he can study some, for we believe if he is called to preach God will fill his mouth with words. We don't want him to condemn sin, because a lot of our members are guilty. Some play ball, some go to the shows, some sell beer, etc. So we had rather he wouldn't mention any of those things.

Oh yes, we want him to take care of the evangelist; we want him to do the fasting and praying, as we work too hard. We want him to lead the song services, and praise service, if there is any. We just don't have time for any part, if we get to come we are so tired we will sleep.

We know the preacher can do all these things, because we feel he is a different man than we are. Now, if any preacher wants a good easy job pastoring a church, well located—nothing to do, with good pay, just call by our church on the corner of Careless and Worldly Avenue. We will give you the work-call for worldly church members!

—General Baptist Messenger

CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES

C—C is for Christ, the Son of the loving God—Matt. 16:16.

H—H is how much more shall your heavenly Father give good things to them who ask—Matt. 7:11.

R—R Reconciling the world to Himself—II Cor. 5:19, 21.

I—I must be about my Father's business—Luke 2:49.

S—S seek just the kingdom of God—Matt. 6:33.

T—T this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased—Matt. 4:17.

M—M more blessed to give than to receive—Acts 20:35.

A—A as the Father hath loved me so have I loved you—John 15:9.

S—S singing with grace in your hearts to the world—Col. 3:16.

Mrs. B. S. Spright
Kinston, N. C.

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

According to language, "CHRISTMAS is a festival held in memory of Christ's birthday." Thus Christmas means a day in which the Saviour of men was born. It might have been on the 25th of December or it might not, but anyway, this is the day as set apart by Christians to commemorate the birth of the "ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD." "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 1:18).

"Mary espoused to Joseph" meant that they were engaged. A mutual contract or "promise," during which time the contracting party were to stay apart, until the time period had elapsed, then the man took unto him his espoused wife, and she was his wife indeed. When Joseph heard that his espoused was with child, he had many thoughts, but he was a just man. "Then Joseph her husband (remember that their contract, bound Joseph as husband, and also, Mary as wife) being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted, is God with us" (Matt. 1:19-22).

Since the Bible gives us this evidence, I believe in the VIRGIN BIRTH OF CHRIST. And believing this I certainly do not want to have anything to do with any observance that discredits in anyway the fact of His Birth. Foolishness does not belong to the Day that was originally set apart as the BIRTHDAY OF THE CHILD JESUS.

Let me say, that only those who have been made a child of God by accepting and confessing Christ as their Lord and Saviour, and as the VIRGIN BORN SON OF GOD, can really observe the day called Christmas in the true spirit of worship.

Anything beside worship is out of line with the purpose of the day.

THE WISE MEN WORSHIP

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him" . . . "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy, And when they had come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, frankincense and myrrh" (Matt. 2: verses 1, 2, 10, 11).

These visitors went prepared to worship, they took their gifts. There is nothing said as to how they obtained those gifts, but in keeping with the Scriptures which give us light on the way of making gifts to God we have no idea that they "raffled" off any turkeys, or quilts, or had any bazaars or that they made any short-cuts to obtain these gifts; but we believe that they made their gifts out of their "tithes and offerings"; if not an exact "tithe offering" it was a "WORSHIPFUL OFFERING" which they had earned by toil or inherited by legal means. God is not pleased, when "We gamble to make offerings to him." All of our giving at Christmas should be with the TRUE SPIRIT OF WORSHIP. If it is not, then God has not promised to bless the giving. If we work with our hands to obtain money to give unto God (that is legal work) work that is in keeping with honest thinking and honest toil. We can give all that we earn honestly, or the "Tithe as a WORSHIPFUL OFFERING" and God has promised to bless. (See Malachi 3:10-12).

A great many entertainments called "Pageants, playlets, exercises," have but little and sometimes no Worship about them. I am sure that God is not well-pleased with services that are not prompted by a heart-felt spirit of worship.

Sometimes we have known some fellow who had no, or but very little love for God and His Christ, some one who had never accepted Christ as their Saviour and Lord, to dress up in what is called "Santa-Clause" garb and make all manner of foolish gestures, and have the children laughing and squealing and even grown-ups cutting up in the house of the Lord. I am sure that the devil is glad to sidetrack even the "WISE MEN" if possible to laugh at his un-Christian pranks and foolish gestures and talk. Please leave me out of such. I believe that the only observance that God accepts is that which does homage to the VIRGIN BORN CHILD.

A great many parents will purchase for their children, and others will purchase besides parents, gifts, that are not in keeping with DIVINE WORSHIP for children. You will see little boys with big hats and a red handkerchief and belt loaded with a make-belief-pistol on each side and these little tots will be playing the killing of others all through the day thus observing

the day of Christ's birth with the imitation of taking life. You will see these boys, as they hide behind buildings and other objects, waiting for their supposed enemy to pass so that they can shoot him to death. To my mind this is one way of training for "gangster land," which training will be so real that many of these youngsters will turn out to be outlaws during their "teen age."

According to News Briefs, as recorded by UP and I quote: Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, said today, (Nov. 26), "that toy guns or outlaw customs as Christmas gifts for children are as bad as cocktail shakers for adults. She advised merchants: 'Put your toy departments back in step with the religious significance of Christmas and the Kefauver crime-committee.'"

But what is the advice of this great Temperance worker worth to those who care not for Christ and the worship that rightly belongs to the Creator? The people want these foolish and suggestive toys. The merchants want money, so it is the desire of the "Worldling for these things to be sold and used. It is like I said to a manager of the movie in one of our theaters, many years ago, I decided to see a picture that was really worth while, religiously speaking, and I liked it for its visual teaching of divine truth. So I said him a few days later, "If you would show such religious pictures as that one, I would be seen often in your place." Then he said, "You would not be seen very long, for I would go broke." Then he said, "I lost \$300.00 on that film in two nights, but I made it up the next night with a love film." And he continued, "You've got to give the people what they want." So according to his picture, the people did not want "THE GOD OF LOVE"; they wanted a silly Love film produced by adulterous hearts and played by Christ rejectors. So if people want to WORSHIP CHRIST by sane giving and making WORSHIP OFFERINGS to Christ on His supposed birthday they will do it; but if they rather worship the god of foolishness, they will go the way they desire.

NO ROOM FOR CHRIST

"And she (Mary) brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room in the inn" (Luke 2:7). There is no room for Christ today in many things that is called entertainment. A lot of special singing that you hear over the air and from the platform has no place for Christ. Many of the selections he heard are composed from the imaginative mind of the composer. Many so called Christian songs are not based on the divine word of God, and that is the reason that they wear out so soon and are soon forgotten by real Christians. But that which is based upon God's word lives; such as the poems written by Fanny J. Crosby, Watts, Wesley, Sanky, John Newton, P. B. Bliss, Frances R. Havergal and others too numerous to mention. These live because of divine truth. And with God in any service there

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OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

WALTER J. PAUL PASSES

It is with a sad heart that I try to write the death record of my dear husband, Walter J. Paul, who passed away on February 14, 1951, with a heart attack. He was 59 years and 8 months old at his death. He was an Ordained Minister from the Cumberland Association.

He had not preached any in several years, but he loved God, and the church, and he attended church regularly. He was not able to work for over three years before he passed away.

Rev. G. B. Trotter visited him about two weeks before he died. He told him that if he were seen any more in this world, he would be looking for him in glory. There were several people who attended the funeral. They took me by the hand, and said that they were saved through his ministry, and that they were still holding on, and trusting Jesus.

I do not understand that he was taken before I was, for I have been a shut in person for 14 years, and am not able to go to church. Our Lord understands and does all things well.

His funeral was conducted at Oakes and Nichols Funeral Home by Rev. G. B. Trotter and Rev. G. M. Pruitt of Nashville, Tenn. His body was laid to rest in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Columbia, Tennessee, and under a beautiful mound of flowers to wait the return of our Lord.

He leaves a wife, four children, six grand children, and one great-grandchild, and lots of relatives and friends.

A pleasant one from us has gone,

A voice we loved is still;

A place is vacant in our home,

That will never be filled.

—Written by his wife, Mrs. W. J. Paul,
1611 Bailey Street, Columbia, Tenn.

NOTES AND QUOTES

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will be living results. Any song that does not give GLORY and Adoration is not fit for Christmas or any other worshipful service. Let us see what happened at the time of His birth. "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.' So the heavenly host sang the first CHRISTMAS CAROL. As recorded It was 'GLORY TO GOD.' Anything less is a sham. 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' and 'Joy to the World' and such like, gives praise and Adoration to the

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Christ who was born of a Virgin and died upon the cross for me, that I might live eternally.

But who can really sing to the glory of God? Certainly not those who have given Him no room in their hearts and in their transactions. In order to Praise God we must have the Spirit of God, or rather, the SPIRIT OF GOD MUST HAVE US.

Let us beware of a false observation of the Birth of Jesus Christ. Let us steer clear of the idolatrous entertainments and whatsoever we do, do it all to the PRAISE OF HIS GLORY.

DO WE REALIZE THE VISIT?

"And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet? Why not give Him a chance, this Christmas? Why do the heathen rage?" Why does our UN reject HIS PEACE, and refuse to GIVE HIM ROOM? Satan hinders! LET US WORSHIP.

NEWS FROM COTTONDALE CHURCH

Our church is getting along in a good way, and our Sunday School is running around 40 attendance each Sunday. Our church offerings are holding up well. We have one general treasurer, and on the two Sundays we have not preaching services. Our regular offerings go right on in the Sunday School.

We have purchased a piano, and the Board of Trustees are looking for some lots, and may have them secured before this shall be printed in the Baptist paper.

We have received offerings from the following churches: Hickory Grove, near Bascom, Fla., pleasant Ridge Church near Molone, Fla., and White Pond Sunday School, Damascus, Ga. Let me say that I do sure appreciate White Pond Church, as that was the first church I was called to pastor. There has been offerings from several in-

dividuals here and there. Hickory Grove Church sent a nice offering, and they have built one of the nicest churches I have seen this year. If Hickory Grove can give to us a helping hand, with the heavy expense that they have had, I know others can do the same.

We will appreciate any offering from any church or person, large or small, and I know the Lord will reward them by helping to save souls in this new church. We will give a full financial report when we make our next report.

We are asking your prayers for our success in this great work for the Lord.

Rufus Hyman,
Slocumb, Ala.

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Second Union of the Western Conference of North Carolina, convening with White Oak Hill Church, Nash County, on Saturday, December 29, 1951.

10:00—Congregational singing

10:10—Devotions, Rev. Herbert Howard

10:20—Moderator's Remarks

—Appointment of Committees

—Welcome Address, Mrs. Vida Nixon

—Response, Mrs. Luther Hamilton

—Seating of Visitors and Ministers

—Roll Call and reading of Minutes by Clerk

11:00—Congregational singing

—Sermon, Rev. J. B. Ferrell

12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Singing

—Devotions, Rev. R. E. Clegg

—Business Period

—Officers and committees' reports

—Petitions for next Union

—Song

—Benediction

Mrs. W. P. Bunn
Program Commitmentee

Fairmount Park F. W. B. Church News

Looking back over the past year and counting the blessings from God, we cannot begin to count them. We must say with David, "The Lord hath done many things whereof we are glad." We really praise the Lord.

Just a little over a year ago, we assumed responsibilities beginning October 1, 1950, as Educational and Music Director including duties as Secretary to Pastor and the Church Bookkeeper. With all these duties we were privileged to see quite a site over all the church as it stood materially. Then having the experiences as a Born-again Believer we saw the true works of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord has given to our membership more than two-hundred souls by conversion, letter and statement. Reports of our Evangelistic Services and the Christian Workers' Institutes and Bible Schools have gone through the Baptist during the year. We have a Bible Class being taught in one of the homes and a Soul-Winner's Class which meets at the church on Wednesday evenings just before the Mid-week Prayer Meetings. The Prayer Meetings attendance is near 100 each week. This brings for the power, for the Prayer Services are wonderful when we hear the young people testify their experiences and join in prayers and request to be made known unto God.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd came to preach our series of Revival Services again this year in October 21—November 4, and the Lord blessed in this and gave us a revival. Many dedications were made at this time and many converts found the Lord Jesus Christ precious to their soul.

Home-Coming Day came on October 28th and this in the middle of the Revival Series. God blessed that great day, in spite of the rainy weather, the house was packed and lunch was served upstairs in the Educational Building.

Surely we share our joys and praises and we must share our troubles also. Rev. W. A. Hales, the pastor of the church, suffered a heart attack the last week in August and was just out in time for the revival. On Thursday evening before the revival closed, he suffered another. At the time of this writing he is now in Florida on a few weeks' rest for recuperation. The church gave him a love-offering to help him on the expense of this trip which was advised by the doctors.

On Home-Coming Day a special drive was made to raise funds for payment on the new Parsonage Building, now underway. Free Will Offering was taken in a Wash-tub and near \$1,500 was raised that day. The Parsonage is near completion and Third Sunday in this month will be observed as Open House for inspection and viewing the beauty of the finished product and addition to the property of the church. Then next week the family will move in.

We thank God for a Church such as this. He has wonderfully blessed. We have a wonderful choir that is known over the city. We have visited a number of places and many requests come all along for Visits. We are presenting "The Wondrous Story" in the form of a Christmas Cantata on the Sunday morning Service Sunday before Christmas. This is the first attempt in the history of the church. We invite our friends to come visit us on that day and worship with us and enjoy this special Christmas Service.

The Church broadcasts its Sunday Evening Services over Station WCAP 850 on your radio dial. If you cannot visit us in person, perhaps many of you can visit with us over the radio and become a member of our vast radio audience.

Beginning the first two weeks in January, Brother Dodd will return to hold the final in the series of Christian Worker's Institute. We have a number who have attended the previous ones and surely there are several who will receive their diplomas for the entire course.

As another year dawns, and God continues to bless, we trust that all praying Christians everywhere may join together in praying that God will continue to use this church and its leaders and influences for the winning of many more souls for Him. Besides that may I ask that you pray that God will help us to be able to supply workers for the various openings for Prayer Meetings, Sunday Schools, and Churches which we have coming with the Macedonian Call. We hear it every day.

In our set up, we have joined the Virginia State Association which will be explained in another article through this publication, and we see a wonderful opportunity for Soul-Winning and other special work.

Rev. J. Albert Harris,
Educational Director and
News Reporter

ACCEPT JESUS

Eddie Gentiles

We may talk about our troubles,
Of our heartaches and our pains;
But do we e'er think of Jesus,
When we're talking of our gains?
We are burdened, sure we're burdened,
And we're also full of sin,
Won't we kindly think of Jesus—
Let the dear One enter in?

He had troubles, lots of troubles,
Heartaches, pains, and many, too,
But he never even murmured,
For He knew just what to do;
He has suffered, as an offering,
On the Cross to set us free,
He not only shared our burdens,
But He died for you and me.

Let us look to Jesus kindly,
Let us give Him our whole heart,
And He will accept us gladly,
Then a new life we will start.
Do not wait until to-morrow,
For to-morrow never comes;
Let us take to Jesus kindly,
Let us take Him to our homes,

THE ONLY HOPE FOR AMERICA

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and the other half to our orphanage, our missionaries would have more and fare better, and we could build better and greater buildings for our orphanage. Then, my friends, the devil is putting on a great campaign; say the "dollar a pound" campaign trying to create a greater interest in raising this evil weed and greater crops are being grown. Yea, the precious soil that should be yielding useful grain to feed our hungry and also our enemies. Paul tells us in Romans 12:20, "If thine enemy hunger feed him." Yes, the devil is determined to put a cigarette between the lips of every boy and girl, woman and man, in America. And therefore weaken our great nation physically, morally and spiritually.

O Christian friends, we need to awake out of our spiritual drowsiness, and anoint our eyes with eyesalve, that we might see. Yes, that we might see the tactics of Satan, and "turn from our wicked ways." Ah, my friends, if there is ever a spiritual awakening, there must be a turning away from sin. God has said, "If thine people will turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Why is it that today men have had to declare chemical war on bugs, beetles, and all kinds of pestilence? Yes, it is because of sin. We are given the grain that our precious God using soil yields, to make strong drink, the contents of which is being used to undermine our great nation physically, morally, and spiritually.

God said to Solomon, "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray," (I am afraid there is too much artificiality in our praying) "and seek my face." Seek means to search for, or inquire for, beseech or intreat. So, we are going to have to do more than read or pray, or say words, we must pray with a broken and contrite spirit.

"God changeth not." "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." When we, as God's people meet the condition, as required in our scripture text, then our God will hear from Heaven, heal our sin sickness, stop this war, heal our land from pestilence, put a shout in our soul, victory in our hearts. Yea, a greater love for lost souls, a greater interest in our church, and a true love for God. Our assurance of heaven will be sweeter, oh children, and at last, when our journey is ended God will with his great, yet tender hand, take the sting out of death. Yes, wing our soul across the great divide, place our feet on the solid shores of his eternal love.

Ah, then will come to pass the saying of St. Paul, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

Yours in His Service,

Wayne Smith, Pastor,
Swannanoa F. W. B. Church

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